

artbankSA submissions are now open

Submissions for the Art Bank of South Africa (artbankSA) are officially open. Every year, South African artists are invited to submit their contemporary artwork to be considered as additions to artbankSA's permanent collection.



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The artbankSA is tasked with purchasing artworks from South African artists, particularly that of emerging artists in order to lease and sell the artworks to South African government departments, private companies and private individuals. It is a national programme of the Department of Arts and Culture as part of the Mzansi Golden Economy (MGE) strategy implementation and is hosted by the National Museum Bloemfontein, an agency of the Department of Arts and Culture. The vision of the artbankSA is to promote, foster and stimulate a vibrant market for the collection of South African contemporary visual art.

Submissions may be sent via email or post. Artists are required to meet the following criteria:

- A detailed submission form is required for each submission. Submission forms can be found on the Art Bank of South Africa Facebook page and the National Museum Bloemfontein website www.nasmus.co.za
- Artists may submit a maximum of five original artworks for consideration.
- Artwork can be submitted in any medium.
- Artwork must have been created by the artist after September 2018.
- Artwork must be of superior quality and representative of South African contemporary art.
- The artist/artist representative will be required to register on the Central Database System (CSD) and be SARS tax compliant.

The nine-member acquisitions committee will oversee the selection process; approve and make recommendations of artworks for purchase. The deadline for submissions is 12pm on Friday, 12 July 2019. All completed submissions must be emailed to or posted for ATT: ArtbankSA, National Museum Bloemfontein, 36 Aliwal Street, Bloemfontein, 9300. Queries must be submitted in writing to the .

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