

# CALL for ARTISTS

from the LGBTQQIA Community of Color

## VOICES IV: LOUD and PROUD

Is an Exhibition of LGBTQQIA Artists of Color running from June 11<sup>th</sup>, to July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at the Casa Frela Gallery, 47 West 119<sup>th</sup> Street (between Lenox and Fifth Avenues) in Harlem. Take the 2/3 Trains to 116 or the M1, M7, M102 or M116 buses.

VOICES is the ONLY annual art event in Harlem celebrating the LGBT pride of people of color. It is held at the Casa Frela Gallery every June concurrently with New York City's festivals of Gay Pride, Harlem Pride and the Puerto Rican Day Parade. Each year, VOICES celebrates the lives and stories of people of color who represent the diasporas of the LGBT community. This year, VOICES IV will celebrate IDENTITY in all its forms as seen through the eyes and spoken through the mouths of its gay/lesbian/bi/trans people, friends and families.

The exhibit will run daily from June 11 to July 11, 2015. The official opening will occur on Thursday, June 11, 2015, from 5 to 9 pm.

The Exhibiting Artists represent a variety of media (photography, drawing, sketching, painting, mixed media, cartoons, and graphics). The message, though, will be loud and proud: "We are here and this is my voice."

VOICES IV is an exhibition about our voices, our people, our struggle, our communities and our unity. VOICES IV includes voices of pride, anger, despair, love, rage, lust, pain, and happiness. Whatever the message of IDENTITY in the art, it is LOUD and it is PROUD. Parents are advised to review the exhibit prior to bringing children under the age of 13.

We are currently seeking LGBTQQIA Artists of Color whose work portrays a STRONG SENSE of IDENTITY. Artwork must be recent (created within the past year) and it must be relevant. All work must be ready-to-hang and available for immediate sale. Our goal this year is to put our VOICES on the living room and bedroom walls of all those who come to see the show. Our VOICES deserve to be heard and our artists deserve to sell their work.

We are seeking all ready-to-sell and ready-to-hang media (photography, sketching, painting, and so forth) that includes as many voices as possible from the LGBTQQIA community of color: voices of pride, anger, despair, love, rage, lust, pain, and happiness. However, whatever the message in your art—it must focus on LGBT IDENTITY; its message must be LOUD and PROUD; it must be RECENT and RELEVANT; and, it must be Ready-to-hang and Ready-to-sell.

To be considered, please complete the following application and email the completed form with digital samples of your artwork to Ricardo Muñiz at [coquichuloimages@yahoo.com](mailto:coquichuloimages@yahoo.com).

# VOICES III: *A Celebration of Our Identity*

## APPLICATION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist Name (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cellphone: \_\_\_\_\_

How do you identify as a LGBTQQIA Artist? (*Your sexual and gender identity are yours privately, but bear in mind that we are specifically seeking LGBTQQIA Artists of Color*):

What is your ethnic background? (*Your answer is not required for application purposes, but bear in mind that we are specifically seeking LGBTQQIA Artists of Color*):

Please submit jpeg/bmp/png images of your work with this application to [coquichuloimages@yahoo.com](mailto:coquichuloimages@yahoo.com). Please title each emailed image submission with your name first and then the title of the work (For example, juanalacubana\_abuelainred). Please list the names, title, media and dimensions of each submission here:

Example:

Juana La Cubana	_____	_____
“Abuela in Red”	_____	_____
Photograph	_____	_____
6” by 9” print, 11” by 14” matte	_____	_____
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*Note: There is no fee to apply, but if your work is accepted, a fee of \$25 per artist will be required to exhibit. There are no refunds. This fee will be used to cover printing and publication expenses with any remaining balance donated to LGBTQQIA organizations. Artists selected for the VOICES IV exhibit will be able to sell their work earning sixty percent commission. Ten percent of all proceeds from sales will be donated to charities and community organizations supporting the LGBTQQIA community in Harlem. Thirty percent will be retained by the gallery. All applications must be received by May 8, 2015. Final decisions regarding exhibited work will be completed by May 15, 2015. All fees for inclusion in the exhibition will be due by May 18, 2014. Work will be installed on a date and time TBD between June 7 and June 10. All unsold work must be retrieved by the artist by July 15, 2015. There is no storage available at The Casa Frela Gallery beyond July 15, 2015. Further information will be available to those artists whose work is included in the exhibit.*

*All exhibited artwork must be ready for immediate purchase. Artwork will be priced in two categories: Affordable Art, \$5 to \$100, and Artists Deserve to Earn a Living, \$300 to \$800. No other price points will be allowed. Please keep this in mind when submitting all work.*

*I have read this application in full and agree to all conditions set forth herein:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name and Signature

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Date