



Erie County Arts in Public Places

**2026 Call for Artists
Virtual Information Session
July 27th 5:30PM**

Agenda

1.Introduction: Arts in Public Places Committee & 2026 Call for Artists – Alexa Wajed, Chair of the Arts in Public Places Committee

2.Brief overview & review of questions received – Colette Balisteri, Assistant Project Coordinator

3.Questions from Participants

4.Thank you & Contact Information

Overview

1. Open to all Erie County residents (except those contracted to complete a 2025 or 2026 AIPP project).
2. Works should be original (no reproductions) and ready for installation.
3. Works may be in any medium.
4. Size limitations: 48 inches x 48 inches (4ft x 4ft).
5. Artists may set a purchase price no greater than \$2,000.
6. Artists may submit up to 3 works for consideration. *Please submit a separate application for each work.*
7. **DEADLINE: Monday, August 17th at 12PM NOON.** Late submissions will not be accepted.
8. Semi-finalists will be asked to drop off their work the week of Aug 31st (details will be provided) and finalists will be notified in September.
9. The opening is scheduled to be in mid-November.

Questions Received

Question: Will photography be accepted as a form of art for the collection?

Answer: Yes, there are no limitations to type of medium.

Questions Received

Question: Is there a theme artists should follow?

Answer: There is no theme for this call.

Questions Received

Question: Is there a size minimum requirement?

Answer: Not officially, works should be clearly visible and engaging when displayed on the Convention Center walls.

Questions Received

Question: If I am submitting a painting on canvas, does it need to be framed?

Answer: Stretched canvas over a frame does not need to be additionally framed.

Questions Received

Question: What if a submitted piece of art sells prior to being selected by the Committee?

Answer: If your submitted piece is currently displayed for purchase, we suggest removing that piece from your sales stream until finalists are notified.

Questions Received

Question: Is nudity allowed?

Answer: In your selection of works to submit, while there are no specific guidelines around nudity in this Call for Art, the nature of the exhibition space (and overall program) is very public and if there are elements of nudity, that will be something the Committee will consider as they are choosing works for this public program.

Questions Received

Question: If more than one of my submissions is selected, will they be hung together?

Answer: Not necessarily. Each piece will be judged and selected separately, and it is up to the Committee to determine where each piece will be displayed.

Questions Received

Question: Can the submitted piece be the original of something that has already been reproduced?

Answer: Yes, we require the artist to submit the original, regardless of the piece having been reproduced. The artist retains the design copyright and may reproduce the piece.

Questions Received

Question: Will these pieces stay in the Convention Center?

Answer: Currently, the plan is to start each year's collection in the Convention Center and keep the collection on display for about two years before it is transported to a new Erie County display location. Locations are TBD.

Questions from Participants

Question: What is the distance from wall-wall of the hallway ?

Answer: Roughly 8-10 feet

Questions from Participants

Question: Can I submit a relative's work?

Answer: Yes, if you own rights to the work/are executor
of the estate

Questions from Participants

Question: Is a triptych piece acceptable?

Answer: Yes, as long as it is framed and there are not pieces that can stick out to possibly injure viewers.

Questions from Participants

Question: What are the requirement for hanging the piece?

Answer: We ask that pieces come framed with UV resistant glass where necessary and include a hanging system of some kind that is compatible with hanging by a nail. Hanging systems should be appropriate for the weight of the piece.



Thank you

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