

Niaulani Sculpture Garden

CALL FOR ENTRY

WORTH OF WATER

Opening November 26, 2023

DESCRIPTION OF SITE

The Niaulani Sculpture Garden located at Volcano Art Center's Niaulani campus in Volcano Village, the gateway community to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park which hosts more than one million visitors annually from all over the world. The sculpture garden is uniquely situated adjacent to an old growth native rainforest and features loop trail, designed by landscape architect David Tamura, which provides inviting areas for viewing the sculptures.

EXHIBIT CONCEPT

Artists are invited to submit proposals in the form of a drawing with descriptive notes or photos of 3 views of a 3-D maquette for stand alone sculptures or conceptual installations that express the Worth of Water in all its forms; including its sound, shape, interaction with other environmental elements or creatures, impacts, and/or the cultural value of water.

ELIGIBILITY

Professional artists, amateur artists, and university students in an art program are invited to submit original works.

SUBMISSION

Artists may submit proposals for up to three (3) original works: submission must include an artist's narrative that may be edited by Volcano Art Center (VAC) for promotion and educational purposes.

ENTRY FEE

\$10 per proposal (for up to 3 works). VAC is a 501-(c)3 non-profit, membership organization, thus artists whose proposals are accepted will be required to pay a \$50 artist's membership fee.

SHIPPING

Young Brothers will provide inter-island shipping gratis for up to five works selected. Artists will be responsible for securely packing the sculpture and delivery to Young Brothers. VAC will provide transportation from the Port of Hilo to the Niaulani Sculpture Garden. Packing material will be stored at VAC. At the conclusion of the exhibit, VAC will work with off-island artists for re-packaging and will provide delivery to Young Brothers, Hilo.

EXHIBIT CALENDAR

2023 May 15	Deadline for proposal submissions
June 1	Jury notification
November 5	Deadline for delivery of accepted work to Niaulani Campus
November 20	Installation deadline
November 26	Opening and artist reception
2026 January 10	Exhibit Closes

REQUIREMENTS

1. Include a list of materials to be used for each proposal. The materials should be appropriate to the artistic conception and be able to withstand prolonged exposure to the environmental elements specific to the Volcano area, including heavy rainfall and corrosive emissions from volcanic activity.
2. VAC encourages broad interpretations of the Worth of Water concept coupled with craft and materials of the highest quality.
3. The artist is encouraged to work with a VAC installer on location and attachment of the foundation/sculpture security hardware. If not possible, the artist will provide detailed instructions for sculpture installation.
4. Upon Acceptance the artist will be required to:
 - a. Sign a Waiver of Liability
 - b. Sign a VAC Artist Consignment Agreement- all works must be available for purchase, with 70% of proceeds to the artist, 30% to VAC.
 - c. Maintain an annual Artist Level Membership with VAC for the duration of the exhibit.
5. On-Island artists will be responsible for arranging transportation of work to and from the Niaulani Sculpture Garden.
6. Off-Island artists will deliver their sculpture to Young Brothers on their island.
7. Dimension limitations for each sculpture are 5ft. Width x 5 ft. Length x 6 ft. Height and no greater than 150 lbs. in weight.

PROVISIONS BY VAC

1. Transportation of packaged sculpture from Young Brothers Port of Hilo, if needed.
2. Each artist will be contacted to schedule a date for sculpture installation.
3. Construction of sculpture foundation, assistance with installation, and securing of sculptures to bases as instructed by the artist.

4. Signage will be installed with title of piece and artist's name
5. Press releases and social media campaigns to announce the exhibit
6. Educational material/ sculpture garden guide to distribute to visitors.
7. Monthly sculpture garden tours
8. Assistance with uninstalation and transportation to Young Brothers Port of Hilo, if needed.

**PLEASE SUBMIT IMAGES AND BACKGROUND
INFORMATION USING THE SUBMISSION FORM FOUND
AT <https://volcanoartcenter.org/gallery/call-to-artists/>**

SELECTION PROCESS

Digital review of proposal submissions for the exhibit “Worth of Water” will be via a selection committee co-chaired by mixed-media sculptors Elizabeth Miller and Jonathan Sudler.

The committee will render its decisions based upon

1. Strength of conceptual connection with the Worth of Water
2. Aesthetic quality of the form
3. Determination of durability

VAC reserves the right to omit from the exhibit any sculpture that differs significantly from the digital image reviewed and approved by the selection committee.

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