



Your Place Squared: A Community Art Project

Bruce Museum, Greenwich, Connecticut
March 9 – June 2, 2019

GREENWICH, CT, December 17, 2018 – The Bruce Museum is organizing an exhibition of small artworks created entirely by the public for the public. We invite art lovers of all ages, interests, and abilities to submit a depiction of “your place” as part of this new community art project.

Based on the popular 2012 exhibition of self-portraits, *Your Face Squared*, the Bruce now asks participants to turn to the landscape for creative inspiration and to be a part of *Your Place Squared: A Community Art Project*.

The subjects of *Your Place Squared* can be a favorite scene or setting -- your home, a room, or any space that you treasure as your own. The artworks can be created in any medium, including writing, drawing, painting, photography, and collage. The criteria for display include art that: must be original and anonymous, must be 6 inches by 6 inches in size and no thicker than 3 inches, and cannot be toxic or harmful. A signed consent/waiver form must accompany each piece, and there is a limit of 10 submissions per individual.

The Museum will accept artworks from January 2 through March 1, 2019, with submitted artwork on view in the Museum’s Bantle Lecture Gallery from March 9 through June 2, 2019. During the exhibition visitors can also create additional pieces in the gallery, which will be added to the show. More information about the exhibition and the consent form for submissions will be available at brucemuseum.org and at the Museum’s Visitor Services desk.

This community-based exhibition was originally inspired by a 2006 project spearheaded by the Art Gallery of Ontario in Canada as a way of experimenting with visitor engagement. The variety of artworks featured in *Your Face Squared* was remarkable. There were portraits created with traditional media such as drawing, painting, and photography, clever collages incorporating everything from jewelry to sunglasses, and



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three dimensional works in clay, beads, and cardboard. There were submissions by families with three generations represented, entire art classes from area schools, and groups of friends who gathered together to create their squared portraits.

“As a community-based institution highlighting art, science, and natural history, an exhibition featuring art about the places that mean the most to our members and visitors is a wonderful project for the Bruce to support,” says Anne von Stuelpnagel, Director of Exhibitions. “We look forward to displaying all kinds of imaginative works.”

See *Your Place Squared* at the Bruce this spring!

The Bruce Museum is grateful for support of this exhibition from The Charles M. and Deborah G. Royce Exhibition Fund and the Connecticut Office of the Arts.

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About the Bruce Museum

The Bruce Museum is located in a park setting just off I-95, exit 3, at 1 Museum Drive in Greenwich, Connecticut. The Museum is also a 5-minute walk from the Metro-North Greenwich Station. The Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm; closed Mondays and major holidays. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students with ID, and free for members and children less than five years. Individual admission is free on Tuesday. Free on-site parking is available and the Museum is accessible to individuals with disabilities. For additional information, call the Bruce Museum at 203-869-0376 or visit brucemuseum.org.

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