



celebrAsian

6th ANNUAL ASIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Expression of Interest

IA^{sian}: Exploring Identity, Place, and Culture

CelebrAsian: Asian Heritage Festival Fine Arts Exhibition

Curated By: Dawn Martinez Oropeza

Presented by Iowa Asian Alliance (IAA)

The Iowa Asian Alliance is calling all Asian artists to participate in a unique art experience and exhibition. Artists selected to participate in *IA^{sian}* will get the extraordinary privilege to:

- work closely with featured international artist **Jon Cuyson**
- view select pieces from the artist's private collections
- have a personal studio visit and critique with Cuyson
- create new artwork during the program that will be featured at an opening night Gala on May 16, 2008

Born and educated in the Philippines, Jon Cuyson has exhibited his work in Manila, Europe and the United States. In 2006 he was invited to participate in the Skowhegan Artists Residency Program in Maine with a Fellowship from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation. Working with painting, photography and installation, Jon Cuyson continues to widen his audience by participating in programs and exhibitions that included the Bronx Museum of the Arts, the Jersey City Museum, the Asian American Arts Center and most recently the Jamaica Center for the Arts in New York. His works are informed by his interest in the dialectic between the human interaction with both natural and man-made environments in relation to consumerism. Embedded in this investigation are recurring notions on displacement, impermanence, transformation, and the act of seeing and experiencing art. He currently lives and works in Jersey City.

Artists Commitment:

The Iowa Asian Alliance is offering a unique professional development program for Asian artists to:

- work closely with a mentor artist
- dialogue and explore artifacts that address Asian identity in Iowa and the United States
- created new works that are inspired by Cuyson's artwork and the *IA^{sian}* Program

These new pieces will be displayed at the 6th Annual CelebrAsian: Asian Heritage Festival on **May 17, 2008**, and other venues to be determined. There will be at least one meeting per month from January to May 2008. All media, all Asian-identified artists, and all age groups are encouraged to apply.

How to submit:

Submit artwork and information to: Arts@celebrAsian.org

- a digital resume
- 1-5 digital images of artwork from the last 3 years
- Image list (size, year, media, ect.)
- 1 page artist's statement
- Artists bio
- Contact information
- For video or new media, submit a DVD or PC compatible CD along with the above mentioned materials to:

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Iowa Asian Alliance
Regency 6 Building
4600 Westown Parkway, Suite 105
West Des Moines, IA 50266

The Small Print:

Insurance: All works selected for the exhibition will be insured by IAA for their designated value for the duration of the exhibition.

Shipping: Artists must assume this expense to and from the exhibition.

Artwork: All work must arrive framed and ready to hang.

Publicity: IAA may reproduce all or portions of selected artwork for advertising, promotions, and educational purposes.

Questions: Contact Dawn Martinez Oropeza: (515) 480-0904 or Arts@celebrAsian.org

Restrictions: Artwork must have been created within the last three years

Possible Timeline and Artist Commitment:

Deadline to express interest: **January 25, 2008** by **4:30 PM**

Artist's notified of participation and provided detailed timeline: **January 31, 2008**

Artists must be prepared to meet at least once a month from February to May in 2008.