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## CALL FOR ARTISTS

**Precious Frogs: Art Exhibition**

**TELUS World of Science, Vancouver**

**September 29 - December 15, 2017**

**Meet the Artists Opening reception: Tuesday, October 3, 6 - 8 pm**

**Project Description:** The **Precious Frogs project** led by the Oregon Spotted Frog Recovery Team will be hosting a three-month long interactive art exhibition in Vancouver at TELUS World of Science during the fall 2017 to build awareness on the state of amphibians in British Columbia. The exhibition will integrate art and conservation by showcasing a variety of visual and media art pieces combined with scientific and educational information on the challenges faced by amphibians in our province.

This volunteer-run project aims to promote awareness and raise funds for the long-term conservation of our native amphibians.

**Eligibility and Theme:** We invite professional and emerging artists and art students to create art that celebrates amphibians and their environments in British Columbia.

How can art combat threats to amphibian survival including habitat loss, pollution, invasive species, and disease? Submit your most convincing piece. Your work will support the Oregon Spotted Frog Recovery Team's efforts to conserve amphibians in British Columbia.

**Submission Sizes:** On the surface of your choice, paint, draw, print, sculpt, design, and/or photograph British Columbia's frogs, toads, and salamanders. We are looking for donations of artwork for sale at the exhibit, proceeds to support amphibian recovery. We encourage small pieces (for example: 5x7, 6x4, 8x8, 8x10 inches or other small size you enjoy working in) or small sculptures to ensure accessibility for all artists. Larger pieces of art and installations for display are also welcome, depending on exhibit space requirements. With each entry, include name, address, phone, email, and a short biography.

#### **Submission Details:**

- (1) Email digital images of your artwork (no bigger than 1 MB) to: Isabelle Groc, Oregon Spotted Frog Recovery Team, [info@preciousfrog.ca](mailto:info@preciousfrog.ca)
- (2) Deliver/mail original artwork: Arrangements will be made with individual artists. Deadline for acceptance: **September 6, 2017.**
- (3) Your piece must be ready for public display: If on paper, please submit it on a piece of foam core the same size as the artwork; if your piece needs framing, please deliver the piece framed; if your piece is on canvas, please make sure the canvas has the right wire on the back.

**Fundraising for amphibian awareness:** Because this is a fundraising effort, the Oregon Spotted Frog Recovery Team requests that the submitted artwork, with some exceptions, be donated for sale at the exhibition. Artwork will be sold at accessible, standardized prices (\$20 - \$50) for small works. Larger pieces will be sold at prices recommended by the artist. Proceeds from sales of artwork will be donated to the Precious Frog Program, and will contribute to recovery of amphibians in BC. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Amphibian Survival Alliance. Unsold art may travel to other cities at later dates. Artists who do not wish to donate their pieces to the Oregon Spotted Frog Recovery Team for sale at the exhibition should clearly indicate so when submitting. The pieces will be for display only.

**What is happening to our amphibians?** Amphibians serve an important role in ecosystems and are particularly sensitive to changes in the environment that ultimately affect us all. A variety of threats including habitat degradation, loss of wetlands, road mortality, and emerging diseases are causing amphibian population declines both globally and in British Columbia. [Twenty species of native amphibians](#) (frogs, toads, and salamanders) live in the province. Half are of conservation concern. For example the Oregon Spotted Frog is Canada's most endangered amphibian, with fewer than 500 breeding females in the wild.

**About the Canadian Oregon Spotted Frog Recovery Team:** The OSFRT is a diverse group of biologists and land managers that coordinates efforts to assess, conserve, manage and recover Oregon Spotted Frogs in Canada. For the Precious Frogs project, the Team collaborates with the Disappearing Frogs Project, a North Carolina initiative that uses interactive art installations to raise awareness on amphibians worldwide.

To learn more about British Columbia's amphibians, status, and threats, and find sources of inspiration for your artwork, please visit the Oregon Spotted Frog Recovery Team's website: <https://www.preciousfrog.ca>

**About Science World:** Science World at Telus World of Science is a science centre located in Vancouver, British Columbia. It features many permanent interactive exhibits and displays, with a mission to engage British Columbians in science and to inspire future science and technology leadership throughout the province. For more information: <https://www.scienceworld.ca>

**Questions:** Contact Isabelle Groc - [info@preciousfrog.ca](mailto:info@preciousfrog.ca)

**Project updates:** [Precious Frog website](#) and [Facebook page](#).