

# Concept



**Submission Deadline**  
**July 15, 2021**

**“The Big Cover Up” (detail) – Linda Bell, AFCA**

**Exhibition Dates: September 13 - 26, 2021**

**Juried Exhibition** **\$1,000 in cash prizes**

**Open to Active, AFCA and SFCA FCA Members**

**Qualifying Exhibition for Signature Status**

## **ABOUT THE EXHIBITION**

Concept focuses on the meaning behind your artwork. The Federation encourages artists to explore, themes, meanings, messages and ideas for an exhibition. Jurors will consider your accompanying artwork descriptions when determining cash prizes, so get us thinking with your submissions!

## **GUIDELINES SPECIFIC TO THIS EXHIBITION**

**MEDIA:** Acrylic, graphite, ink, mixed media, oil, pastel, pen, pencil, water media and hand pulled prints in runs of up to 200. Please include your print number and edition in the description field at the time of submission. All artwork must be two dimensional, signed and completely dry (no tacky surface).

**EXCLUDED MEDIA:** Photography, digital photography, digital prints, digital art, posters, pyrography, giclée, mechanical reproductions, and works that rely

heavily on mechanical reproductions are not permitted. Origami or artwork that has considerable relief from the paper substrate is not permitted.

**SIZE:** Artworks may not be larger than 96" tall or 48" wide. Works on cradled wood panel or canvas must be at least 1" 1/2 deep. Thinner depth submissions are eligible so long as they are framed or mounted. If you are successful at jury you will receive a document that further outlines our requirements for framing. When submitting your price, please include your framing costs. When submitting your sizes online, please include the framed dimensions.

**STYLE:** All styles are permitted

**SUBJECT MATTER:** Conceptual pieces only. This is not an exhibition for "just because" pieces, or "it caught my interest". When looking at your artwork we want to experience more than what's on the surface. You can see last years' successful applicants at <https://federatiogallery.com/show/concept/0>

**PRESENTATION:** Framed and unframed artwork are permitted for this call so long as unframed artworks meet the minimum depth requirement (see "SIZE" above). We will NOT accept pieces that are loose sheets of paper installed with tape or pins directly from the substrate. Artists can submit unframed pieces that are adhered to cradled wood panel or gallery wrapped canvas. Artists are responsible for learning how to adhere paper to these supports. If you do not want to frame your work and you do not know how to adhere to another support, this is not the submission call for you. Edges of works on cradled wood panel must be completely void of paint, or completely covered in a complimentary colour, or be a continuation of the artwork. Edges of work on gallery wrapped canvas can be either a complimentary colour or a continuation of the artwork. Raw canvas edges are not permitted. Staples must be on the back of gallery wrapped canvases.

## **GENERAL FCA SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

**COPYRIGHT AND STANDARDS:** While using photos as reference for painting is a long-held accepted practice, using stock imagery or photographs taken by professional photographers is not permissible in our organization, even with permission or paid licensing. All artists submitting to Federation Gallery must sign an Exhibition Contract that declares their artwork is not a copy, derivative or based on the work of others or in any way an infringement of copyright. The FCA will reject submitted artwork that appears to be in violation of copyright law. The FCA reserves the right to refuse entries that are not accurately represented by the digital photograph submitted for jury. All artwork must be signed by the artist. Members may not enter a piece that was the result of a workshop or class. Only work that is new to the Federation Gallery on Granville Island may be submitted. Work that has shown in a Chapter exhibition may be submitted.

**DELIVERY:** Costs of shipping artworks to and from the gallery, including customs, import fees or additional postage are the responsibility of the artist. If artwork does not sell, the artist will be contacted directly to arrange for return delivery at their expense. Please direct questions regarding shipping to the Gallery Technician via [fcashipping@artists.ca](mailto:fcashipping@artists.ca)

**INSURANCE:** The FCA does not provide insurance for artwork. Artists are responsible for arranging their own insurance during transit and exhibition.

