

Africville: A Spirit that Lives On—A Reflection Project

Calling all artists, performers, writers, and curators!

In 1989, Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU) Art Gallery, the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia, and the Africville Genealogical Society collaborated on the exhibition *Africville: A Spirit That Lives On*. The exhibition, catalogue, and symposium celebrated the legacy and spirit of Africville, and set the benchmark for the standard of collaborative, community driven exhibitions.

Today, on the 30th anniversary of the exhibition, we look back at the legacy of the project, and take the opportunity to reflect on what has happened since. The collaborators have reunited, joined by the Africville Museum, and once again MSVU Art Gallery will host an exhibition, August 17 – November 10, 2019.

We're looking for **artistic projects** to present alongside a new display of the archives and elements of the original exhibition. We hope this presentation at MSVU Art Gallery can engage a conversation with Africville residents, descendants, the broader African Nova Scotian community, and collaborating organizations to activate the Gallery space as a forum for reflection on this anniversary.

Projects may include visual art, craft, performance, dance, music, writing, spoken word, or public program (e.g. a workshop, presentation, or conversation). How do you remember Africville? And how have you responded to its spirit? Both new and existing work is welcome.

Selected contributors will be paid an artist fee of no less than \$350 CAD (HST Included). Projects must be available for presentation between **August 6 and November 10, 2019**.

Need inspiration? Visit https://www.nfb.ca/film/remember_africville/

Proposals submissions should include:

Name: Who are you?

Contact information: How can we reach you?

Submission Description: What would you like to show or do? Please tell us the format of your work, and what you would need to display or perform it? Include dimensions or run times if available.

Support Materials: Do you have a short artist's resume. Other biographical materials are welcome but not necessary. You may include artist statements, exhibition catalogues, or performance bills.

Images: Help us experience your work—either documentary photos (5 images max, jpeg, PDF, or Tiff format) or sample files. Support materials will not be kept by MSVU following selection process.

Please submit proposals by **8pm AST, Sunday, July 21, 2019** via email to:
Africville Reflection Exhibition Selection Committee, art.gallery@msvu.ca

Selections will be announced by Friday, July 26, 2019.