

CALL FOR ARTISTS

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A Youth Showcase of Art Inspired by Historic Women of the SouthCoast

Presented by The New Bedford Whaling Museum and the YWCA



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Young artists are invited to ignite interest in the impact of women from the region through original art projects. *Lighting the Way: Historic Women of the SouthCoast* is a project that is unearthing remarkable stories of women who have shaped their communities. Many extraordinary women have been profiled as part of the project. Original works of art are being solicited that highlight the themes, accomplishments, or stories amplified through these profiles. Projects that focus on the anniversary of the 19th Amendment, honor the unfinished legacy of the women's suffrage movement, or highlight women who were civically engaged are especially encouraged.

Art that is chosen to be a part of the *Ignite* showcase will be exhibited or performed at a showcase at the Whaling Museum on March 12, 2020, 6-8 p.m. All pieces included in the showcase will be eligible for a cash award based on their relevance, creativity, and originality. Award winners will be announced after the showcase.

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What is Lighting the Way?** *Lighting the Way: Historic Women of SouthCoast* explores the historical impact of women from the region and is unearthing remarkable stories of women who have shaped their SouthCoast communities.
- 2. Who can participate in Ignite: A Showcase of Art Inspired by Historic Women of the SouthCoast?** Any young adults aged 12 to 22.
- 3. Will I get my artwork back?** Yes. You will receive it back. The Whaling Museum and YMCA will not assume ownership of your piece.
- 4. Will my name be displayed on the piece?** If you choose, you will be given credit for your piece. However, if you choose to be anonymous, you can do that as well.

How to Participate

If you are between the ages of 12 and 22 and would like to participate, follow these steps:

1. Visit www.historicwomensouthcoast.org and read through the published profiles.
2. Choose one profile to be your inspiration.
3. Attend a workshop on January 29 at the Whaling Museum and receive guidance on the history of the project and the significance of the women profiled. (OPTIONAL)
4. Attend a workshop on February 17 at the Whaling Museum on different types of artwork and how to interpret concepts through art. (OPTIONAL)
5. Create an original piece of art and submit your entry by going to <http://bit.ly/LTWIGNITE> by **February 23, 2020**.
6. If your piece is selected to be exhibited/performed at the Ignite showcase, you'll be notified by **March 2, 2020**.
7. Bring your submission to the Whaling Museum on **March 12** for the showcase.

Submissions must include the following:

- Completed submission form at <http://bit.ly/LTWIGNITE>
- Artist Statement (2 or 3 paragraphs describing yourself, your approach to the project, and how your artwork connects to the profile selected)
- **Your artwork:**
 - If it is the written word, submit the piece in a word or pdf file.
 - If it is a video, upload the video to the internet and share the URL.
 - If it is a drawing, painting, collage, textile, photography-based piece, sculpture, or other multi-dimensional piece, submit 2-3 photos of the artwork.

Important Dates

January 29: Free workshop to learn about the history of *Lighting the Way* and the women profiled in the project
Optional

February 17: Free workshop to learn how to interpret themes into different forms of art
Optional

Registration required to the email listed below

February 23: Submission deadline for all entries

March 2: Artists selected to be included in the showcase are notified

March 12: Ignite showcase takes place at the New Bedford Whaling Museum

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