



## JUST FOR LAUGHS 2015 INTERNATIONAL VISUAL ARTS CONTEST

July 11-25, 2015 – Montreal, Canada

As part of the 33<sup>rd</sup> edition of the **Just for Laughs Festival**, the **Just for Laughs 2015 International Visual Arts Contest** will feature works by visual artists from around the globe, illustrating in a humorous manner this year's theme: **DARK HUMOR**.

**History:** The Contest gained its international reach in 2013 and 2014, exhibiting works by some 80 artists from over thirty countries to more than 1.5 million visitors each year.

After the Funny Story in 2001, the Joke in 2002, Irony in 2003, Parody in 2004, Cynicism in 2013 and the Farce in 2014, another one of the themes from the "Twelve Universes of Humour" (1993 - Just for Laughs Museum) is assigned to be explored this year: **DARK HUMOR**.

**Theme:** " *While humour warms your heart and soul, dark humour will send chills down your spine. It looks at life's grim events with a wry smile, making fatality more bearable through laughter.* "

**2015 Finalist's Exhibition:** Presented within the framework of the *Street Arts* programming of the Just for Laughs Festival, the Contest will culminate with an exhibition running from July 11-25<sup>th</sup> 2015 in the heart of Montreal's Quartier des Spectacles.

- Finalists selected by a multidisciplinary jury amongst hundreds of participants from across the globe;
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, a Public's Choice award and honorary mentions;
- 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner will be awarded \$2500,00 (CAD)

**ALL ARTIST APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 24<sup>th</sup> 2015.**



## JUST FOR LAUGHS 2015 INTERNATIONAL VISUAL ARTS CONTEST

### CONTEST REGULATIONS

Visual artists - graphic designers, painters, designers, photographers, sculptors, videographers, etc. - are invited to submit a **new or existing piece of work**. It must adhere to the criteria laid out below and address this year's theme: **DARK HUMOR** (see definition on p.1).

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SENT TO**  
**[ciav@urbana-marketing.com](mailto:ciav@urbana-marketing.com)**  
**BEFORE SUNDAY, MAY 24<sup>th</sup> 2015, AT 5 P.M (EST)**

### CRITERIA

- Visual works need to be intentionally humorous and address this year's theme, **DARK HUMOR**;
- For a two-dimensional work to be eligible, its dimensions must not exceed 36 inches by 44 inches (92 cm by 112 cm);
- For a three-dimensional work to be eligible, its dimensions must not exceed 11 inches by 11 inches, with a height of 19 inches (28 cm by 28 cm by 49 cm).

### APPLICATION AND DOCUMENTS TO BE INCLUDED

- A picture of the work (.jpg or.pdf), submitted by email;
- A text describing the work, along with its dimensions (approximately 150 words);
- Artist's biography (approximately 200 words);
- The participation form attached (see p.3) duly completed and signed.

### IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION

- Deadline to participate and submit application by email: Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015, before 5 p.m. (EST);
- Deliberation by the jury for the selection of finalists (works to be exposed) will take place the week of June 1<sup>st</sup> 2015;
- Selected artists will be contacted by June 8<sup>th</sup> in order to proceed with the shipping of their work;
- Last date for works to be received in Montreal is June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 before 5 p.m. (EST);
- The exhibition will take place from July 11-25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 during the Just for Laughs Festival in Montreal.

**CONTACT**     **[ciav@urbana-marketing.com](mailto:ciav@urbana-marketing.com)**  
(514) 501-0262



**JUST FOR LAUGHS 2015 INTERNATIONAL VISUAL ARTS CONTEST**

**PARTICIPATION FORM**

To participate, please complete, sign and return this form with your application (following indications on p.2) by email at [ciav@urbana-marketing.com](mailto:ciav@urbana-marketing.com)

**before Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 5 p.m. (EST)**

<b>FIRST NAME :</b>	<b>LAST NAME :</b>
<b>ARTIST NAME :</b>	
<b>ADDRESS :</b>	
<b>PHONE :</b>	
<b>EMAIL :</b>	
<b>TITLE OF WORK :</b>	
<b>DIMENSIONS OF WORK :</b>	
<b>TECHNIQUE :</b>	
<b>DOLLAR (\$CAD) VALUE OF WORK:</b>	

I declare that I am the author of the work ("Author") I am submitting and that I am signing over my copyright. I agree to participate in the Just for Laughs 2014 International Visual Arts Contest and understand that the work I submit will be presented to a jury and that if it is selected as a finalist it will be exhibited from July 11-25<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

I agree to handle all shipping costs for sending and returning the work if it is selected as a finalist and that it be returned to me within approximately a month after it is exhibited. The organizers (Just for Laughs Festival and URBANA Marketing) will not be held liable for damage, loss or deterioration of the work that may arise during delivery or exhibition.

I hereby authorize the organizers to reproduce and distribute, in whole or in part, the work submitted to the contest for promotional or media purposes via any medium, including print, websites and social media. I also authorize the dissemination and use of any images or video of my person and/or the submitted work, and distribution of my name as "Author" of the said work.

I waive my right to privacy and any compensation to which I may be entitled in connection with the use of my name, my image and the work submitted, including the rights to any copies for promotional purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PLEASE SEND YOUR REQUEST BY EMAIL  
NO LATER THAN MAY 24<sup>th</sup> 2015 AT 5 P.M. (EST)**