Original Artwork by Parents with Mental Health Challenges or the Children of Parents with Mental Health Challenges

Through the Looking Glass -- the National Center for Parents with Disabilities and their Families – offers a unique opportunity for artists who are parents with mental health challenges or the children of parents with mental health challenges. Such individuals are invited to send us original artwork concerning the lived experience of their family life.

The artwork will be displayed for consideration and purchase over the course of the Fourth Annual International Conference on Families with Parental Mental Health Challenges. The conference will be held at Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley – an International Center for People with Disabilities (see http://www.edrobertscampus.org) – April 25-27, 2014. Applicants should include a brief statement, three or four sentences in length, telling whether the artist is a parent or the child of a parent with mental health challenges, and what type of mental health challenge specifically, as well as one thing the artist wants people to understand about families where a parent has a mental health challenge.

DISPLAY, USE AND SALE:

- Artwork and written statements will be displayed at our facilities during the conference, on our website and possibly in future publications.
- Any artwork or writing used will credit the artist by name, unless anonymity is requested.
- The artwork will be displayed for sale over the course of the conference, priced at a minimum of, exact price to be determined after acceptance for display.
- No more than 15 pieces will be accepted.
- Half of the proceeds will go directly to the artist, the other half will be a fundraiser for the TLG’s Legal Program.
- Artwork that is not purchased over the course of the conference will be returned to the artist.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Artists must be at least 10 at the time of submission and willing to be present the first evening of the conference for a reception and available to discuss their work informally.
- The individual must be a parent or the child of a parent with mental health involvement. The specific type of involvement includes a wide range of conditions including but not limited to schizophrenia, bi-polar, depression, panic disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder and posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD).
- Only two submissions per artist.

Please read and complete all four steps below: Entry Form, Consent Form, Artwork and Written Statement.

All materials must be submitted and postmarked by Tuesday, March 25, 2014.
# PART 1 of 4. ENTRY FORM

Please fill out this information as completely and as legibly as possible.

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Please tell us whether you are a parent with mental health challenges or the child of one and what the mental health challenge is. If both you and your parent have mental health challenges, please tell us that.

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How did you hear about this artwork project?

- Internet
- Email notice
- Disability organization or agency
- Parent or relative
- Friend or Neighbor
- Newspaper article or story
- Other __________________________________________________________
PART 2 of 4. CONSENT FORM

Please read the following consent form. Artists must sign the Consent Form and include this when mailing your complete artwork submission to Through the Looking Glass. Minors need parent signature, too.

ALL ARTISTS MUST COMPLETE THIS

I am the primary person responsible for creating my artwork and writing.

I release to Through the Looking Glass the right to use my artwork and written statement submitted in this application for Through the Looking Glass publications, website as well as public display. My artwork and statement will be identified only by my name.

I request that my name not be identified

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Your Name (Print or Type)

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Your Signature                                          Date

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Your parent or guardian’s signature if a minor               Date

If you have questions, please email us at tlg@lookingglass.org. Include “ARTWORK” in subject line. We will not be able to answer phone calls regarding this project.
PART 3 of 4. ARTWORK

✓ 2D artwork can’t exceed 12” x 12”, easel must be provided for display and canvas edges must be painted if no frame is used. Photographs must be framed under glass.

✓ Sculptures can’t exceed 12” x 12”, artist must provide bases/stands for 3D entries.

✓ Computer generated artwork will be accepted, but only in hard copy form.

✓ Please send or deliver the 2D artwork to us in a flat envelope with cardboard underneath and on top to protect. For 3D artwork, please box and properly insulate before sending or delivering to us.

✓ We will notify artists of which submissions were accepted by April 15th. Artists are responsible for picking up their artwork if not accepted or not sold, no later than May 1st, 2014.

PART 4 of 4. WRITTEN STATEMENT

Please also include a brief statement, one or two sentences in length, telling one thing the artist wants people to understand about families who have parents with disabilities.

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PLEASE NOTE: All materials (entry form, consent form, artwork and written statement) must be included in one envelope and postmarked by March 25, 2014.

MAIL TO:
Artwork
Through the Looking Glass
3075 Adeline Street, Suite 120
Berkeley, CA 94703