

Covey Center for the Arts Art Gallery Policies and Procedures

Current standards and values in art (philosophy surrounding art) displayed in the Covey Center Gallery come from guidelines taken from the Springville Museum of Art. These guidelines have been carefully crafted to uphold local community standards and values and with legal guidance to provide quality life-affirming art, cultural and educational opportunities. The guidelines are as follows:

- The Covey Center for the Arts reserves the right to refuse exhibition or collection of any work of art it believes does not uphold local Provo community standards and values. Because of the First Amendment right of the Covey Center for the Arts Gallery at its own premises, the Gallery may choose not to exhibit any work of art that it deems offensive or inappropriate based upon its own principled criteria.
- Art presented for acquisition or exhibition that might be considered patently lewd, pornographic, obscene or profane, or which offensively and aggressively challenges public sensitivity to the human form, the handicapped, sexuality, gender, religious-creed, sacred object, political, and race or ethnic issues must be reviewed by the Gallery Committee.
- The Covey Center for the Arts accepts the display and collection of art which shows the undraped human figure. But this art must contribute to the reverence we hold for the human body regardless of the aesthetic style of representation. Art depicting sexual activity or graphically intense erotic representation (including exaggerated or abnormally explicit genitalia, seductive poses, carnal distortions, or close-up views, S & M, bestiality or arousal) will not be displayed at the gallery nor owned in its permanent collection. The Covey Center Gallery Committee is the final arbiter in such cases.
- Any works of art coming to the Gallery in a traveling curated form, may be withdrawn from exhibition at the discretion of the Gallery Committee.
- The Covey Center for the Arts Gallery exalts and advocates community standards and family values through the arts it displays and collects, and through the educational programs it offers. The

Covey Center for the Arts Gallery seeks to encourage the best of our society's achievements, ideals, and traditions.

The current process for approving gallery exhibits is as follows:

- A request to exhibit in the gallery is submitted to the Gallery Committee. This should include a portfolio and resume of the artist(s) involved.
- The request is reviewed and screened by the Gallery Committee as to quality and content.
- If approved by the Gallery Committee, the exhibit is given a time period for exhibition.

The purpose of the Covey Center for the Arts is to provide quality life-affirming art, cultural and educational opportunities to the community of Provo and surrounding areas. The standards, values and philosophies surrounding the art chosen for display throughout the Covey Center for the Arts are designed to assist patrons in enhancing their creative talents, appreciating beauty and strengthening cultural development and education. With the above-listed guidelines we feel comfortable with the content of material presented in the gallery, on stage and in other areas of the building. If the need arises, any issue can be addressed on an individual basis.

We recognize there will always be someone who dislikes or disagrees with what is being presented. The position and policies of the Covey Center for the Arts have been thoughtfully and carefully crafted to meet the needs of the City of Provo and surrounding communities. Our years of operational experience have enabled us to feel comfortable with these stated standards and goals for the future.