

Call for Submissions

Trash to Treasure: The River's Song Project Art Exhibit

The River's Song Project, conceived as an innovative year-long study combining the arts and the environment gives voice to a diverse constituency along the Connecticut River basin and highlights its ecology. As part of The River's Song Project, art work created from trash collected in the Connecticut River Watershed will be exhibited at the Great Hall in the Turners Falls Discovery Center during April and May of 2015.

The exhibit jurors are:

Annaliese Bischoff, Professor Landscape Architecture UMass

Suzanne LoManto, Director Turners Falls RiverCulture

Shawn Farley, Director of Marketing UMass Fine Arts Center

Timeline:

Submission deadline: **March 15, 2015 5pm**

There is no application fee

Selected artists notified by email before March 21.

Work delivered to Turners Falls, MA from April 1st to April 3rd. All delivered work must be "ready to hang/display".

Artist reception is scheduled for May 16th, from 6:30-8 pm as part of The River's Song Project Celebration Day.

Any sales of work exhibited must transpire off the premises, but artists are welcome to make private sales arrangements. Work must be picked up from the Great Hall during the last week of May.

To submit work, please include the following information in an email by **March 15, 2015** to:

2015Riversong@gmail.com with jpeg images not to exceed 2 MB as an attachment.

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Title of work _____

Medium _____

Size _____

Source/type of trash _____

Brief artist statement (@50 words)

Inspiration for the project

The River's Song project is inspired by The Nile Project (TNP), an international touring project featuring a highly creative model of musical collaborations and a residency model format to study and understand the key issues concerning and affecting the Nile River. Performing at the UMass Amherst Fine Arts Center on April 7, 2015, the Nile Project artists and directors help communities think differently about our river and water resources. For more information about the Nile Project please visit: www.nileproject.org

Background Information

On Saturday, May 16, 2015, 11AM-8PM Great Falls Discovery Center and various sites around Turners Falls will celebrate the vital role of the Connecticut River with a unique showcase of art events. Through participation in The River's Song Project local artists, businesses and scientific communities aim to raise awareness about key issues of the Connecticut River basin, create new forms of sustainable art, music and dance by local composers and choreographers and encourage community participation across diverse audience by holding workshops on water related issues.

The River's Song project is presented by the UMass Fine Arts Center Asian Arts & Culture Program in collaboration with the UMASS Departments of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning and the Department of Art Education, the Connecticut River Watershed Council, Dean's Beans, the Great Falls Discovery Center, US Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Wildlife Refuge System, the Nolumbeka Project, Inc., the Art Garden and Turners Falls Riverculture and is funded through various local sources.

For more information or questions please call the UMass Fine Arts Center Asian Arts & Culture Program office at 413-577-2486 or email at: aacp@acad.umass.edu.