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**THE ART & CULTURE COMMISSION OF LEMONT
Presents**

**LOCKING DOWN / OPENING UP
From Crisis to Creativity**

May 7 – June 27, 2021

**1243 State Street #101
Lemont, IL 60439**

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Response to the Covid 19 Pandemic

- This opportunity to exhibit your Covid response art is FREE!
No entry fees!
- All forms of 2-D and 3-D art accepted.
You may bring up to 2 pieces of artwork.
- 2-D artwork must be framed and have a wire attached to the back.
- Just fill out the attached entry form and bring it along with your artwork to the LCA.
May 2, 12-4 p.m. or May 3, 12-4 p.m.

Entries might address:

Art developed while in lockdown
Art responding to locking down and/or opening up
Opportunities lost or gained
Changes in art making style or practices
Covid-related subject matter
Memorials to people lost



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Draft Artist Statement:

The history of art is filled with examples of how artists have responded to the times they lived in. It is indisputable that the COVID 19 pandemic has had a profound impact on individuals, communities, and nations the world over. To accompany the artworks, this exhibit will feature artist statements that address themes relating to how the COVID 19 pandemic has affected you, your art, and your art practice. Please consider these or similar concepts as you draft your statement.

~ There have been seismic shifts in the work and social lives of everyone living through this period. In what ways have these changes realigned your art (subject matter, scale, style, materials, volume, etc.) or art practice (workspace, opportunity, motivation, etc.)?

~ What has characterized the nature of the art you created during this period?

~ Does the work you submit in some way express themes so many people have been encountering during this past year (fear, disruption, isolation, etc.)?

~ Loss has been a profound component of the pandemic in both the physical (death, separation) and metaphoric sense (lost opportunities). Does your work memorialize loss in some way?

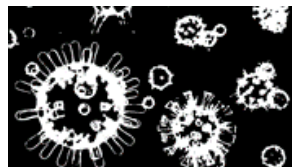
~ With vaccines and other positive news on the horizon, does your entry in some way reflect the hope of a world reopening?

In addition to addressing themes relating specifically to this exhibit, the artist statements will be posted alongside the work in the gallery.

Please submit your statement, as a word document; size 12 arial font, double spaced, limit of 20 lines to lemontcenterarts@gmail.com by **May 1, 2021 with the words Locking Down/Opening Up in the subject line. Don't forget to include your name on the statement**

As a volunteer organization we look to our exhibitors to volunteer for one (1) 4-hour shift at the LCA during the exhibit. Bring your calendar when you drop off your artwork to sign up for a day that is convenient for you.

If you have questions, ask Mona at lemontcenterarts@gamil.com





Locking Down / Opening Up Entry Form

- All 2D and 3D work is welcome. All work must be original and comply with copyright laws.
- All work must be ready for exhibition and hanging (as applicable). The LCA reserves the right to refuse any entry and to withdraw any work from the exhibition at its discretion.
- The Lemont Center for the Arts retains 30% of all sales related to this exhibit.

Liability

The LCA does not insure work while on display.

The artist bears all responsibility for loss of, or damage to work. Work left beyond thirty days of the closing of the exhibit becomes the property of the LCA.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

1. Title _____

Medium _____

Price _____ NFS _____

2. Title _____

Medium _____

Price _____ NFS _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

By signing this entry form, you agree to accept all the terms listed.

Please describe any special requirements regarding installation: