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(re)defining downtown a call for artists

gallery aia announces a call to artists for a new exhibition, **(re)defining downtown**, to be held from April 4 through May #, 2008. The opening celebration will be held at 6:00pm on Friday, April 4 and will coincide with the announcement of AIA Tampa Bay's plans for the new AIA Center at the historic Federal Courthouse in downtown Tampa. The exhibition will celebrate the rebirth of both the courthouse and downtown as a whole. Artists are invited to submit works regarding this subject in any medium. Works submitted must be able to be displayed on the wall or on a 12"x12" podium. Overly large pieces will be automatically disqualified. It is preferred, but not required, that pieces be for sale and priced with the intent to sell. The curators of **gallery aia** reserve the right to disqualify pieces from display in the exhibition if they are considered offensive or inappropriate.

background:

AIA Tampa Bay is in the process of reviving the Federal Courthouse into the future AIA Center . The mission of the AIA Center is to be a place to learn, share, honor, advocate and collaborate - to improve the quality and appreciation of the built environment. The exhibition aims to highlight the unique features of the Federal Courthouse that make the building a landmark in downtown Tampa as well as the unique place the courthouse occupies in the past, present, and future of downtown Tampa.

historic federal courthouse:

Designed by James Knox Taylor, Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department, the Federal building (originally serving as a U.S. Post Office) was completed in 1905 and has since served as a focal point in Downtown Tampa. As the oldest Federal building in Tampa, the structure's monumental design is an example of secular architecture in the early 20th Century.

timeline:

monday, february 25	call for artists released
friday, march 14	deadline for submitting artist's bio and statement
friday, march 28	deadline for submitting pieces at gallery aia
friday, april 4	opening celebration and aia center press conference
monday, may 6	pieces may be picked up from gallery aia