

Call for Artists – 2027 Solo Exhibitions

CHARLES COUNTY ARTS ALLIANCE

The Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) is excited to announce that we are now accepting applications for **Solo Artist Exhibitions in 2027!**

Exhibitions are hosted at the **Charles County Commissioners Building** and the **University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center**, both located in La Plata, Maryland.

Each year, CCAA presents eight gallery rotations showcasing the talent of local artists. These highly visible public spaces provide artists with an opportunity to share their work with visitors, patients, employees, and community members throughout the year.

Exhibition Locations & Estimated Dates

The following exhibition periods are **estimated and subject to change**. Selected artists will receive confirmation of their final exhibition dates and installation/removal times.

University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center

- January 12 – April 13, 2027
- April 13 – July 13, 2027
- July 13 – October 12, 2027
- October 12, 2027 – January 11, 2028

Charles County Commissioners Building

- January 13 – April 14, 2027
- April 14 – July 14, 2027
- July 14 – October 13, 2027
- October 13, 2027 – January 12, 2028

Artists may indicate a **preferred gallery location and/or exhibition period** with their submission. CCAA will make every effort to accommodate preferences; however, preferences cannot be guaranteed. Final assignments will be based on availability and scheduling needs.

Guidelines & Requirements

- There is **no submission fee**.
- Artists should be prepared to display **approximately 25 pieces of artwork**. The final number may vary depending on the size and arrangement of the artwork and available gallery space.
- Artwork must be original and created by the submitting artist.
- Accepted media include oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, pen and ink, mixed media, and photography.
- All artwork must be **properly wired and ready for hanging** using the existing gallery hanging systems. Unusually large or heavy pieces may require prior approval.

- Artwork must be appropriate for display in a **public, family-friendly setting**. CCAA and the host location reserve the right to determine the suitability of artwork for exhibition.
- Artists are responsible for creating wall labels for all displayed works.
- Artwork should remain on display for the duration of the exhibition. **If a piece is sold and removed during the exhibition, the artist may replace it with another piece from their collection** so the gallery display remains complete.
- The exhibition should generally consist of the artwork or body of work represented in the artist's submission. Significant substitutions should be approved by CCAA in advance.
- Artists who have previously exhibited with CCAA are welcome to apply with new works or request consideration for a different gallery location.

Installation & Removal

Selected artists are responsible for the **delivery, installation, and removal of their artwork** on the scheduled gallery changeover dates. CCAA will coordinate access to the gallery and provide assistance as appropriate.

Gallery changeovers typically begin at approximately **10:00 AM**, although exact times will be coordinated and confirmed with each artist closer to the exhibition date.

Artists should plan to be available on their scheduled installation and removal dates. If an artist is unable to attend, alternative arrangements must be discussed with CCAA in advance.

Selected artists will also be required to sign a **CCAA Hold Harmless Agreement** prior to installation.

Artwork Sales

Artists may indicate whether their artwork is available for purchase and provide pricing information for display.

CCAA does not handle artwork sales or collect a commission. All sales and payment arrangements are handled directly between the artist and buyer.

Artists are encouraged to include **contact information in their artist biography or gallery materials** so interested buyers can contact them directly. If CCAA is contacted by a potential buyer, CCAA may provide the artist's contact information so the buyer can communicate directly with the artist.

If a piece is sold and removed during the exhibition, the artist may **replace it with another piece from their collection** for the remainder of the exhibition.

How to Apply

Please submit the following materials electronically to **Alexandria Gonzalez** at **galleriesccaa@gmail.com**:

1. Digital images of artwork (JPEG or PNG).
2. Artist information:
 - Name
 - Mailing address

- Email address
 - Phone number
3. Artist biography – maximum half-page, MS Word format. Artists are encouraged to include contact information they would like made available to gallery visitors and potential buyers.
 4. Artist headshot – JPEG.
 5. Artwork information for each submitted work:
 - Title
 - Medium/materials used
 - Size/dimensions
 - Year created
 - Price, if applicable
 6. Preferred gallery location and/or exhibition period, if applicable.

Selection & Notification

Submissions will be reviewed by CCAA. Selected artists will be contacted with their assigned gallery location, exhibition period, and additional information regarding installation and gallery requirements.

While artist preferences will be considered, CCAA reserves the right to make final gallery and exhibition-period assignments based on availability and scheduling needs.

Selected artists will be notified **in early December 2026**, allowing artists assigned to the first exhibition periods time to prepare for their January installations.

Promotional Use

By submitting materials for consideration, artists grant CCAA permission to use submitted artwork images, biographies, and headshots for **promotional purposes related to the artist's exhibition and the CCAA Gallery Program**, including CCAA's website, newsletters, social media, press materials, and virtual gallery promotions.

Submission Deadline

Friday, November 20, 2026

Please submit all application materials electronically to **galleriesccaa@gmail.com**.

For questions or more information, please contact the Charles County Arts Alliance at **301-392-5900** or **galleriesccaa@gmail.com**.

We look forward to showcasing the creativity and talent of our local arts community!