Call for Submissions:

The Present Group is a quarterly art subscription service. Every year TPG subscribers receive four limited edition works from four different contemporary artists. Each work is accompanied by information to help them gain insight into the piece, its creator, and recurring themes in the contemporary art world.

What are we looking for?

Proposals for projects that are reproducible in intent or that results in multiple art pieces. Each piece can be a limited edition, an artist multiple, or either a part of or a document of a larger work. Our current edition numbers are under 100. We choose based on the piece’s Visual, Conceptual, and/or Experiential interest.

Appreciation for Selected Artists:

• $500 (This is an honorarium; this does not go toward the making of the pieces)
• 4 of the produced work for your own collection or to sell on your own.
• All the contextual information we create for your piece, including artist info, critiques, and video will remain free on-line as long as TPG exist

Our Agreement:

We are here to be at your service, we will try to assist you as much as possible and will look for your approval every step of the way. We do request timely correspondence so that we will be able to maintain your vision and stick to our quarterly schedule.

The project will be made exclusively through The Present Group. We understand that similar themes and images may be used throughout your other work, however you agree not to create the exact project in the same form again.

If chosen, you will be asked for an artist statement, and for some or all of the following: to be interviewed, to provide information to someone writing a piece about you or your work, to be videotaped during a studio tour or lecture, interview, etc.

Do you have to make them all yourself?

No. You don’t have to be able to physically make them all yourself, unless, of course, your proposal calls for it in its concept. We’ll work with you to have them made, or help you make them.

How does it work?

We can’t give you a definite answer here, as every piece and every person will be different. But in general, we work with you to get the project made. We put up the money for the work. We will find vendors, organize labor, figure out methods of making these things. If your project requires your hand to print/produce every one of them, we will try to work out some compensation for your time.

Submission Guidelines:

Your proposal should include:

• Contact Information: Name, Address, Phone Number, E-mail, Website
• Project Proposal:
  1. What you want to do.
  2. How this work will relate to/expand on current themes in your work
  3. Anything (sketches, photos of similar works) to help explain your idea.
• Links to Artist Resume, Statement, Work Samples

Deadline:

The Present Group has a rolling submissions policy and reviews proposals four times a year.

Via Email:

submit@thepresentgroup.com

Include all of your contact information in the body of your email. Your proposal can be included in the body, attached or linked. We much prefer links to web sites or files. If you must use attachments, limit it to three. We will not open more. We prefer .PDFs or .JPGs. We will not accept attached video.

Via Snail Mail:

The Present Group
Attn: Submission
593 8th Street #3
Oakland, CA 94607

Send us anything you feel will help us understand your background and/or proposal. We will accept any form of media. If you’d like your sample material returned please include a SASE with proper postage.