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Call for Participation: *Future Masters 2021*

The Nova Scotia Masterworks Award Foundation is inviting applications for participation from emerging creators **between the ages of 17 and 24** to participate in a seven week multidisciplinary arts mentorship program taking place from February 13th to March 27th, 2021.

Future Masters 2021 will offer mentorship to support the professional growth of **eight** young artists in Nova Scotia/Mi'kma'ki. The program will pair participating emerging artists with established professionals from the Masterworks community who work in a similar discipline. Aimed at supporting the next generation of Nova Scotian creators, participants will have the opportunity to build enduring relationships with local arts professionals and fellow participants while developing an artistic project. **All meetings and events will take place online.**

Over seven weeks, the mentor will support the development of a new or unfinished work by the participant, meeting with them three times over the course of the program. The participant will learn how to pitch their project, garner new strategies for moving through a development process, and gain practice presenting and discussing in-process work. The intention of the program is to provide professional feedback and direction to young artists creating new projects, not to create a finished work. Please note that eligible projects can either be brand new works or those already in development.

Applicants must be available to attend the meet and greet (February 13th), the pitch session (February 20th) and the final presentation (March 27th) and make time to meet with their mentor three times during the program.

To apply, you must be a Nova Scotian creator aged 17 - 24 with an active practice in any creative medium. Masterworks welcomes applications from artists who identify as BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour), LGBTQ2SIA+, and/or artists from rural areas of Nova Scotia. Special consideration will be given to applicants from these communities. **All participants will receive a small honorarium and materials budget, if required.**

To apply, please include the following in an email to futuremasters.ns@gmail.com, with the subject heading "Future Masters 2021 - Your Name":

- Given / Preferred Name, Home Address, Phone Number and Email
- Name and Phone number of Parent or Guardian, if under 18
- Brief description of your artistic practice (25 words maximum)

- A written proposal for your project (500 words maximum) OR a link to a YouTube or Vimeo video that describes your proposal for the work (five minutes maximum).
- A list of materials your project will require, if any

Submission Deadline: Friday, February 5th, 2021

Successful applicants will be contacted by Tuesday, February 9th to confirm attendance.

The Future Masters program is made possible through the generous sponsorship of Scotiabank. The Nova Scotia Masterworks Awards Foundation is proud to work with Scotiabank to support the creative development of youth and to foster the next generation of Nova Scotian artists.

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