

mfa Studio Tours 2023

The In-Person Studio Tours program is an initiative of Maryland Federation of Art, Inc. (MFA) to bring the community directly to the artists. Recognizing the incredible talent of artists in Anne Arundel County and residents' and visitors' desire to meet artists, the program brings together actively working artists and potential collectors in the artists' studio environments, encouraging the support of local artists and their work. Artists whose studios are located within the Anne Arundel County boundaries are encouraged to apply to participate in Studio Tours 2023, which will take place Sunday, June 25, 2023 and Saturday, July 1, 2023 from 10 AM – 4 PM. Each artist on the tour will also display work at 49 West from June 1 – August 1, 2023.

MFA will manage the advertisement, promotion, and marketing for the Studio Tours program. Additionally, MFA will produce a brochure which will include a map of all participating artists' locations and a listing for each participating artist, including a brief artist statement and an image representative of the artist's body of work. MFA will also include similar information regarding the participating artists on its website. Participating artists will be provided with brochures to distribute and signage to place to direct visitors to your studio space.

MFA is a 60-year-old non-profit visual arts organization committed to exhibiting new and innovative art created by living artists. MFA is based at Circle Gallery, 18 State Circle, across from the Maryland State House in historic downtown Annapolis.

TERMS OF ENTRY

- Entry is open to all artists with studios located in Anne Arundel County, MD. Artists who wish to participate but do not have a studio located in Anne Arundel County may work with other local artists to combine efforts. MFA will reach out to all applicants after the application deadline to confirm each artist has a location within Anne Arundel County to showcase work. MFA will provide information regarding artists looking for space and artists who may have additional space and are willing to support other artists. Please note that all participating artists, regardless of whether the artist has regular or temporary space in Anne Arundel County, are expected to be present and available during the dates of the Studio Tours.
- Participating artists should plan for several things related to the Studio Tours program. Artists are expected to have their studios or showcase spaces open to visitors on Sunday, June 25 and Saturday, July 1, 2023, from 10 AM – 4 PM. Artists may, but are not required to, provide light refreshments during those hours, and are encouraged to offer an inviting atmosphere for guests to enjoy. Artists should have work for sale during these hours, and demonstrations are highly encouraged. Artists are expected to comply with all federal, state, and local requirements and recommendations then in place with respect to COVID-19.
- As part of the introduction for the Studio Tours weekend, artists shall deliver one piece representative of their body of work to be exhibited in Circle Gallery between June 1 and August 1, 2023. Artists will retain 65% commission from the sale of the piece on exhibition at 49 West. 49 West will retain 35% commission from the sale of the piece on exhibition at 49 West.
- Except as otherwise provided above, artists will retain 100% from sales made during the Studio Tours. Artists are responsible for the collection and reporting of any sales tax associated with such sales.
- Entering this exhibition indicates understanding and agreement on the part of the artist with the conditions stated herein and with (a) MFA's approved Statement of Equity and Diversity and (b) the Delivery, Installation, and Presentation guidelines outlined in MFA's General Guidelines with respect to the work delivered for exhibition in 49 West. MFA may determine work ineligible if entry guidelines are not followed.
- Images of work submitted as part of this application process and any image of work at 49 West or otherwise submitted to MFA as part of the Studio Tours program may be used at the sole discretion of MFA for promotional purposes including, but not limited to: the invitation, catalog, website, social media, print materials, or a subsequent year's prospectus. Images will include attribution wherever possible.

LIABILITY

- Artwork will be handled with all possible care. MFA encourages all participating artists to obtain their own liability insurance for the duration of the Studio Tours. The submission of an application for Studio Tours by an artist is the artist's agreement and confirmation that MFA is not responsible for activities or occurrences at participating artists' locations.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- All work must be entered by uploading JPEG images through MFA's online entry system. Set pixel dimension to between 1,500 and 3,000 pixels on the longest side. File size may be no more than 5 MB. Visit mdfedart.com/portfolio/282/ to submit your work.
- All work must be original and completed solely by the artist's hand. Artists shall submit an image of a piece of work representative of their body of work. Submit the image that you want to be included in the brochure and other marketing materials. The image does not have to be the same piece of work to be submitted for the exhibition at Circle Gallery and may be a piece that has already sold.

APPLICATION FEE

- \$50 per artist participating individually.
- If artists are participating as a group at a single location, and want a single group listing in the brochure and on the website identifying all participating artists, there is a discounted fee per participating artist. Please contact MFA via email at info@mdfedart.org if you represent a group of artists at a single location wanting to participate.
- Application fees are non-refundable.

NOTIFICATION

- All artists who satisfactorily complete the application process will be accepted to participate in the Studio Tours program.
- **Artists who have unsubscribed from MFA emails will not receive necessary information regarding the Studio Tours program.**
- The notice to accepted artists will include specific details and may vary from prospectus. See website for more details.

SCHEDULE

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| Jan 4 | Online Entry Open for Submissions |
| Mar 29 | Entry Deadline |
| Apr 13 | Participation and Space Confirmation |
| May 24 – 29 | Receiving of Representative Work at Circle Gallery |
| Aug 2 – 6 | Pick Up of Representative Work at Circle Gallery |

EVENT SCHEDULE

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| Jun 1 – Aug 1 | Exhibition of Representative Work in 49 West |
| Jun 4 | Reception at 49 West from 5 – 7 PM |
| Jun 25 & Jul 1 | Studio Tours at Artists' Locations from 10 AM – 4 PM |

MFA Circle Gallery Celebrating 60 Years

18 State Circle, Annapolis, MD | Open daily from 11 AM – 5 PM
410-268-4566 | info@mdfedart.org | mdfedart.org
MD Relay 7-1-1 or 1-800-735-2258
Circle Gallery is accessible to people with mobility disabilities

Established in 1963, MFA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit arts organization supported by individual, corporate, and public sector contributions, including the Maryland State Arts Council and the Anne Arundel County Arts Council. For membership and exhibition information, please visit mdfedart.org.