

# The Studios of Key West

## 2011/12 Sculpture Garden Proposal Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in proposing a sculpture installation at The Studios of Key West. Please see the below information and guidelines, and consult our website and season catalog for additional details about our organization, programming, and community.

### About the Armory Sculpture Garden:

A TSKW Sculpture Garden Exhibit offers participating artists the opportunity to showcase original sculptural artwork in a small, unique garden environment adjacent to the Historic Armory, home of The Studios of Key West, in the much visited heart of Old Town, Key West, Florida.

The garden has been home to the work of nearly two dozen artists since it opened to the public in 2007. Work is installed for three month periods.

Please see the links on the previous webpage to see a gallery of images from the past 4 years.

The work of 2 artists or teams of artists will be selected and displayed per installation period.

### About Our Community

Key West is an island community, two miles by four miles wide, at the very end of the road. Most people get around on bicycle or foot, and the neighborhoods are compact and filled with historic architecture and tropical plant life. There are Cuban groceries and café con leche on every other corner, and a mix of Latin and Caribbean influences everywhere. Known for blue skies, open water and mangrove islands, and 70 degree days in winter, Key West is removed from the American mainland by 120 miles of bridges and small islands.

For a small community, Key West is rich in cultural events, creative projects, and celebrations of every kind. We embrace an independence from the mainland, celebrate our tropical and Caribbean influences, and seek out artists and cultural leaders wanting to do the same—and gain the benefit of exile in the Conch Republic.

**Complete proposals should be submitted by mail by August 15, 2011 (postmark date) to:**

**Jay Scott**  
**Executive Director**  
**The Studios of Key West**  
**600 White Street**  
**Key West, Florida 33040**

**Proposal Deadline: Proposals must be postmarked by August 15, 2011. All proposals must be received by mail.**

**Installation Periods** - Two proposals will be selected and installed during each of the following time periods:

- **Oct - Dec 2011**
- **Jan - Mar 2012**
- **April - June 2012**
- **July - Sept 2012**

Although artists may request a specific time preference, final scheduling decisions will be made by TSKW Sculpture Garden Committee.

**Who may apply:** Emerging, mid-career and established artists, artist "teams" or collectives residing locally, nationally and internationally are invited to apply. Prior experience in public art is not required.

**Considerations:** Work may be of any medium and material that will tolerate our occasionally harsh tropical climate and must consider the common safety requirements of work shown in an open, publicly accessible garden atmosphere.

Proposals may include work that is already realized. Site informed or site specific proposals are especially encouraged.

Artists will be responsible for the transport, installation, maintenance and de-installation of their work. Assistance from TSKW staff as well as volunteers can be arranged. Insurance of artwork, if desired, must be carried by the artist.

**Sales** TSKW retains a 40% commission on sales, and the remaining 60% goes to the artist. Work should be priced accordingly.

**Stipend** Selected proposals will receive an honorarium/stipend of up to \$500 for a partial garden exhibit (front or rear) or \$1000 for a full garden installation.

Artists will receive 50% of this at the completion of installation and the remaining 50% will be received at the completion of de-installation and the return of the garden to its original condition. TSKW is willing to help artists locate housing options, if needed, to help defray costs during installing and de-installing work.

**Acceptance:** Artists will be notified by e-mail prior to September 15 and contacted to finalize all exhibition details. Proposals will not be returned to artists. TSKW will notify artists whose proposals were not selected via email. These proposals will be kept in the TSKW Sculpture Garden Exhibition Proposal waiting list file for one year.

Works remain the property of the artist, any inquiries regarding the sale of work will be forwarded to the artist or artists representative. Any sales realized as a direct result of a Sculpture Garden. Exhibition will be subject to An agreed upon commission will be charged for any sales realized as a direct result of a Sculpture Garden Exhibition.

TSKW staff will work with artists to determine placement of work within the garden and will retain the right of final placement decisions.

Proposals will be juried by The Studios of Key West Sculpture Garden Committee.

*The Studios of Key West is an arts community founded in 2007 at America's Southernmost town. We operate year-round cultural programming at the Historic Key West Armory. We encourage those interested in making a proposal to first consult our website ([www.tskw.org](http://www.tskw.org)), review our most recent season catalog, and gain an understanding of our facilities and operations.*



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