

HARCOURT HOUSE ANNUAL NAKED SHOW + ART SALE 2024

Harcourt House Artist Run Centre, Annex Building

EXHIBITION TITLE: Born Naked: 32nd Annual Naked Show + Art Sale Fundraiser

EXHIBITION DATES: July 5 – July 14, 2024

OPEN TO: Artists who've attended Life Drawing sessions, and Weekend/Long Weekend with the Model in 2023-2024.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR JURYING PROCESS: May 3, 2024, by 11 pm

DROP-OFF SELECTED FRAMED ARTWORK: June 25 – 28, 2024 from 10 am – 5 pm to the **gallery office** in Harcourt's main building. ***For framed artwork please note: Wire / saw tooth hanger / keyhole hanger / metal or wood cleat hanger must be installed on a back of the artwork.***

EXHIBITION TAKE-DOWN / ARTWORK PICK-UP: July 15 – 18, 2024 from 10 am – 5 pm.

Harcourt House Artist Run Centre invites all participants from Live Model Sessions to submit their work to the 2024 Harcourt House Annual Naked Show and Art Sale, which will be **open to the public from July 5 to July 14, 2024**, at the Harcourt House's Annex Building / Art Education Room #1. The exhibition will coincide with the annual **2024 THE WORKS Arts and Design Festival**.

Over the centuries, the human body has been a favoured subject for artists. Ranging from providing a record of a specific person's appearance to a focus on social critique, the possibilities of working with the human body are endless. The current landscape of contemporary figurative art is particularly strong, not only due to the commercial market for it, but perhaps more so the way that artists are portraying people in response to salient topics and issues of the 21st century – from race, gender, and war, to privacy, social media, and love.

The artwork selected for this exhibition will be embracing the rich conceptual diversity of stylistic and formalistic approaches to the aspect of human form. Featuring works from Harcourt's Classes with Live Models, the exhibition "**Born Naked**" will allow the viewers to contemplate the beauty and complexity of the human body from the perspective of several stylistic directions in the history of visual culture, ranging from Realism, Impressionism, Post-Impressionism through Cubism and Expressionism to semi-abstract forms and multi-media compositions. In the end, we expect powerful and compelling works that explore the emotional and social implications of representing the human figure.

The Annual Naked Show allows our artists to exhibit and sell their work while doubling as a fundraiser for Harcourt House in support of its **Harcourt House Artist Run Centre Endurable Fund** (Harcourt Buildings Acquisition Campaign). **If artists choose to sell their work, Harcourt House will receive a 30% commission included in the price of the sale.**

Each artist may **submit a maximum of five works** for the exhibition and is **guaranteed to have one work displayed**, provided they adhere to the submission's criteria (please refer to the Submission Guidelines for details).

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

1. Submission Deadline: May 3, 2024, by 11 pm
2. Every artist may submit up to 5 JPEG images; each file should be named: number_lastname.jpg (**example: 3_Saville.jpg**) and no larger than 2MB. Every artist who submits will have at least 1 and up to 3 works in the exhibition.
3. Along with the images, artists must submit an image list titled **“Artist’s Name: 2024 Naked Show”** with the following: a number corresponding with the jpg image, artist’s name, title of artwork, date, media, dimensions, and price (**example: 3. Jenny Saville, Propped, 1992, oil on canvas, 84 x 72 inches, \$450.00**) as well as the artist’s contact information. This can be in Word, a PDF, a text file or in the body of the email.
4. Submitted 2D artwork must be created during the 2022-2023 Life Drawing, and Weekend/Long Weekend with the Model sessions. 3D work created in a Harcourt’s 2021-2023 figurative sculpture session will be accepted for the 2023 Naked Show.
5. The artist grants permission to Harcourt House Artist Run Centre to reproduce artwork for the promotion and publicity of the exhibition and the drop-in/life programs. Copyright will be attributed to the artist.
6. If artist chooses to sell their work, Harcourt House will receive a **30% commission** included in the price of the sale. The balance of the price of sale for all works sold will be remitted to the artist after the closing of the exhibition. **Please Note: The artist has an option of donating 100% to the W.E.C.A.N. Society. An official tax receipt in the amount of the donation will be provided.**
7. It will be the sole responsibility of the artist and purchaser for the cost of packing and shipping of any artwork sold to out-of-town customers.
8. All reasonable care will be taken with submissions. However, Harcourt House Artist Run Centre, its staff, and volunteers shall not be held responsible for the loss of and/or damage to artworks.
9. **Post exhibition**, artwork must be picked up from the Harcourt House Office/Galleries between July 15 – 18, 2024 from 10 am – 5 pm. Harcourt House Artist Run Centre will NOT assume any responsibility for any artwork remaining on the premises after these dates.

If you have any questions, please contact Harcourt House Artist Run Centre, Monday to Friday from 10 am to 5 pm, tel. 780-426-4180; email: exhibit@harcourthouse.ab.ca