

Empty Bowls Participation Guidelines

All proceeds from the bowls sold at Empty Bowls will go directly to Friends of Night People

In Western New York, 1 in 7 people struggle with hunger and there are nearly 6,000 homeless individuals. By participating in Empty Bowls, you are helping an individual in need go to bed with a full stomach. Empty Bowls was designed to challenge community members to discuss social justice issues, such as hunger and homelessness, and their solutions through creative, artistic expression. It has been hosted by cities around the world and focuses on how communities can come together through education to explore creative ways to end hunger.

In the words of the Angie Thomas, “Art is activism.” Thank you again for your interest in participation in Empty Bowls and for bringing local social issues to light. Some of the social issues we would like to explore through art include:

- Hunger and Food Insecurity
- Poverty
- Homelessness
- Importance of Nutrition and Access to Healthy Foods

We would like to use this project to foster an open discussion about the social issues that affects so many people in our community and more than 40 million people in America. Over the years, we have been deeply touched by the sentiments and suggestions listed in the students participants artist statements.

We are excited to be able expand the works displayed to professional artists as well as students from around Western New York.

Bowl Submission Guidelines:

1. Artist identifies a social issue and expresses it clearly in their artwork. **Please be aware due to space limitations we cannot display works that do not relate to the social issues we are trying to shed light on for this event.**
2. All completed bowls should be dropped off with attached tags after January 25th and no later than February 8th to Friends of Night People, located at 394 Hudson Street in Buffalo, NY.
3. Bowl Tags contain the following information:
 - a. Artist’s Name
 - b. Medium
 - c. Artist Statement (optional) – 2 -5 sentences about what the “bowl” represents.
4. Please do **NOT** price bowls. “Bowls” will sold via silent auction during the spring of 2019 at Buffalo Soup Fest and our 16th Annual Putting Hunger on the Run April 13th, you may give us a suggested price if you wish.
5. Bowls do not need to be food safe. You may use any materials you feel necessary to portray the social issue being explored. Please limit the size of the art to no larger than **8’’ x 8’’ base** if it sits on a table, if it is a hung piece please limit size to 18x24.

6. Items submitted are not limited to bowls, for example: vases, mugs, and containers are all acceptable.
7. Bowls **MUST** be able to withstand transportation.

About Friends of Night People:

Friends of Night People is a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization that provides food and necessities to address the effects and impacts of poverty in Western New York to its guests free of charge, 365 days each year. Dinner is served every day, except for holidays (lunch service), between 5 and 7 p.m. Additional services include: food pantry, case management, medical clinics, podiatry, optometry, food express, clothing closet, and more. Friends of Night People also provides community meals to the following locations: Urban Center, Gerard Place, P.U.S.H. Buffalo, The Salvation Army (both Main St. and Grant St. locations), and Assembly of Christian Churches. For more information please visit: www.friendsofnightpeople.com.

About Buffalo Soup Fest:

Since it began in 2011, Buffalo Soup Fest is every soup fanatic's dream come true. With over 75 different soups and 30 vendors, it is a one stop shop for palate satisfaction. Buffalo's best restaurants are displaying their top concoctions as they compete for first place in 30 judged categories. With over 10,000 attendees, this is the winter's hottest event. If you are not a fan of soup, no need to fret. The Convention Center will be providing fair food and desserts, as well as, some vendors. For more information please visit: www.buffalosoupfest.com. We hope to see you there!

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