



# midwest Queeritivities

call for  
contributes

The American Midwest is perhaps most known for its heritage of agricultural and industrial prowess, yet often unmentioned are the plethora of progressive, diverse cultures and their inextricable impact on the overarching identity of the region. “Midwest Queeritivities” is an exhibit consisting of multimedia art and literary works that illuminate queer identities and their relationships to other cultures in the Midwest with emphasis on the following questions:

- + The Midwest has often been reduced by long-established stereotypes and the cultural homogenization of its people, landscapes, and traditions; how are these notions being challenged and reshaped in contemporary art?
- + Conversely, how have regionally specific elements both cultural and otherwise, e.g., religious affiliations, gender expectations, rural/urban contrasts, political dispositions, climates, and geographies impacted the local LGBTQ+ identities?
- + How are artists reimagining social, institutional, and historical spaces to be more inclusive and representative of the Midwest’s increasingly dynamic peoples?

“Midwest Queeritivities” will be hosted by the Ruth Foster Gallery on the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire campus from February 14 to March 11, 2020. The gallery will be open Monday through Friday 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Thursday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM. The University of Wisconsin Eau Claire has been recognized as the best LGBTQIA+ school in Wisconsin two years running by the Campus Pride Index as well as ranked number three nationwide by College Choice in their list of the top fifty best overall campuses for LGBTQIA+ students. The “Midwest Queeritivities” exhibit will be the first of its kind for the Foster Gallery.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Artwork must illustrate a connection to the themes prompted by “Midwest Queeritivities” regardless of the artists’ regional identity. Works may be from all genres of media provided that they are original, completed within the last three years, and no larger than 4 x 7 feet. Artists are required to provide any hardware necessary for installation. Technology based submissions must have clear instructions for display.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Each applicant may submit images of up to five artworks in a single PDF file no larger than 3MB; images of three-dimensional artwork must include one full view and one detail view. Under each image provide the title of the work, the media, the dimensions, and the year the artwork was created. Text/Literary submissions must be in PDF format. If the work is spoken or performative, include a link or an audio file up to 15MB. Audio files must include transcripts. Title the PDF using the following format: “YourLastName\_FirstInitial,” for example, “Smith\_J.”

The final component of the PDF submission must include a text page with the artist’s name, address, email, telephone number, and an artist’s statement no longer than 200 words.

## **SUBMISSIONS**

Please email submissions to [midwestqueeritivities@uwec.edu](mailto:midwestqueeritivities@uwec.edu)

All entries must be submitted by **September 15, 2019**.

## **ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION**

Accepted artists will receive an email notification with delivery and insurance information by October 7, 2019. Accepted artwork must be received by the Foster Gallery by January 13, 2020.

## **ACCEPTED ARTWORK**

All artwork must be professionally presented. Framed work should use only Plexiglas (NO GLASS) and be ready for hanging with necessary hardware in place, i.e., hanging wire attached. Artwork must remain in the Foster Gallery for the duration of the exhibit.

## **SHIPPING ARTWORK**

Accepted artwork must be received by the Foster Gallery by January 13, 2020 in a well packaged, sturdy, reusable carton or crate without Styrofoam peanuts. The Foster Gallery will cover shipping costs by common carrier (FedEx, UPS, USPS). Delivery instructions will be sent to accepted artists along with an exhibition contract.

Email any questions to [midwestqueeritivities@uwec.edu](mailto:midwestqueeritivities@uwec.edu)



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