

CALL for PROPOSALS

Cleveland Stories: true until proven otherwise

The Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative (CUDC) and the Cleveland Institute of Art (CIA) announce an open call for artists, urban designers and community activists to participate in a new year-long project, *Cleveland Stories: true until proven otherwise*.

Cleveland Stories is a multi-faceted project that includes:

- a published collection of stories (historical, fictional, and somewhere in between) that correlate with particular places in the Cleveland, Ohio;
- an exhibition of temporary urban design interventions for Cleveland neighborhoods; and
- a series of neighborhood-based temporary installations that bring Cleveland's stories to life and make them legible in the urban environment.

We're looking for:

- historians and story tellers who can tell us about lesser-known aspects of Cleveland's history-- particularly stories that are about a specific place in the city
- creative writers who can invent a useful fiction for a Cleveland neighborhood and convince us of this alternate reality
- artists and urban designers who can translate a story into an idea for an event, installation, or temporary intervention in the Cleveland neighborhood where the story takes place
- fabricators and community activists who will help us take the best ideas and implement them on the ground in Cleveland neighborhoods

We are offering:

- publication of the best historical narratives, semi-fictional stories, and outright fabrications in *Urban Infill: Volume 4 | Cleveland Stories: true until proven otherwise*;
- free copies of the journal for all contributors
- exhibition of your drawings, models, films, and other materials that tell a story about a Cleveland place at the Cleveland Institute of Art's Reinberger Galleries in April 2010
- (modest) financial support for events, installations, and other interventions that take a story and make it legible and real in a Cleveland neighborhood

What to do (and when)

- Send us your factual or fictional stories anytime between now and March 14, 2011. Mail to Cleveland Stories, 1309 Euclid Avenue, Suite 200, Cleveland 44115. Email to stories@popupcleveland.com.
- Participate in a storyslam event on February 24, 2011 from 7:30-9pm at the Cleveland Institute of Art Coventry Center (upper level of 1854 Coventry Road in Cleveland Heights)
- Enter the Cleveland Stories Shoebox Diorama Challenge – construct a story you hear at the StorySlam (or one of your own invention) as a three-dimensional diorama. The most inventive dioramas will be exhibited in the Cleveland Stories exhibition at the CIA Reinberger Galleries from April 1-30, 2011. Each winning diorama artist will receive \$50!
- Submit a one page proposal describing your idea for a story-based neighborhood intervention anywhere in (greater) Cleveland. Describe the place, the story, and what you'd like to do. Include a basic budget—what it would take for you to implement your idea. Mail to Cleveland Stories, 1309 Euclid Avenue, Suite 200, Cleveland 44115. Or email to stories@popupcleveland.com
- Visit www.clevelandstorybook.com for more information

Questions?

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