

13TH ANNUAL ART COMPETITION

MAY 16 – JUNE 27, 2025
4TH FLOOR GALLERY



BRIDGEPORT
ART CENTER

AWARDS CEREMONY

Friday, May 16th, 2025; 8pm
4th Floor Gallery

BEST OF SHOW PRIZE \$3,000

SECOND PRIZE \$1,500

THIRD PRIZE \$750

PEOPLE'S CHOICE \$500

*Front Cover Artwork: "Ubuntu" by Russell Z. Harris
12th Annual Art Competition Finalist*

BRIDGEPORT ART CENTER is proud to present our 13th

Annual Art Competition, chosen by this year's distinguished jurors: Rose Blouin and Sarah Spencer. Selected from 561 completed applications, the jurors have curated a captivating showcase of 103 regional talented artists working across painting, drawing, photography, assemblage, sculpture, printmaking, fiber, digital & mixed media. The 13th Annual Art Competition exhibit demonstrates the exciting diversity and inclusiveness of contemporary art and artists.

The Annual Art Competition was created by Bridgeport Art Center's first Curator, Lelde Kalmite, to showcase the exceptional talents and abilities of Chicago area artists. The competition is open to all artists, aged 18 and over, who live or have studios within a 150-mile radius of Chicago. Work must have been created within the last three years. The competition accepts a broad spectrum of art media and styles.

THANK YOU to all of the entrants of our 13th Annual Juried Art Competition. We will be announcing details for our 14th Annual Art Competition in December 2025.

- The Bridgeport Art Center Team

NOTES

A MESSAGE FROM THE CURATOR

Each piece accepted into the Bridgeport Art Center's 13th Annual Art Competition possesses an accomplishment in artistic expression. The unifying element connecting artworks of different styles and subjects, is the artist's understanding and ability to articulate and execute communication through their artistic practice.

While simultaneously building a visually compelling competition, the visual art works selected into the BAC Art Competition every year are documents of current culture expressed through the artists' compositions and insight.

As an award recipient of the 1st Annual Bridgeport Art Center Competition, 2013, for best 3D piece, I am inspired and delighted to be designing and installing this year's engaging exhibition. I look forward to meeting you all at the Awards Ceremony.

Marci Rubin,

Curator, Bridgeport Art Center

JURORS



Rose Blouin has created documentary and fine art photography since 1980. Blouin's work has been exhibited in a number of museums and galleries including Woman Made Gallery, ARC Gallery, Nicole Gallery, The South Side Community Art Center, Artemesia Gallery,

The North Suburban Fine Arts Center, Evanston Arts Center, the State of Illinois Art Gallery, Bridgeport Art Center and the Chicago Cultural Center. Her work has received awards in juried exhibitions including Tall Grass Arts "From Earth" exhibition, Black Creativity (Museum of Science and Industry), University of Chicago Logan Center for the Arts "Chicago Jazz: A Photographer's View," DuSable Museum Annual Art Fair, and the Milwaukee Inner City Art Fair. Her photographs have been published on the covers of South Side Stories (City Stoop Press), Columbia Poetry Review (Columbia College Chicago), and Blue Lyra Review. Photos of Gwendolyn Brooks are included in *Revise the Psalm: Work Celebrating The Writing Of Gwendolyn Brooks* (Curbside Splendor, 2017.) Blouin has had solo exhibitions at the South Side Community Art Center and at the Ferguson Gallery of Concordia University featuring photographs from South Africa, and The New Studio in Evanston featuring photographs of Havana. Her most recent solo exhibition, "To Washington Park, With Love: Photographs from the Summer of 1987, was mounted at University of Chicago Arts + Public Life Arts Incubator Galleries. Her collection of photographs from this series is published by Haymarket Books, 2024. Blouin is a founding member of Sapphire & Crystals, a collective of African-American women artists active since 1987, and a member of Black Women Photographers.



Sarah Spencer (b. 1982, Canada) is a nationally-acclaimed textile artist, radio DJ, and art educator based in Chicago. After spending almost 20 years in the corporate world, Sarah switched her focus to the arts in 2018, when she moved to the US and discovered a textile-based art practice. Sarah hosts a weekly music radio show highlighting emerging and underrepresented artists, which informs her creative practice. Sarah's award-winning work has been featured in print, and exhibited in museums and galleries

across the USA. Sarah recently won the Emerging Artist Award at Quilt Visions, a respected international exhibition of quilt art held biennially at Visions Museum of Textile Art in San Diego, CA.