**JURY:** Entries will be reviewed by two SFCA Member and one AFCA member. Please check the submission page for juror names. Images will be reviewed independently online by each juror. All artists will receive emailed

notifications of their results. Artists may not send artworks that have not been juried and may not send artworks unless they receive an acceptance email. Your submitted pieces will receive one of the following jury results:  
**Accepted** –artwork has been chosen for exhibition online and in gallery  
**Recognized** –artwork has been chosen for exhibition online only  
**Declined** - artwork was not chosen for exhibition this time

**PRESENTATION REQUIREMENTS:** Works on paper must be finished to an archival standard and either framed or adhered to a gallery wrap canvas or cradled wood panel. No “teeth” fixtures or French cleats are permitted. We will not hang directly from frame, substrate or canvas on a nail or pin, or with tape. All substrates must be wired a third of the way down from the top with d-rings and plastic coated picture hanging wire, regardless of size. Improperly wired works will incur a \$20 wiring fee. All artworks must be ready-to-hang. If an artist is successful at jury and delivers a piece that clearly contravenes the Federation’s presentation requirements, their piece will be removed from the exhibition and returned to the artist at their expense, without refund of any associated submission fees. Works that arrive in disrepair will be fixed where possible, at the expense of the artist, or removed from the exhibition. Visit the “Member Resources” page at [www.artists.ca](http://www.artists.ca) to see further requirements.

**PRICING:** Submitted artworks must be available for sale. Artworks submitted “Not for Sale” or “Sold” will be declined without refund. Artists cannot change submitted prices at any time.

**SALES:** If a sale is made artists will be informed by phone or email. Artwork is under contract with the Federation effective of the date notification emails are sent. By submitting their artwork to this call the artist agrees to allow the Federation to negotiate a sale on their behalf including up to 10% off of the artist’s submitted sale price. In addition, the Federation will collect a commission at a rate of \$50 or 35%, whichever is greater. Payment to artists will be made by cheque. If an artwork is sold from the online gallery the Federation will ask the artist to package their artwork and the Federation will arrange and pay for the shipping to the client.

**SUBMITTING INFORMATION:** Images submitted to the online submission system that are blurry, poorly cropped, display a background/frame, were made in error, or are the wrong orientation will be declined without refund. When submitting online, crop your image to exclude visible edges of substrate. The description of your piece should be one to two sentences long, aiming to enhance a viewer’s interest in the artwork. This description will be printed on your in-gallery label so please proof read and spell check it. Artists cannot change details on their submission after the deadline for entries has passed. Attempts to change submitted information (including prices or sizes) after the deadline, or when the artist delivers will not be honored. The artist is responsible for ensuring that the information provided at the time of submission is correct and spelled correctly.

**HOW TO ENTER:** This call is open to Active, AFCA and SFCA Members of the Federation only. Submissions are accepted online only at [www.artists.ca](http://www.artists.ca) Artists must submit as early as possible to allow time for

**troubleshooting. If you require assistance, contact the Gallery Coordinator at [gc@artists.ca](mailto:gc@artists.ca) no less than 3 days prior to the deadline. Artists submitting at the last minute may not be able to receive assistance.**

**ENTRY FEES:** are non-refundable and accepted in Canadian dollars only at \$20.00 for your submission and first submitted image. Further submitted images are \$20 per image. Artists can submit up to five images. If successful at jury, a minimum of one image per artist will be displayed for the duration of the exhibition.

**CONDITIONS:** Submission of entry to this exhibition automatically constitutes the entrant's acceptance of the guidelines and rules outlined in this booklet. Due to the volume of entries, the FCA and their jurors do not provide individual feedback on submissions. The juror's decision is final, submissions to this exhibition declares your acceptance of their decision.

### **EXHIBITION SCHEDULE**

December 18, 2020	Submissions Open
July 15, 2021,	Deadline for Submissions
July 19, 2021	Applicants informed of their result by this date at the latest. Contact the FCA if you do not receive notice by this date. The artist is responsible for contacting the office if they do not receive notice

**AUG 28 – SEPT 11, 2021 Delivery Window. Artwork must be delivered before 4 PM on the final day of the delivery window. Deliver successful works to the following address, with your name written on the box:  
Attn: (Name of Exhibition)  
Federation of Canadian Artists,  
1241 Cartwright Street,  
Vancouver, BC, V6H 4B7**

Sept 13, 2021,	First official day of exhibition 10 AM – 4 PM, and awards jury. Award winners will be contacted.
Sept 26, 2021	10 AM – 3 PM Last day of exhibition. No artwork will be picked-up by artists today.
Sept 30, 2021	Artists can collect artworks in person from the gallery as of today. Artists are responsible for collecting their artwork within two weeks of the last day of exhibition. Failure to do so will result in the Federation claiming and/or disposing of your artwork.
Oct 20, 2021	Delivered and couriered artworks will be shipped out of the gallery by this date at the latest.

### **ORGANIZER INFORMATION - THE FEDERATION of CANADIAN ARTISTS**

We support and promote the visual arts in Canada through education and exhibition. If you are interested in becoming a member please contact 604.681.2744 or email:

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