

City of Newburgh

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Jury Chosen to Select Art for Entryway of New Courthouse

The jury has been formed to select the artwork for the entryway of the newly-renovated Newburgh City courthouse at the former Broadway School site, in accordance with the Percent for Art Ordinance that was passed by the City Council last year. The jury is representative of various groups including those who will work in the courthouse, have been involved in the renovation, and/or the discovery of an African-American burial ground on-site, as well as those with art expertise.

The jury for the selection of the artwork includes:

- Garin Baker, artist, Newburgh Arts and Culture Commission representative
- Tomme Berg., Esq., Unified Court System, courthouse staff representative
- Max Hernandez-Calvo, Education Director, DIA Beacon
- Pamela Krizek, Member of the Commemoration Sub-committee and Spirituality Sub-committee of the Courthouse Burial Ground Working Group
- Victor Mirabelli, artist, Newburgh representative
- Yanyiah Pearson, Director, Department of Human Services, City of Newburgh
- Judge B. Harald Ramsey, Newburgh City Court
- Virginia Walsh, Director, Ann Street Gallery
- Andrew Warren, David Wieboldt Architects, Courthouse renovation architects
- Kevin White, President and Founder, Performing Arts Academy, Newburgh Representative

A member of the city council is also expected to participate.

Martha Zola, Director of Cultural and Economic Development, stated, “We know that these jurors will be fair and professional in working with each other on making decisions. Jurors will be using a structured, three-round assessment and scoring approach that leads to the top three submissions.”

The public is invited to view all submissions at the Ritz Theater, 111 Broadway, Thursday, January 8, from 6- 8 pm, and Friday, January 9 from 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. During the viewing, the public is encouraged to leave reactions and comments in log books provided for that purpose. The judging will take place after the viewing on Friday,

and jurors will be instructed to review public comments and consider them in deliberations. The jury will be presenting their recommendations to City Council for final approval.