LIST OF FINALISTS

Holly Akkerman	Michael Alan Coakes	Robert Frankel
Tony Armendariz	Andrea Cole	Tracy Frein
Heather Baker	Abdoulaye Conde	Maureen Gasek
Kyle Barron	Bethany Cordero	Shelley Gilchrist
Christopher Beaty	Nastia Craig	Michael Glassman
Susan Bennett	Shkelqim Dani	Marco M. Gonzalez
Spiro Bolos	Chantal Danyluk	Charlie Goss
Cheryl Boone	Lenin Delsol	Clifton Henri
Joan Bredendick	Sherri Denault	Karen Hirsch
Laurie Buman	Maisie Doyle	Leslie Hirshfield
Gina Burri	Mario Duarte	Alan Hobscheid
Catie Burrill	Conrad Edmonds	Keira Howard
Dorothy Bury Shaw	Rea Silvia Emmanouil	Jay Allen Hyde
Paul Callahan	EMXW	Doina Iacob
Miguel A. Cano	Jason Farley	James Jones
Ashley Chappell	Jayson Fate	Jason E. Jones
Javier Chavira	John Firak	Christopher Killham

LIST OF FINALISTS

Cherin Kim	Emma Mykowski	Temo
Erin LaRocque	Daniel Nolan	Flannery Thompson
Kim Laurel	Geoffrey Novelli	Harvey Tillis
Yunkyoung Lee	Haven Overton	Alexia Trzyna
Seonyoung Lee	Mariam Pare	Jeshurun Tutson
Jean Lewis	Jasmine Percell	Laima Urban
Dawn Liddicoatt	Jonathan Pruc	Madeline Usher
George Lindmark	Lori Roderick	Joanne Vena
Morgan Nicolette	Elizabeth Sarpong	Constance Volk
Susan Marx	Howard Schwartz	Bruce Webber
Caroline McFadden	David Seligman	Weriem
William McKearn	Kunal Sen	AJ Westley
Jennifer McNulty	Joalida Smit	Rosalie White
Katie Meuser	Eva Smith	Brian Wildeman
Ryan Miller	dave sobotka	Veronica Bruce Woodward
Kara Mitton	Patricia Stewart	Xindi Wu
Rosemary Morrissey	Dorothy Straughter	Rebeka Younger



Holly Akkerman

Woven (Candy)

Hand-woven upcycled paper

2025

12" x 12" x 3"

\$750



Tony Armendariz

Weight of the Work

Watercolor on paper

2022

24" x 18"

\$2,600



Heather Baker

Total Eclipse

Lava rock, black sand, charcoal, quartz, pyrite, milkweed silks, plywood

2025

28" x 28"

\$965



Kyle Barron

Cars are a Joke

Street Photography on mixed media

2024

46" x 36"

\$1,500



Christopher Beaty

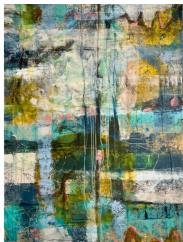
Surreal Bloom

Oil on paper

2025

30" x 22"

NFS



Susan Bennett
The Long Journey
 Acrylic/mixed media on canvas
 2023
 48" x 36"
 \$2,500



Spiro Bolos
Chicago IL | July 26, 2024
 Metal gloss white print
 2024
 12" x 12"
 \$250



Spiro Bolos
Chicago IL | July 28, 2024
 Metal gloss white print
 2024
 12" x 12"
 NFS



Cheryl Boone
Moon Masked and Touched by Sun
 Collage, Ink & Watercolor on Paper
 2025
 39" x 22"
 \$1,400



Joan Bredendick
You Can't Make This Stuff Up
 Watercolor
 2022
 36" x 28"
 \$500



Laurie Buman

Ella Se Levanta

Cyanotype, watercolor, pastel and charcoal

2024

26" x 36"

\$1,850



Gina Burri

Elements of a Metropolis

Monoprint

2025

6" x 8" (each print)

\$500 each | \$4,500 set



Catie Burrill

Pinkie: The Furluffalo

Remnants and Found Materials: Faux Fur, Foam, Vinyl

2022

42" x 36" x 8"

