



Ullus Art Exhibition: "K'wansixmentem i? sckl'y'tet - Showing our Artwork", Photo by Mariel Belanger

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

“Kwu swinumpt - We are Beautiful”

The Okanagan song is one of the first songs one learns as a syilx singer and/ or drummer. It is an honor song that was composed for the Syilx nation as a reminder that we are beautiful, because of who we are and because of our land.

Okanagan Song

“aʔi kwu swiwi numpta,
aʔi kwu suqnaqin,
aʔi axa intmx^wulax^w”

When translated into English, it is not meant to be interpreted as English is spoken, from left to right, word by word. The translation is meant to remind us to look deeper into what makes us beautiful and is not meant to display arrogance or vanity. So when we interpret the song as it was meant to be, this is what it says.

Okanagan Song

(translated)

“Because of our land,
because we are Okanagan
we are beautiful”

The Ullus Collective is curating an arts exhibition “kwu swinumpt—we are beautiful” to recognize the beauty that is okanagan, to honor the beauty of our land and to remind us that what it means to be beautiful.

We are seeking submissions of existing artworks by Indigenous Artists that represent the message of beauty, showcase the Okanagan, the land and/ or the Syilx people.

We are accepting the following submissions:

- Syilx/ Traditional Arts;
- Visual Arts;
- Media/ New Media;
- Textile Arts/ Artisans &
- Literary Arts;

Curated by Artistic Director, Victoria Jaenig, this call for submissions opens to Ullus Artists on February 15, 2019 and closes at 5:00 PM on March 15, 2019.

For more information on becoming an Ullus Artist and/ or to request submission pkg please contact Exhibition Curator Victoria Jaenig at ulluscollective@gmail.com or visit our website: www.ulluscollective.com