

# CALL-FOR-ENTRIES: SEEKING ART BARGAIN BASEMENT

In Co-operation with Co-Prosperity Sphere and the Select

Artists, need **CASH??** Do you have surplus **ART??** Clear out your studios and make way for new work while earning extra cash to continue your practice -- the Seeking Art Bargain Basement is back!

Originally located in a booth at Version Festival's NFO XPO in April 2009, this experimental art space is returning, this time in the storefront at Co-Prosperity Sphere. The Bargain Basement will have a grand re-opening on November 20th to coincide with the Select Media Festival and will remain open throughout the month for the holiday season.

Bargain basements first appeared in 1909 as an effort by department stores to move unwanted merchandise. Selling surplus goods at discounted prices cleared the way for new products, catered to the consumer's desire to acquire hidden gems for less than their worth, and allowed lower-income shoppers to participate in the trendy new world of mass-produced goods. To celebrate the 100th anniversary, the Seeking Art Bargain Basement is applying the same economic and psychological principals to the art market, uniting artists' leftover work with shoppers seeking affordable art. Unlike the products at Robb Pruitt's "Flea Market" or Martha Rosler's "Garage Sale," the items at the Bargain Basement will be new, with the artists themselves determining the value of selling the work. All works will be accepted, inviting the viewer to participate in the process of discovery and the purchaser to determine what is of value as an art piece to them. All proceeds go directly to the artist.

In a world of simultaneous surplus and exclusion, the Bargain Basement seeks to raise issues inherent in today's art market including the accessibility of art, the practice of limiting dispersal to drive up value, the economy of art objects (and art non-objects), the speculative nature of the art market, and whether there is a stigma for artists to exhibit or sell in certain venues.

*The Seeking Art Bargain Basement is a project by Hui-min Tsen.*

*Past participants consisted of over 30 national and international artists including Alice Bradshaw, Sarah Bishop, Lisa Bulawsky, Helen Maurene Cooper, Alex Dean, Jonny Detiger, Rose DiSalvo, Alice Evans, Ellen Ferrin, Peter Hoffman, Amanda Innis, James Kao, Julia Klein, Jamie Kreher, Alex Lee, Lemeh 42 (Michele Santini & Lorenza Paolini), Johannah Silva, Wen-ti Tsen, Dan S. Wang, Philip von Zweck, and more.*



## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

Each work must be priced by the artist between \$0 and \$200 with all proceeds from the sale going directly to the artist. There is no entry fee for submissions, but all mailed entries must include return postage. Proceeds from sales will be sent back with any unsold work. All mediums are accepted (framed or unframed) including sketches, multiples, prints, posters, books, partial editions, unfinished series, rough drafts, remnants and documentation, artists proofs, paintings, sculptures, etc. Multiple submission accepted from each artist. A TV and VCR will be on site for screening audio and visual submissions.

All submissions should include the name of the piece, series (if applicable), email or website of the artist, year, and price. If you are willing to accept offers on a lower price, include a note with the lowest price you are willing to accept. Please include protective sleeves and cardboard whenever possible, to help insure work does not get damaged during the show.

**All work must be received before November 13th, 2009**

Contact [huimintsen@gmail.com](mailto:huimintsen@gmail.com) with questions.

## ENTRY FORM

**Mail entries with SASE to:**

Seeking Art  
c/o Hui-min Tsen  
7314 N. Bell Ave  
Chicago, IL USA

**Chicago drop-off locations:**

**South:** Co-Prosperity Sphere  
(3219-21 South Morgan Street)  
Friday, Nov. 13th, 2pm to 7pm  
Sat., Nov. 14th, Noon to 5pm  
Sunday, Nov. 15th, noon to 7

**North:** 7314 N. Bell Ave,  
Chicago

Wed., Nov. 11th, 10am to 10pm

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dollars \$ \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Bought by: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>CASH RECEIPT</b>	Name _____	Website/email _____	Price _____	Name of Piece _____	Name of Series _____	Year _____
	Address _____					
	SOLD BY _____		HOW PAID			
	DATE SOLD _____	BALANCE _____	CASH _____	CHECK _____	MONEY ORDER <input type="checkbox"/>	CREDIT CARD <input type="checkbox"/>

**SEEKING ART BARGAIN BASEMENT**  
Opening November 20th  
Co-Prosperity Sphere, Chicago, IL  
Seeking Art at Bargain Prices! Up to 90% off!

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