\$1,500



Dorothy Burrow

In Your Eyes

Micron ink, colorfast alcohol ink, colored pencil, Bombay ink, altered collage papers) on illustration board for wet mediums

2025

37" x 25"

NFS



Paul Callahan

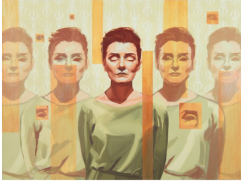
Leaf Catchers

Oil

2023

24" x 48"

\$1,750



Miguel A. Cano

Shift to Awareness

iPad, giclee and acrylic on canvas mounted on wood

2025

36" x 48"

\$3,900



Ashley Chappell

Dualities

Photography

2024

24" x 36"

NFS



Ashley Chappell

Dualities

Photography

2024

24" x 36"

NFS



Javier Chavira

Anima I

Stoneware Ceramic

2024

17" x 14" x 12"

\$4,500



Michael Alan Coakes

Ecoute

Photography

2023

31" x 46"

\$4,250



Andrea Cole

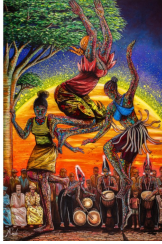
Untitled

Mixed Media

2023

36" x 24"

\$2,000



Abdoulaye Conde

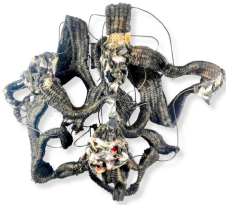
Les Danseuses

Acrylic on canvas

2024

40" x 60"

\$3,500



Bethany Cordero

Weaving Ambiguity

Steel, Sisal, Canvas, Paint, Textiles and Thread

2025

63" x 52" x 17"

\$4,800



Nastia Craig

Heart of the Forest

Mixed Media

2024

29" x 32"

\$1,800



Shkelqim Dani

Blue Dream

Acrylic

2024

40" x 32"

\$2,000



Chantal Danyluk

Please Protect Me

Oil Paint on Cut Plywood

2024

48" x 36"

\$5,000



Lenin Delsol

Synesthesia

Oil

2023

30" x 24"

\$8,000



Sherri Denault

A Graceful Gravitation

Wood, reed, waxed linen

2025

26" x 19" x 15"

\$800



Maisie Doyle

Time Travel Tret

Digital procreate

2023

17" x 22"

\$150



Mario Duarte

Waves of Expressions

Stainless steel

2023

72" x 36"

\$1,400



Conrad Edmonds

Ukiyo

Acrylic, spray paint, color pencil, marker

2024

30" x 30"

NFS



Rea Silvia Emmanouil

Rebirth

16 gage steel, steel rod, paint

2024

2' x 1.5' x 5.2'

\$3,500



EMXW

How the Light Gets In

Stoneware, art glass, underglaze, and glaze

2024

5" x 10" x 6"

\$423.10



Jason Farley

Elusive Trance

Oil on canvas

2024

30" x 40"

\$6,700



Jayson Fate

Love Speaks 2

Hand made collage

2023

56" x 15" x 15"

\$30,000



John Firak

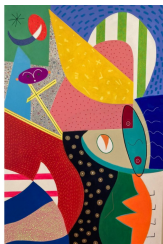
Silver Maple Hollow Form

Wood

2023

13" x 6"

\$350



Robert Frankel

Dreamland

Acrylic on canvas

2024

40" x 60"

\$4,000



Tracy Frein

Furnage Study

Mixed media; Photography, digital painting,
Collage, Ink

2025

20" x 20"

\$1,500



Maureen Gasek

Crossroads

Acrylic on canvas

2022

30" x 40"

\$1,200



Shelley Gilchrist

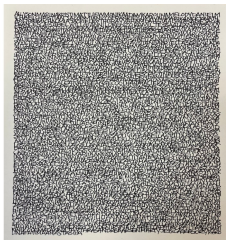
How Jugglers Study Gravity

Acrylic on microfiber paper on PVC

2023

36" x 12"

