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**September 3-September 25, 2025**

**Contemporary Art Center of Peoria's Artist Member Group Exhibition**

**at Studios on Sheridan, 929 N. Sheridan Rd., Peoria, Illinois**

## **Exhibition Prospectus (two pages)**

- Eligibility:** The exhibition is open to all artists currently enrolled in an Artist Membership level of \$50 or higher with the Contemporary Art Center of Peoria. There is no additional fee except for a current membership.
- Entries:** Since exhibition space is limited, exhibitors are limited to one entry per artist. Work for the wall will be restricted to 50" in width. Each artist chooses what to enter. Entries are not chosen via a jury process. Artwork must have been created in the last three years and not been displayed at a prior CAC Artist Membership Group Exhibit. Artwork that is for sale is preferred.
- Subject Matter:** Subject matter for this exhibition is left to the discretion of the artist. Host gallery staff and owners may choose to reject work based on their own criteria.
- Media:** Only original two or three-dimensional artworks of various media will be accepted. Reproductions are not allowed. Video artists must bring their own equipment.
- Condition:** All work accepted for the exhibition must arrive ready to install. Works not ready for display, with poor craftsmanship or presentation, may not be exhibited. Wire is preferred on the back of artwork intended to hang on a wall. Unstable 3-D works will not be exhibited. Identification Tag *must* accompany / be attached to artwork.
- Insurance:** Artists exhibit at their own risk as the owners of Studios on Sheridan do not provide insurance for displayed art. However, reasonable care to protect the work is assured.
- Judge for Awards:** A qualified judge will select ribbons and monetary prizes for the award categories listed below. The judge will choose from the work on display. Judging may begin as early as 11:00, September 4. Ribbons will be displayed by 5:00 on Friday, September 5.
- Awards:** Best of Show: \$200 + ribbon, 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$100 + ribbon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$75 + ribbon, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$50 + ribbon, Honorable Mention: ribbon
- Online Registration:** An **Exhibitor Registration Form** must be digitally submitted on [www.peoriacac.org](http://www.peoriacac.org) via <https://peoriacac.org/registration-form/>. This link and all information can be found at [www.peoriacac.org](http://www.peoriacac.org) under 'Upcoming Exhibits'. Registration for group exhibits is now by digital means only. Contact Contemporary Art Center staff if there are obstacles to submitting online.
- Registration Deadline:** **August 22** - All online registrations must be submitted online no later than Friday, August 22 by midnight.
- Identification Tag:** An identification tag can be filled in online and printed out to accompany / attached to artwork when dropped off. A tag may also be filled out manually.

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- Delivery Option #1:** **CAC staff/volunteers deliver artwork to the venue.** All submissions requiring courier service to Studios on Sheridan must be delivered to the Contemporary Art Center of Peoria no later than Saturday, August 30. The following are optional drop off dates / times: August 23, (11-5:00), August 26 (11-7:00), August 27-30 (11-5:00). Contact Contemporary Art Center staff for alternate drop off times. **Please package and protect the artwork with stacking in a car and transport in mind. Provide packaging that can be easily reused for delivery back to CAC at the conclusion of the exhibit.**
- Delivery Option #2:** **Artists deliver directly to the gallery of Studios on Sheridan,** Wednesday, September 3 noon-5:00. Note that no staff or volunteers will be there to receive the art. All artwork must be at Studios on Sheridan in the gallery by 5:00pm on Wednesday, September 3. Late deliveries may not be displayed. An identification tag *must* accompany / be attached to artwork.
- Displaying the work:** **September 3–** We will begin hanging and displaying the artwork starting at 6:00pm Wednesday, September 3. Volunteers to help unpack and display the art are needed. Please let CAC staff know if you are interested in helping.
- Viewing Hours:** Regular viewing hours are Wednesday - Saturday, noon-5:00pm throughout the duration of the exhibit. There is no charge for admission to view the exhibit.
- Sales:** The Contemporary Art Center will handle all sales and take 30% commission. Sales are eligible for CAC membership discounts and can be accommodated via any form of payment. Studios on Sheridan takes no commission on sales.
- Promotion:** We are scheduling artists to provide Gallery Talks during the Closing Reception. Up to 6 artists will be sought to talk for 5-10 minutes about their displayed piece between 6:30-7:30 that evening. If you are interested in sharing about your technique, inspiration, content, please let us know when you register or by August 22.
- We need your help to promote the exhibit! Please share about the exhibit on social media.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Friday and Closing Reception:** Contemporary Art Center of Peoria and Studios on Sheridan will celebrate all participating artists with two evening viewing opportunities. The public is welcome to view the art exhibit during **1<sup>st</sup> Fridays** 5-9:00pm on September 5.
- The public is also invited to the **Closing Reception** on Thursday, September 25, 6-8:00pm. So that all visitors and participating artists have a chance to see the exhibit, artwork may NOT be removed until 8:00pm at the conclusion of the closing event. There is no charge to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday event or the closing reception.
- Artwork Retrieval:** Artwork may be picked up at Studios on Sheridan on Thursday, September 26, starting at 8:00pm at the conclusion of the Closing Reception or on the following days at Contemporary Art Center: Friday, September 26 (11-8:00) and Saturday, September 27 (11-5:00). Contact Contemporary Art Center staff for alternate retrieval times.
- Questions:** Contact William or Darlene at the Contemporary Art Center of Peoria via [cac@peoriacac.org](mailto:cac@peoriacac.org) or call or text 309-674-6822 during business hours, Tuesday-Saturday 11-5:00.