

## Selection Criteria

1. Quality of art work as presented, preferably in slide format, which documents the artist's work. Drawings or other visual materials may be substituted for slides if necessary, e.g., cd-rom, jpeg disks.
2. Clear and concise presentation of proposal.
3. Willingness to be responsive to the Committee and the Community.

## How To Apply

(The following materials must be submitted in triplicate (except slides) or cd-rom, jpeg file disks.) All materials must be labeled with the artist's name, address, and telephone number. All materials need to be in a format that is easily photocopied for distribution to jurors (8 1/2 " x 11" or 14"). Materials will be returned upon request (SASE).

1. Resume of the Artist includes description of previous commissioned art work, if any.
2. Drawings, sketches, and detailed written description of the proposed art work, including qualities, materials, and dimensions.
3. No more than 10 slides representing the artist's work. Teams may submit 5 slides per member. Please submit slides in a slide sheet. Each slide must be labeled with name and phone number.

## Eligibility

All artists who reside in the United States may apply. The DVFSM Committee promotes equal opportunity and shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, nationality, or the presence of any disability.

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# Call For Artists

## The Denmark Vesey & The Spirit of Freedom Monument

The Denmark Vesey & The Spirit of Freedom Monument (DVFSM) Committee desires to create a Monument to recognize the tenacity and vitality of the spirit of freedom among African-Americans in the Carolina Low Country embodied in the efforts of Denmark Vesey and a number of enslaved Americans to liberate themselves from antebellum slavery. Denmark Vesey is best remembered as the planner of a Charleston rebellion of 1822 which led to the establishment of a military garrison to thwart future slave rebellions by enslaved people.

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## Description of Artist Opportunity

An artist commission will be awarded to develop, create and install a site-specific monument in an urban Victorian park setting where trees create a cathedral like quality and sense of enclosure for the space. One suggested proposal is a monument consisting of three figures; however, artists wishing to propose other concepts are encouraged. The neighborhood is separated from the park by an oval interior roadway and wooded lawns stretching to the bordering streets. This neighborhood, Hampton Park Terrace, features a number of architectural styles including Victorian, Moorish, Charleston single houses, Arts and Crafts bungalows, and vernacular Freedmen's cottages. Westside, an adjacent neighborhood, traversed by Ashley Avenue which leads into Hampton Park, was the location of the legendary "hanging tree."

## Artist Commission

A final budget of \$150,000.00. will be awarded. The commission will include all costs associated with the work of art and an appropriate base, including design work, models, drawings, materials, execution, crating, shipping, insurance, permits, and taxes (liability insurance while working on-site and insurance while work is under construction and during delivery), installation, lighting, photography of the completed work, the artist's travel and fees, a small percentage for contingency and maintenance. A local architectural firm, would design the project base and landscape surround in consultation with the artist.

## Description of Site

The site, located in Hampton Park (Charleston, S.C.), adjacent to The Citadel, the Military College of South Carolina, is at the convergence of South and Center axial paths behind the bandstand.

## Selection Process

A jury appointed by the DVFSM Committee will review all applications and select (3) semi-finalists for proposal development. A fee of \$500.00 will be provided for this work. Semifinalists will present their proposals in public meetings to the community and the jury. A final selection will be made by the jury based on this review.

Coastal Peninsular Charleston, South Carolina, environment is one of wind, salt air, heat and humidity, and sun exposure. The installation in the Hampton Park setting should be considered permanent.

**Deadline** All applications must be received by \_\_\_\_\_ at 5:00 p.m.

Materials should be sent to:

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Questions may be directed to Curtis Franks (843) 953-7610  
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Applicants will be notified by US mail of the final selection.