NFS



Michael Glassman
Self-Portrait 40-43
 Ink on paper
 2024
 9" x 9.5"
 \$100



Marco M. Gonzalez
Eclectic Spasms
 Spray paint on glass
 2024
 24" x 36"
 \$200



Charlie Goss
Circles and Squares
 Oil on linen
 2025
 24" x 24"
 \$3,450



Charlie Goss
Last of My Kind
 Oil on linen
 2025
 18" x 18"
 \$2,950



Clifton Henri
Point and Shoot
 Multi exposure/layered photography
 2022
 26" x 33.5"
 \$1,750



Karen Hirsch

Gallop Trio

Color photo on metal

2024

36" x 24"

\$2,500 - Limited edition of 12



Leslie Hirschfield

Entrances and Exits

Oil on canvas

2022

28" x 40"

\$2,500



Alan Hobscheid

Cairn No. 1

Oil, charcoal powder, graphite powder, &
ground peat on paper mounted to wood panel

2025

14" x 40"

\$1,000



Keira Howard

Moonlight

Acrylic on canvas

2023

24" x 36"

\$500



Jay Allen Hyde

Jazzed Up

Mixed media, acrylic, paint, canvas

2022

60" x 48"

\$3,200



Doina Iacob

Currency of Perspective

Mixed media; shredded currency, gold foil, and resin on canvas

2024

14" x 14"

\$500



James Jones

Ain't Ruby Nym

Stainless Steel, Baltic Amber, Agate, Black Onyx, and Turquoise

2025

41.5" x 18"

\$6,500



James Jones

Lion Thing

Stainless steel, Bone, Aluminum, Baltic Amber, Agate, and Black Onyx

2024

50" x 24"

\$15,000



Jason E. Jones

Nude Study #28

Mixed including Sand from 63rd Street Beach

2025

18" x 54"

\$1,600



Jason E. Jones

Survivor II

Mixed including Sand from 63rd Street Beach

2025

18" x 54"

\$1,600



Christopher Killham

Fuckin Nekro

Acrylic on canvas

2022

20" x 28"

\$3,500



Cherin Kim

Yu Gwan-sun

Cotton, faux linen, embroidery and sewing thread, beads, batting

2024

12" x 18" x 1/4 "

NFS



Erin LaRocque

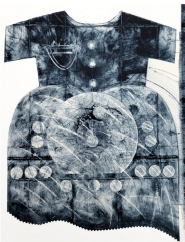
Fruiting Bodies I

Roots, mycelium, mushrooms, honeycomb, birch

2025

19.5" x 26" x 6"

\$1,400



Kim Laurel

Woman's Work Flag

TetraPak plate drypoint monoprint

2025

12" x 18"

\$1,800



Yunkyung Lee

Self-Portrait – Where Are You, YK

Digital Collage, Inkjet Print on Printmaking Paper

2025

36" x 48"

\$1,000



Seonyoung Lee

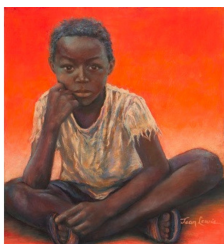
Weird Skin Project—Transform

Various yarn, ribbon, wool, fabric

2024

28" x 35" (wall piece), 15" x 63" (body piece)

\$1,600



Jean Lewis

Criss Cross

Pastel & pastel pencils

2025

22" x 23"

\$2,900



Jean Lewis

Comfort

Pastel & pastel pencils

2025

18" x 24"

\$2,800



Dawn Liddicoatt

Trappings #6

Stoneware, oxides, glaze inside

2023

12" x 9" x 9"

\$2,600



George Lindmark

Miss Nina Simone

Oil

2025

24" x 30"

\$2,000



Susan Marx
New Pathway
 Mixed media on paper
 2024
 20" x 16"
 \$900



Caroline McFadden
Tide Pool
 Crochet
 2025
 48" x 48"
 \$1,800



William McKearn
Tipler
 Wood, acrylic
 2024
 16" x 7" x 14"
 NFS



Jennifer McNulty
Barack Obama: Yes We Can
 Photo prints & mosaic tiles
 2025
 17" x 22" x 3"
 \$1,500



Katie Meuser
Woman Transcended
 Acrylic, charcoal, and ink on canvas
 2024
 36" x 48"
 \$1,400



Ryan Miller

Kilroys Return

Acrylic on canvas

2025

38" x 48"

\$2,200



Kara Mitton

Archetype to Outside

Oil on canvas

2024

40" x 30"

