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Call to Artists

Deadline January 31

SHOWTEL 8 **April 8-10, 2010**

Curated by Kara Walker-Tomé, Produced by ArtSite Projects

The most popular annual alternative art show in South Florida returns for its eighth annual expanded exhibition at Hotel Biba in West Palm Beach. Showtel is the only art exhibition of its kind, a brief show featuring cutting-edge site-specific installation and performance art in a hotel setting. In 2009 Showtel exceeded expectations with 2,000 people attending the one night show. In response to this success, the 2010 exhibition will expand to two nights for the public and host an additional "Showtel Preview Night." Proceeds from the preview event will support the inaugural Artist Support Fund, as stipends will be provided for the first time to artists selected for Showtel 8.

Submitting a Showtel Proposal: The curator favors site-specific installations that are highly aesthetic, conceptual, innovative and multi-sensory. Multi-media installations that include sound, video or performance are strongly encouraged.

Artists should study images from past Showtel exhibitions at artsiteprojects.org and images of the hotel at hotelbiba.com before creating and submitting a proposal.

Submission Requirements:

- 1) A single Word document containing the following information:
 - I. Name, contact information: email, web site address (if applicable), phone number.
 - II. Detailed written description of the concept and plan for the installation.
 - III. Detailed materials list with description of specific installation methods to be used (in relation to Installation Rules outlined below).
- 2) Preparatory sketch of overall room concept/plan (can be hand drawn and scanned if emailing)
- 3) Artist Resume (can be included in main word doc or as a separate doc).
- 4) Images of recent work (any medium is acceptable). Artist's web site preferred OR attach up to five images as LO-RES JPEGs or in a PDF format and include description of work (medium, size, date) for each.

Notes: If mailing the submission through the post, all documents and images must be printed out. **No disks.**

Artists may submit up to two concepts for consideration.

Installation Rules: Nothing can be permanently altered in the room in the process of installing the artwork: No nailing into main walls. No visible tacking holes on any walls or surfaces. No adhesives of any kind can be used on main walls or ceiling. No residue can be left on any surfaces. Furniture and objects can only be moved within the room. Nothing can be removed from or stored outside of the room.

Notes: In some cases the curator will make suggestions or provide possibilities for installation methods. The curator also might request changes to the proposed methods or materials to maintain the Installation Rules.

Artists are responsible for bringing all materials, including any AV equipment needed for their installations. Hotel rooms are not equipped with DVD players. Televisions are wall mounted flat screens.

Installation Schedule: Artists gain access to assigned room on Tuesday April 5th at 2:00 pm. Installing can take place between 8:00 am and 11:00 pm. Installations must be completed for viewing on Thursday, April 7th by 2:00 pm (*Preview event starts at 6:00 pm*).

Deinstalling: Take down must be completed on Sunday, April 11th by 2:00 pm. Artists must leave the room exactly as they found it and can only check out after a final check by the curator and/or select hotel staff.

Notes: Artists can stay over night at the hotel for a specially arranged reduced rate during installation or for show nights (per availability). *Further details provided to participating artists.*

Important Note: No artist's work is allowed to be for sale at Showtel.

Artist Stipends: Participating Showtel artists will receive a \$200 stipend from ArtSite Projects. There will also be an opportunity to equally split any sponsor contributions obtained directly by artists. *Further details provided to participating artists.*

Email Proposals to: proposals@artsiteprojects.org OR mail by post to ArtSite Projects, 1318 North J Terrace, Lake Worth, FL 33460.

Email the curator with any further questions at: kara@artsiteprojects.org

Proposals must be received by January 31. Selections made by February 8.

Note: Less than 1/3 of submissions received are selected for inclusion (max 20).

Additional Details – Schedule and Ticket Info: Showtel 8 will be open to the public Friday, April 9 and Saturday, April 10, from 6:00-10:00 pm. The Preview Night event will be Thursday, April 8 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

Tickets for Showtel will be available for the first time online and in advance. Ticket prices will be \$10 for basic entrance and \$15 for a ticket including valet parking and a complimentary drink. All ticket holders receive a Showtel Exhibition Guide.

Preview Night tickets will be \$30 and include valet, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, a curator walk-through of the show and the presence of all participating artists. Only 300 tickets will be sold for the Preview.

Artists will receive some comps for each night. *Further details provided to participating artists.*