



## 2012 Artist Application - Call for Artists

Table Top forms and Free Form Projects Only

The Custer Stampede Buffalo Art Auction committee is seeking artists for the **8th Annual Custer Stampede Buffalo Art Auction**, an exciting community visual arts event held in Custer City, SD and the surrounding Black Hills! As we have seen in years past, this event draws thousands of people to Custer City and the Black Hills as they peruse the area in search of buffalo art. This is a great opportunity for an artist to connect with the public.

### Artwork opportunities

The Custer Stampede Buffalo Art Auction committee is seeking artists who are enthusiastic about being part of the **8th Annual Custer Stampede Buffalo Art Auction**. The event involves a variety of bison artwork that can be embellished in any medium for interior or exterior display. Artists will supply all of their own materials and be responsible for any exterior coating process to make their piece weatherproof.

The committee will select ten (10) table top artists. The cost for the fiberglass forms will not exceed \$200. Cost of the forms will be deducted from the sale price of your artwork after the commission is calculated (please see attached sample of the calculation) so there is no upfront form cost to the artist.

Artists are also encouraged to participate in the "Free Form" category and create an original piece of bison artwork of any size or medium. However, any piece weighing 200 pounds or more will be the responsibility of the artist for transportation and placement throughout the course of the project.

Only **completed** applications will be considered, please contact the Custer Chamber if you need a complete application to fill out, 605-673-2244.

### Artist submission requirements

1. Completed application packet – see attached
2. All artwork submitted for consideration must be **original work, no prints or duplicates**.
3. Application materials are due by **January 31, 2012**. Submit materials to:  
Custer Stampede Buffalo Art Auction: Artist Committee, PO Box 5018, Custer, SD 57730
4. No original artwork should be submitted or will be accepted in the application process. Please only submit requested materials.

Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you wish to have your materials returned after review. The Custer Stampede committee will make its selection by February 20, 2012 and notify all artists in writing. The Custer Stampede committee invites all artists to apply regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, age, or disability.

### Artist Selection Criteria

The following criteria will be used by the selection committee to evaluate all **completed** applications:

1. Artists demonstrate professional practice and accomplishment through work and if applicable, in the field of public art.
2. Excellence in artistic vision and sensitivity to the integrity of the bison as well as its cultural meanings.

The Custer Stampede Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the artists' proposals. **The committee may limit the number of free form pieces in any given medium, please be creative when submitting your application.**

**Additional information**

If you submit a design for a free-form life-sized exterior artwork, please include some type of "anchor" to secure it to the sidewalk or in the grass. Artists chosen to use a fiberglass form will be responsible for picking up the form and delivering the completed piece to Custer. Artists will also be responsible for putting a "clear coat" type finish on their form, if appropriate. Selected artists will be notified when the forms become available.

**Promotion**

The Custer Stampede Buffalo Art Auction committee will extensively promote the event and the art pieces at no cost to the artist. However, it is highly recommended that chosen artists also promote their piece to their constituents and patrons. Artists will give all rights of photos, biography, and interviews to Custer Stampede Buffalo Art Auction for promotion of the event. The original artwork created for the Custer Stampede Buffalo Art Auction is not to be reproduced or duplicated by the artist for monetary gain. All bison artwork, no matter what size or medium, will be displayed in locations throughout Custer City and the Black Hills.

**Auction**

1. Delivery date of the completed bison art is by noon on Friday **May 25, 2012** for a community wide unveiling held **May 26 & 27**. Artists are requested to attend the unveiling. All artwork will be on public display throughout Custer City and the Black Hills from mid-May through September 22. The auction will be held **Saturday, September 22 at 4:00pm**. Auction weekend activities coincide with the Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup Weekend.
2. In order to qualify for the 50% commission the bison artwork must be received by the required delivery date (see above). Cost of the forms will be deducted from the sale price of your artwork after the commission is calculated.
3. Payment to the artist will be made no later than Dec. 31, 2012.

**Artists in Residence Program**

This community has been very supportive of past buffalo artists participating in the artists-in-residence program. It is an opportunity for out of town artists to visit, work, and get to know the community. Typical residencies last up to one week. In the past, rooms and meals have been donated to the artists-in-residence program. The committee will likely see the same kind of community support this year. Please specify the dates you would like to come and develop your bison artwork between March 1, 2012 and May 25, 2012. Please check the appropriate terms below and fill in the dates for the Artist in Residence program should you choose to participate.

		<b>Placement</b>	<b>Artists in Residence</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fiberglass Form</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Interior</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Free Form</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Exterior</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>

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