\$2,500



Rosemary Morrissey

From the Root of Jesse a Shoot Shall Sprout

Watercolor

2022

10.5" x 13"

NFS



Rosemary Morrissey

Find a Voice in a Whisper

Watercolor

2022

12" x 13.5"

NFS



Emma Mykowski

Blue Hydrangeas

Oil on canvas

2025

48" x 36"

\$4,000



Morgan Nicolette

The Huntress

Oil on wooden panel

2024

70" x 50"

\$5,000



Morgan Nicolette

Underneath the Canopies

Oil on wooden panel

2024

49" x 36"

\$5,000



Daniel Nolan

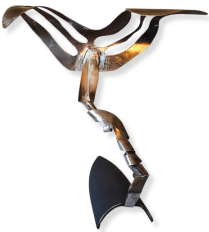
Numb

Paper (recycled retail catalogs), PVA glue, polyurethane

2024

42" x 30"

\$13,500



Geoffrey Novelli

Musetta

Fabricated steel

2025

25" x 22" x 19"

\$4,000



Haven Overton

Unseen Harmony

Mixed media on muslin (mx dye, screen printing, yarn, wool felt, freeform embroidery, string, puff additive, alginate bio-yarn, heat press, silk)

2024

60" x 52"

\$2,000



Haven Overton

BioCast

Bioplastics, frame loom weaving and crochet with cotton and hemp yarn, natural dye, *S. Marcescens* bacteria, muslin, embroidery floss and screenprint mesh

2024

16" x 15"

NFS



Mariam Pare

Dos Fridas

Digital Photo manipulation and painting (Procreate & Photoshop), unedited photo taken by Tara Ahern, in photo Revecca Torres and Mariam Paré

2022

8" x 8"

\$125



Jasmine Percell

We left ourselves somewhere in the middle of not knowing who u were and not remembering who u used to be

Oil on canvas

2024

22" x 28"

NFS



Jasmine Percell

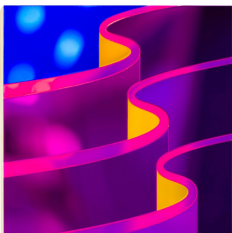
Let me know when my love reaches you

Oil on canvas

2025

22" x 28"

NFS



Jonathan Pruc

Am I Really Who I Was

Mirrored Acrylic

2024

10" x 10"

\$395



Lori Roderick

Chaos Theory

White earthenware clay, low fire glazes, reeds

2024

17" x 7" x 9"

\$160



Elizabeth Sarpong

Displacement

Digital photography

2022

22" x 16"

NFS



Howard Schwartz

On the Wall

Mixed Media

2024

30" x 40"

\$800



David Seligman

Emigre

Mixed media

2025

48" x 48"

NFS



Kunal Sen

Fingers

Acrylic on canvas

2023

48" x 36"

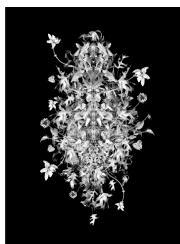
\$1,200



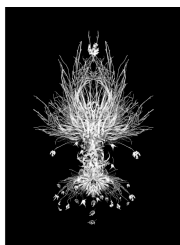
Joalida Smit
Purple Dreams
 Oil on canvas
 2025
 48" x 60"
 \$6,950



Eva Smith
Horseplay
 Watercolor, ink and pastel on paper
 2024
 42" x 40"
 \$1,000



dave sobotka
burial shroud
 digital manipulation
 2023
 48" x 68"
 \$800



dave sobotka
the tree of knowledge of good and evil
 digital manipulation
 2023
 48" x 68"
 \$800



Patricia Stewart
On the Backs of Mankind
 Photoshopped Collage w/ Hand-Painted Figure
 2024
 30" x 40"
 \$6,000



SIDE A

SIDE B

Dorothy Straughter

Masa gone (side A)

Sambo Valentine (side B)

Textiles

2022

72" x 98"

\$17,000



Temo

奶奶 / Nai Nai

Found paper collage on board

2025

8" x 10"

\$500



Flannery Thompson

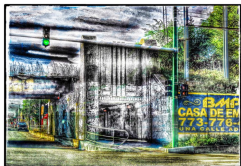
Life at Home - Preparing a Bouquet

Stained glass

2025

23.5" x 23.5"

