

*The Fool's Journey is a collaboration between Curious Matter in Jersey City, NJ and Proteus Gowanus in Brooklyn, NY. The exhibition will be presented in two parts concurrently at Curious Matter and Proteus Gowanus. The curators will select the location for the artwork. The exhibition is a complement to the yearlong, multi-disciplinary inquiry hosted by Proteus Gowanus on the theme of Migration and will be exhibited in parallel to its Future Migration show, exploring where we may end up as we embark into the future. A catalogue will accompany The Fool's Journey.*

**OPEN CALL:  
THE FOOL'S JOURNEY**

**Entries Due:** March 1, 2012

**Exhibition dates:** April 1 – May 20, 2012 at Curious Matter & April 14 – July 1, 2012 at Proteus Gowanus

**Theme:** In the tarot The Fool symbolizes the beginning of a journey. He sets off to explore without knowing what lies ahead. He isn't a fool in the sense of a buffoon, rather one who proceeds on an adventure in spite of his lack of experience. To confront the unknown; the accumulation of knowledge; transformation from ignorance to wisdom; moving from one place to another, whether physical or psychical, are aspects of The Fool's Journey. We invite contemporary artists to submit work that intersects with the theme, and particularly encourage submissions that aren't necessarily literal or illustrative.

**Media/dimensions:** All media will be considered. Artworks must not exceed 24"(framed) in any direction for wall hung work. Small sculptural work and book arts particularly welcome, larger sculptures will be considered individually. Video artists may need to provide their own equipment.

**Eligibility:** All artists working in any media.

**Submissions:** (Please include all information. Late, incomplete, or weblink submissions will not be considered or responded to.)

1. Up to 5 images. Postal submissions should include 35mm slides or letter sized color printouts. Do not send original artwork. Digital file submissions will only be accepted via email and must be in JPEG or PDF format, resolution set to 72 dpi, no larger than 800 X 800 pixels and no larger than 2MB. Please number images to correspond to Image List.
2. Image list. Numbered to correspond with your image submissions. Include image #, your name, title, date of work, medium, size and price. You may include a brief description for each image, however this isn't required.
3. One page résumé. Please include a three-line bio, your contact information and an email address.
4. Artist's statement. No longer than 300 words.

**Fees:** NO FEE TO ENTER, accepted artists pay a nominal materials fee of \$35.

**Deadline:** Entries must be received no later than March 1, 2012.

**Return of Submission Materials:** Include a SASE if you want your materials to be returned. Make sure there is sufficient postage. Materials without postage will not be returned.

**Notification:** Accepted artists will be notified via email by March 5, 2012.

**NOTE:** Accepted artists must confirm their participation by March 6 and provide a print-quality digital image for the catalogue by March 9.

**Drop Off:** Drop off of accepted artwork will be March 24, noon to 2pm at Curious Matter. Mailed artwork must arrive by March 23 and include return shipping label/postage/etc.

**Pick Up:** Artists are responsible for pick up. Curious Matter pick up is May 26 noon to 2pm. Return of mailed artwork with return postage will begin on May 28. Proteus Gowanus pick up will be during the week of July 1, date/time to be announced.

**Email Submissions To:** [gallery@curiousmatter.org](mailto:gallery@curiousmatter.org)

**By Post:** Curious Matter, 272 Fifth Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

CURIOUS MATTER is an exhibition venue for contemporary visual art located in downtown Jersey City, NJ. Curious Matter strives to foster dialogue among artists at all career stages with a calendar of regular exhibitions. Our commitment extends to our audience as we endeavor to open a door to appreciating contemporary art in an atmosphere that encourages engagement and curiosity. Curious Matter is a non-profit organization, and a sponsored project of Fractured Atlas, a non-profit service organization.

PROTEUS GOWANUS is a gallery and reading room located on the Gowanus Canal in Brooklyn, NY. A collaborative project, the gallery develops exhibits of art, artifacts and books and hosts events that revolve around a yearlong theme linking the arts to other disciplines and to the community. Proteus Gowanus incorporates the rich and diverse cultural resources of several non-profit organizations into its exhibits and programming.



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