

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Framing Harper: A National Portrait Contest

Since Stephen Harper cancelled the National Portrait Gallery, we decided to create our own in his honour. We're inviting artists to submit their portrait of Canada's Prime Minister for inclusion in the Stephen Harper Portrait Gallery, and their chance to win (minor) fame and riches!

The Conservative Party has made many, many cuts to the arts, so we'll be looking for portraits that best embody Stephen Harper's commitment, or lack thereof, to the arts and culture in Canada.

The contest will be judged by a jury including former Canadian Heritage Minister Sheila Copps and West Coast visual artist George Littlechild.

Our favourite entry will win a minimum of \$1000! Runners-up will also win loot, with other prizes to be announced shortly.

There is no entry fee, and we encourage everyone to participate. Selected works will be put on display in an exhibition in Ottawa and Montreal with possible shows to follow in other Canadian cities.

Submission guidelines

You may create your portrait using any media. Oil paint, video, soapstone, sound, macaroni and pipe cleaners... anything goes.

Please send the following to contest@artthreat.net:

- Your name, email and postal address, and phone number.
- Either a link to your work or an attachment (2MB max — contact us for larger files).
- If your piece isn't digital, snap some photos and send those to us instead.
- A written statement and a brief bio.

The deadline is January 31, 2009. There is no entry fee. and no limit on the number of works you may submit.

The contest is open to all Canadian residents except employees of the federal government, who are not only eligible but are especially encouraged to enter. Submissions from non-Canadians actually interested in our politics are also welcome.

For more information visit artthreat.net/framingharper