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## ***Public Perspectives Exhibition Series*** Independence Community Gallery at the Brooklyn Historical Society

### **Call for Exhibition Proposals**

**Deadline: August 31, 2006**

#### **Who we are**

Founded in 1863, the **Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS)** is a nationally renowned urban history center dedicated to the exploration and preservation of documents, artwork and artifacts representative of Brooklyn's diverse cultures past and present. For further information and our mission statement, please consult our website at [www.brooklynhistory.org](http://www.brooklynhistory.org)

#### **About the Program**

The ***Public Perspectives*** exhibition series in the Independence Community Gallery meets the BHS mission by showcasing three projects or exhibits per year that have been designed and created by the greater Brooklyn community.

#### **Exhibition Proposal Guidelines**

Exhibits should be conceptualized around a theme relevant to our mission. Exhibits may involve a historical, social, cultural, intellectual or political focus. During the 2006 season, BHS is particularly interested in exhibits that explore themes of cultural identity and/or Brooklyn's rich heritage. Exhibitions of living artists must be curated to feature the work of two or more Brooklyn artists. ***Applications for solo artist exhibitions will not be accepted.***

Applicants are encouraged to include an educational component as part of the exhibition, such as gallery talks by artists or curators, panel discussions, special activities, or outreach to local community groups or schools.

#### **Who Can Apply**

- Individuals who live or work in Brooklyn
- Brooklyn community groups or non-profit organizations
- Brooklyn-based school groups

*Applicants who have had a proposal accepted and exhibited by BHS are not eligible to submit another proposal for two years following their exhibition.*

#### **Application Process**

Brooklyn Historical Society accepts proposals for the Independence Community Gallery program twice per year through an open call and request for proposals. Applications and guidelines are available from BHS, local community centers, or can be downloaded from the BHS website at [www.brooklynhistory.org](http://www.brooklynhistory.org). Applicants must complete the application form, provide all requested support materials, and attend an informational meeting to be considered. A

panel of advisors comprised of cultural professionals and community representatives reviews the applications and selects the finalists. **Selected exhibitors will be notified by October 15, 2006.**

### **Informational Meeting for Applicants**

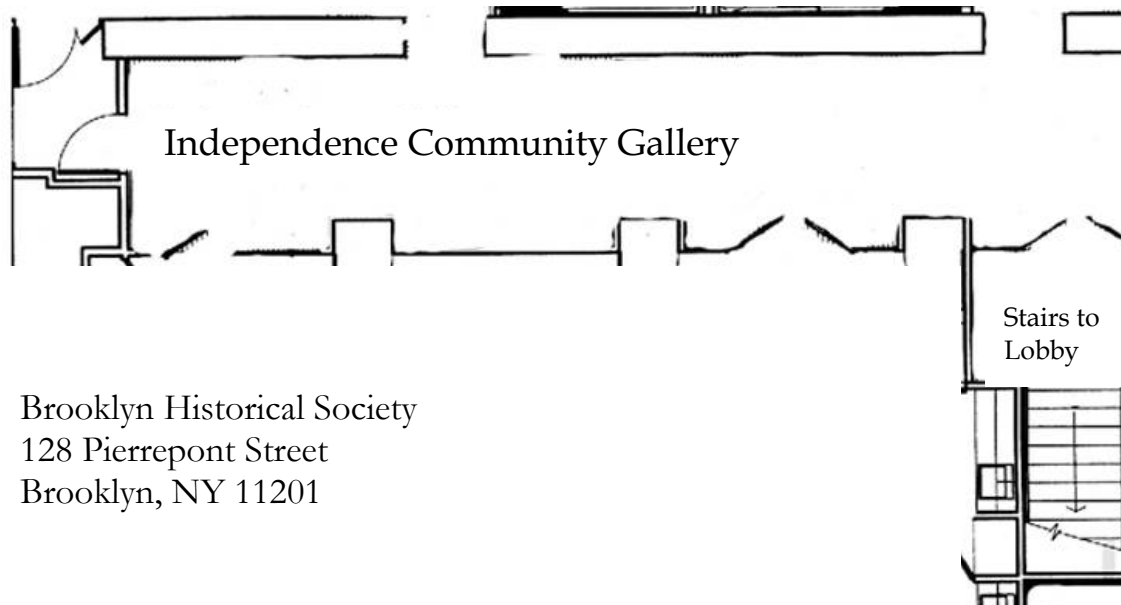
There will be an informational meeting for applicants on **August 16, 6 - 7 p.m. and repeated on August 22, 2 - 3 p.m.** at the Brooklyn Historical Society. This meeting will give applicants the opportunity to see the Independence Community Gallery, tour BHS, and learn about our resources and facilities. This will also be a time for any questions regarding the application process. *Attendance at one of these meetings is strongly recommended. Please RSVP to Janice Monger at (718) 222-4111 x225.*

### **Stipend**

Selected exhibitions will receive a \$2,000 stipend to cover materials and other project expenses.

### **Space Considerations**

The Independence Community Gallery is 55'L x 7 ½' W and 8'H, with 39 linear feet of exhibition wall space. The walls are painted white and track lighting is available.



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