\$3,500



Harvey Tillis

Viaduct at 26th & Western

Photo collage

2024

18" x 24"

\$795



Alexia Trzyna

Untitled

Ceramic

2023

48" x 10" x 10"

\$1,000



Jeshurun Tutson

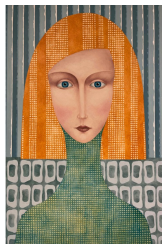
Eve Actualized

Acrylic and spray paint

2025

48" x 24"

\$1,500



Laima Urban

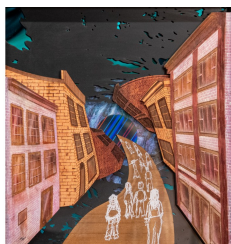
Roma

Oil on canvas

2023

40" x 60"

\$3,000



Madeline Usher

Fading

Wood, acrylic sheet, mirror

2025

22" x 23"

\$1,000



Madeline Usher

Building a Home

Wood, copper, steel, acrylic sheets, mirrors

2024

21" x 11" x 26"

NFS



Joanne Vena

Seedbed

Fabric collage and embroidered wall hanging

2025

53" x 26" x .5"

\$2,500



Constance Volk

Midway Geyser Basin of Yellowstone

Clay, cotton cord, acrylic, reactive oil on canvas

2023

48" x 48" x 1.5"

\$17,000



Bruce Webber

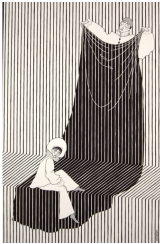
Ritual

Bronze

2022

18.5" x 15.6" x 11.5"

\$4,500



Weriem

Pierrot En Deux Actes

Ink on paper

2024

15.5" x 24"

\$1,600



AJ Westley

Self Portrait

Oil on deconstructed suit jackets

2025

27" x 30"

NFS



Rosalie White

Beneath the Surface

Acrylic mixed media on canvas

2025

36" x 36"

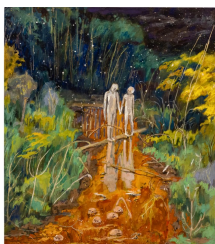
\$1,500



Brian Wildeman
Orange with Spots
 Stoneware & glazes
 2024
 29" x 17" x 17"
 \$1,700



Veronica Bruce Woodward
Boundaries
 Acrylic on raw canvas
 2022-24
 48" x 60"
 \$7,000



Xindi Wu
Milky
 Watercolor on wood
 2024
 24" x 28"
 \$800



Rebekah Younger
Swirling Leaves from Layered Memories series
 Multiple exposure photograph
 2024
 12" x 18"
 \$500

JOIN OUR GROWING COMMUNITY of talented artists and professionals in various mediums and art forms. Offices and studios are available in varying sizes ranging from 100 – 10,000 square feet. The River Level features workshops with concrete floors and plenty of space for wood working, and light industrial work, etc.

Bridgeport Art Center Artists have the unique privilege of showcasing their work in the curated RESIDENT ARTIST CORRIDOR GALLERY during Open Studios every third Friday of the month from 7-10pm.

Our attractively priced studios offer a unique place to work and create. For more information on available studios, please call 773-843-9000.

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JULY 18- SEPT 5, 2025
**THE LANDSCAPE IS
CHANGING**

Image: "35th & Racine" - Lora Delestowicz-Wierzbowski



SEP 19 - NOV 7, 2025
**THE MYSTICAL, MAGICAL
& THE MACABRE**

Image: Before the Twining: The Birds Find Their Way Home
- Anthony A Dunn



NOV 21 - JAN 2, 2026
FACETED FIBER

Image: I Believe Free motion quilt - Katharine Joy Houpt

2025 EXHIBITIONS

MAY 16 - JUL 4

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GRISHMA SHAH: DISSONANCE

JUL 18 - SEP 5

THE LANDSCAPE IS CHANGING

GURUSHOTS PHOTO EXHIBITION

SEP 19 - NOV 7

**THE MYSTICAL, THE MAGICAL
& THE MACABRE**

**2025 IHS AE ART EDUCATOR
EXHIBITION**

NOV 21 - JAN 2, 2026

FACETED FIBER

INSIGHT: BAC ARTISTS EXHIBITION



We will be announcing details for our 14th annual art competition in December 2025.



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