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**CHARLOTTE STREET ANNOUNCES FIRST TIME EVER OPEN APPLICATION
FOR 2011 CHARLOTTE STREET VISUAL ARTIST AWARDS!
DEADLINE NOVEMBER 1, 2010**

For the first time in history, Charlotte Street Foundation is inviting applications from all eligible artists wishing to be considered for the 2011 Charlotte Street Visual Artist Awards, which recognize and support outstanding artists based in Kansas City with unrestricted cash grants, an exhibition of their work, and related exposure. (Previously, consideration has been given only to artists nominated by a panel of Awards Advisors and Community Nominators.)

Deadline for applications is November 1, 2010.

It is expected that three awards of \$10,000 will be distributed in 2011. The 2011 Charlotte Street Visual Artist Awards Exhibition will be hosted by the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Johnson County Community College, Overland Park Kansas, in fall 2011.

Launched in 1997, the Charlotte Street Visual Artist Awards seek to foster the continued creative and professional development of the selected artists, provide the means for them to further focus on and develop their work, and increase exposure for their accomplishments. Through its Awards programs (Awards to Generative Performing Artists were launched in 2008), Charlotte Street seeks to contribute to the vitality of Kansas City's art community and to enhance Kansas City's desirability as a place for artists to work and live. To date, Charlotte Street Foundation has now recognized 78 Kansas City based artists with unrestricted cash Awards, with a total of \$490,500 in unrestricted cash grants distributed directly to artists.

The 2011 Visual Artist Awards Selection Panel responsible for choosing the recipients will be comprised of: Michael Rooks, Wieland Family Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art at the High Museum of Art, Atlanta; Kris Kiramatsu, independent curator based in Los Angeles/curator for the Collection of Eileen Harris Norton; Stacy Switzer, Artistic Director, Grand Arts, Kansas City, MO; Chris Cook, Director/Curator, Salina Art Center, Salina, KS; Jeremy Mikolajczak, Gallery Director/Curator, University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO.

Submissions will be considered by the Awards Selection Panel through a two-phased process, culminating with in-person studio visits to a short-list of semi-finalists on February 2 & 3, 2011.

“We are always looking at what we do at Charlotte Street with a questioning eye,” said Founder/Director David Hughes. “With our new process, we hope to both broaden our reach into the arts community with as wide a range of applications as possible - but also, through studio visits to the finalists, deepen our discussion and conversations between panelists and the final artists under consideration.”

Awards recipients are selected based on the quality of their work as evidenced in submitted materials. Consideration is given to accomplishments to date, as well as promise for continued development; relevance of work in relation to local, regional and national contemporary art discourses and to the contemporary moment and culture in which we are living; and the potential for the artists’ work to “stand up” nationally, influence the field, and have lasting value.

To be eligible, applicants must: Be a visual artist who has resided (not just worked or maintained studio space) in the five-country Metropolitan Kansas City area (Jackson, Clay, Platte, Wyandotte, Johnson counties) since at least November 1, 2009; Be 21 years of age or older as of November 1, 2010; If applicable, have graduated from undergraduate school prior to June 30, 2009 (note, applicants need not have attended college); Not be a full-time student or plan to be a full time student during the period November 1, 2010-June 30, 2011.

Applications are now being accepted through www.Callforentries.org. Artists may visit www.charlottestreet.org for a link to the online application, or go directly to the following link to apply: https://www.callforentry.org/festivals_unique_info.php?ID=607&sortby=fair_name&apply=yes

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