

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE
Veterans' Voices III
Building Bridges Through Art
April 2-26, 2020



Together with Studios on the Park, curators Deprise Brescia and Carlota Santa Cruz with military advisor retired LTC Gregory Arenas invite all veterans to participate in **Veterans' Voices III** at Studios on the Park in Paso Robles, Ca. This third annual exhibition takes place in April 2020 and is made possible in part by the VIA Grant from the California Arts Council, a state agency, and ARTS Obispo, the San Luis Obispo County Arts Council.

Veterans' Voices III is an opportunity for those who have served in the armed forces to express themselves through the artistic medium. All branches of service, both active and retired are welcome. All mediums of artistic expression are encouraged. We are giving veterans voices through art.

A wise person once said, "Time is your most valuable asset." Those who have served have given their most valuable gift of time. In return they were given: pride, patriotism, honor and respect as well as PTSD, MST, mental health issues, homelessness, isolation, loss of hope and faith. All of these are byproducts of service and war.

We ask them to share reflections on their lifetimes, playtimes and pastimes. What has their service meant to them? What did they take away from their experience through service? How have they suffered? How have they healed? How do they feel? How can we help?

Through infinite creativity, Deprise offers three areas of participation:

- 1) Veteran artists participate in their own right, sharing their art and how they use it to heal. Students discover and share their findings through portraiture and interview.
- 2) Artists as mentors collaborate with veterans to synergistically co-create artwork and in the process build bridges of friendship, hope and healing.
- 3) As artistic interpreters, professional artists listen to the stories and ideas our veterans share to flush out and create their artistic visions.

This is how **Veterans' Voices III** builds bridges through art and taps into art's healing power.

Another wise person once said, "Youth is wasted on the young." What if we shared truth from our souls and risked vulnerability in order to educate and bring wisdom to our youth? Could we change our future by sharing the truth of our past?

Through **Veterans' Voices III** we listen with our eyes, hear with our hearts, and feel with our souls what the voices of our veterans have to say. To that end, Deprise seeks exciting and thought provoking original works of art in the form of paintings, drawings, prints, photographs and performance art that amplify on the theme.

While works produced in the past several years are preferred, select older pieces showing the trajectory of service related issues will also be considered.

Studios on the Park is a nonprofit gallery and open studios art center in a prestigious location in downtown Paso Robles, Ca. We have featured world-class artists in our exhibitions for over 9 years. Paso Robles is recognized nation wide as a premier wine and culinary destination and we, through exhibitions like these, contribute shows of curated, high quality artwork to this exciting cultural scene. We expect over 7000 visitors to our 2000 sq ft atrium gallery space for this exhibition.

We are requesting that, if you are interested, you email Deprise at deprise585@gmail.com by March 1, 2020, with images of available artworks for our review. Space is limited so please respond as soon as possible!

TIMELINE

Digital Submission Deadline: March 1, 2020
Accepted Artists Notified: March 5
Artist Headshots & Bios Due: March 10
Complimentary Artwork Pick-up Available in LA & Bay Area – early-mid March

Delivery of Artwork to Studios on the Park –
March 31: noon - 4 pm
Art After Dark Paso Opening Reception –
April 4: 6 pm - 9 pm
Pickup of Unsold Work – April 27: noon - 4 pm

GUIDELINES

Original works in any fine art medium.
2D works must be ready-to-hang (professionally framed/wired or gallery wrapped with painted sides).
2D can be NO LARGER than 6' x 6' due to 8' wall height.
3D works must be able to be lifted easily – artists must place works over 15 lb.
Jewelry must be submitted ready-to-display.
All works must be for sale and not exhibited on the Central Coast within the last two years.
Installation artists, please contact Deprise Brescia to arrange a site visit.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

Entries may be submitted digitally (300dpi high res jpegs only under 1 MB) and should include a minimum of 3 images/entry, maximum 6 images/entry emailed to deprise585@gmail.com. Please title each file name with the artist's last name and title of work, separated with an underscore. Example: Smith_untitled3.jpeg.
Each entry should be accompanied by an exhibition form, downloadable at studiosonthepark.org/pdfs/Veterans_Voices_III_Exhibition_Form.pdf
There are no entry fees.

CURATOR

Deprise Brescia will be looking for personal vision and creative approach as well as excellence in execution.

HEADSHOT & BIO

A high res photograph of you from your time in service is requested along with a brief description of what is happening in the image. This is an opportunity to share a glimpse into your life and memories. A bio of no more than 100 words is requested as well, perhaps about how art has touched your life. This is your opportunity for people to get to know you, share a small (brief) piece of yourself. Please email deprise585@gmail.com by March 5, 2020.

SALES

Studios collects a 40% commission on all sales. Proceeds from art sales bolster Studios' arts services that help to make the Central Coast region a leader in creative culture, education and innovation. Among the many essential program and outreach efforts made possible is Kids Art Smart. We believe all children should have access to creative learning opportunities through the arts. With arts education cut from local schools, Studios on the Park provides free visual arts programming for thousands of K-12 grade students.

LIABILITY

Studios on the Park holds a temporary loans coverage policy on all fine artwork exhibited through Huntington T. Block Insurance Agency, Inc. Studios is not responsible for deductibles or claims exceeding the coverage amount. Artists are encouraged to carry their own insurance.

SHIPPING

The artist is responsible for safe delivery and timely pickup of work. If shipped, the artist is responsible for paying shipping charges to and from Studios on the Park. Please no FedEx; UPS and USPS only. Enclose return prepaid UPS label with shipment to Studios on the Park.

CONTACT

If you have any questions regarding this show, please contact:
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