

# **BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport Announces Art Competition for Regional Artists**

## **Selected Images to be Reproduced and Displayed Within New D/E Connector**

Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport has created a new art competition to showcase the talent and creativity of regional artists.

Artists aged 18 and older that reside in Maryland or the District of Columbia are invited to submit digital images of their original artwork. Selected images will be reproduced and printed on large-scale fabric panels. The panels will be displayed in a new BWI Marshall Airport art exhibition space. As part of the large D/E Connector capital improvement program, BWI Marshall is establishing a new art gallery. The selected images will be presented within a 125-foot linear section of the D/E Connector in one of four separate exhibitions. Each exhibit will be in place for six months.

“We are committed to excellent customer service and to creating positive travel experiences for our customers,” said Ricky Smith, Chief Executive Officer for BWI Marshall Airport. “This new art gallery will feature quality images from artists throughout the region.”

BWI Marshall Airport recognizes the valuable role that art and architectural enhancements play in the airport experience. The airport incorporates a number of permanent and rotating exhibitions. High-quality sculptures, art glass installations, paintings, photographs, and other enhancements are featured throughout BWI Marshall facilities.

A five-member jury panel will select 28 total images from the entries to be displayed at BWI Marshall. Maryland First Lady Yumi Hogan is the chairperson of the BWI Marshall Airport art competition jury. The other panel members are: Jinchul Kim, Associate Professor of Art, Salisbury University; Rex Stevens, Chair, Drawing and General Fine Arts Department, Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA); Tony Shore, Chair, Painting Department, MICA; and Zoe Charlton, Art Department Chair, American University.

“It’s an honor to be chosen to serve on the jury panel for this important art competition,” said First Lady Hogan, an accomplished artist and adjunct professor at MICA. “The success of BWI Marshall Airport is Maryland’s success, and it is my hope that many talented artists take this opportunity to enhance our thriving airport through their works, and in turn, use their art to bring together countless cultures and communities.”

The jurors will consider any two-dimensional work of art, in reproducible format. Specific submission guidelines are available on the BWI Marshall Airport website—[www.bwiairport.com](http://www.bwiairport.com). Entries must be submitted by July 29, 2016.

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