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The Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts has issued the Call for Entries for The Art of Protest, a juried exhibition presented in conjunction with Schlow Centre Region Library and the one book, one community program, Centre County Reads. The exhibition, which will hang in the library's Betsy Rodgers Allen Gallery during March 2018, is open to artists living in Centre County.

This year's Centre County Reads selection, *The Heart is a Muscle the Size of a Fist*, was written by State College native Sunil Yapa. The bestselling novel is set amid the 1999 World Trade Organization protests in Seattle.

Work entered in the exhibition should attempt to persuade the viewer to take action in favor of a particular cause, such as peace, the environment, civil rights, freedom of speech or religion.

The deadline to apply is January 26, 2018. Complete rules are listed in the call for entries, available here: <http://arts-festival.com/the-art-of-protest>

The show's juror will be Martha Carothers, Professor of Art & Design at the University of Delaware where she teaches visual communications and book arts.

"Artists are typically readers, so this project makes a lot of sense for us," noted the Festival's executive director, Rick Bryant. "Like the written word, a visual image can provide a visceral way to communicate dissatisfaction with the status quo."

Maria Burchill, head of adult services at Schlow Centre Region Library commented, "Centre County Reads always includes a writing contest, but a juried art exhibition is something new. We're excited to partner with the Festival on a juried exhibition for Centre County artists. We want to highlight a creative aspect of civil disobedience that is powerful and, when done well, sparks thoughtful conversations."

The 2018 Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts will take place from July 11 through July 15 on the streets of State College and on the adjacent campus of Penn State. Children and Youth Day will be July 11, and the Sidewalk Sale and Exhibition opens on July 12, and continues through July 15.

The Festival receives state arts funding support through a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.