

“Process” Open Call Submission Guidelines

Dear Inspiring Artist,

The Inspired Minds Art Center Gallery is excited to announce an open call for *Process*, an exhibition that pulls back the curtain on the artist’s personal practices and methods. This show is an opportunity to showcase not only a completed (or nearly completed) work of art but also the journey behind it—the sketches, notes, color tests, and unexpected detours that shape a finished piece.

A gallery’s visitor will usually only see only the final product, unaware of the time, experimentation, and revision that go into making it. *Process* seeks to broaden that experience for them by giving artists the space to share their behind-the-scenes moments, revealing the evolution of an idea from its earliest spark to its final form.

For this show, each artist will be given a dedicated section of the gallery to display one finished piece, alongside the supporting work that led to its creation. Side work may include journal entries, failed attempts, alternate versions, material experiments, or any other artifacts that help tell the story of your artistic process. If your submission is still in progress, you have the option to complete it before the exhibition or leave it unfinished as part of your narrative.

We welcome submissions in any medium, as long as the artist can conceptualize and communicate how their process will be displayed. This is a rare opportunity to celebrate the messy, intuitive, and deeply personal nature of art-making while also offering an educational experience to our community.

Submissions are due by March 8, 2025, and selected artists will be notified shortly thereafter. There is only a \$15 fee to apply; however, an additional \$45 entry fee will be required upon acceptance. This unique and carefully curated show will run from April 4–26, 2025, at the Inspired Minds Art Center Gallery. Each artist will meet personally with the Gallery Manager to discuss their space and how best to work your display. It will include marketing and social media posts, blog opportunities as each artist shares about their “process”, an opening reception with food and drinks, and an artist talk.

After reading through the full submission guidelines below, please apply by filling out the submission form here: ["Process" Open Call Submission Form](#)

Please contact Joy Bliss at joy@inspiredminds.art for more information.

We look forward to seeing your art and the unique story behind its creation!

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Artwork:

- Each artist may submit one work of art, either fully finished or at least 80% complete at the time of submission.
- Artists submitting unfinished pieces will have the option to complete their work by the show's opening date or present it as-is to emphasize their creative process.

This exhibit is open to any medium, provided the submitting artist can conceptualize and communicate how to display both their artwork and their process.

Side Work:

Artists will need to include materials that illustrate their creative process, such as:

- Sketches or drafts
 - Color palettes or swatches
 - Journal entries, poetry, or notes
 - Mixed media experiments
 - Photographs, diagrams, or other relevant elements
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Display Space:

Each artist will be allocated a specific amount of wall space to present their artwork alongside their process materials. You will work with the gallery manager to design your designated space. Final dimensions will be provided upon acceptance.

Each artist will be assigned a dedicated section of the gallery to present their work. Spaces are **70 inches tall (flexible- up to 78” maximum)** and range in width from **34 inches to 80 inches**. The exact space assignments will be determined by the gallery based on the artwork submitted.

To ensure a cohesive and well-balanced exhibition, the gallery will assign spaces based on the following factors:

- **Size of the primary artwork** (finished or in-progress)
- **Amount and type of supporting process materials**
- **Overall exhibition layout considerations**

While we cannot guarantee specific space sizes, we will do our best to accommodate each artist's display needs.

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Exhibition Details

- **Show Dates:** April 4–26, 2025
 - **Location:** Inspired Minds Art Center Gallery
 - **Submission Deadline:** Sunday, March 8, 2025 (notifications out by March 12)
 - **Submission form:** [“Process” 2025 Open Call Submission Form](#)
 - **Entry Fee:** There is no application fee; however, once selected, there is a \$45 entry fee.
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Important Dates

- **Drop Off:** March 31 & April 1 (Monday & Tuesday, 1–6 PM)
 - **Pick Up:** April 26 (Saturday, 3–5 PM) or April 28 (Monday, 1–6 PM)
 - **Artist Talk on Saturday, April 12th @ 3:30 PM**
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Selection Criteria

Submissions will be evaluated based on creativity, quality, and the ability to effectively communicate your artistic process.

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