

# mfa Spatial 2026

Creating the right compositional balance is the challenge artists face with each work of art they create, regardless of the medium, style, or genre. The thoughtful use of negative space can be a powerful tool in shaping how we see and interpret the visual; it can provide either tension or serenity – sometimes evoking both in a single work of art. It adds meaning by showing us not only what is there, but what is not. The balance of spatial relationships between elements is a dance and can be expressed in countless ways: through stark contrast, geometrically, minimally, or using perspective to draw you to a single, central focal point. 3D artists demonstrate this dance by volume, and the space surrounding and through an object, or through activation between multiple objects. We invite artists to show us how they use spatial language in their art to get our attention in their own unique way.

MFA exhibitions are blindly juried by professional and credentialed art experts. Entry is open to all artists from around the world, with the exception of sanctioned countries. Any original 2D or 3D work that follows our exhibition guidelines will be considered. This includes works selected by the juror which will be exhibited in Maryland Federation of Art's (MFA) Spatial exhibition through our Virtual Gallery from June 15 – August 13, 2026.

## TERMS OF ENTRY

- 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 Equality and Diversity](#) and (b) [MFA's General Guidelines](#).
- Work must meet exhibition guidelines to be included in the event. MFA may determine work ineligible if entry guidelines are not followed. Work delivered must correspond with the images submitted to the juror.
- Images of accepted works may be used indefinitely at the sole discretion of MFA for promotional purposes including, but not limited to: the invitation, catalog, website, or social media. Images will include attribution wherever possible.
- Work cannot be withdrawn before the end of the event.
- Artists will retain 80% from sales (85% for MFA Members). MFA will retain 20% commission on any work sold through MFA (15% for MFA Members at the time of the sale).
- Work must be for sale. Work can be set to Price on Request (POR).
- Discounted member entry fees are only available to current MFA members. Non-members may join by paying the membership fee first, and then receive the discounted member entry. Non-member entrants who have a discrepancy between the entry fee paid and their membership status must pay the difference before the entry deadline date or the work will not be shown to the juror.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- All work must be uploaded through [artcall.org](#). File size may be no more than 10 MB. Images for the juror must correspond with the actual work. MFA does not display watermarks; artists display at their own risk.
- For video submissions: you must put the link to the video in the Linked Web Resource field, and then upload a still frame from the video.
- All entries must be original and completed solely by the artist's hand. A maximum of 6 original works created within the past 3 years may be entered. Work previously exhibited in MFA's Virtual Gallery is not eligible for re-entry.

## ENTRY FEE

- 1 or 2 entries \$45 (MFA Members \$30). Up to 4 additional entries \$6.75 each (MFA Members \$4.50). Entry fees are non-refundable.

## NOTIFICATION

- All artists will receive notification by email. Accepted artists and artwork will also be posted on MFA's website.
- **Artists who have unsubscribed from MFA emails will not receive notification.**
- The notice to accepted artists will include specific details that may vary from prospectus. See website for more details.

## AWARD

- Cash awards presented by the juror total \$500.

## SCHEDULE

<b>Feb 17</b>	Online Entry Opens for Submissions
<b>Apr 22</b>	Entry Deadline
<b>May 21</b>	Notification @ 5 PM
<b>Jun 15</b>	Exhibition Opens
<b>Jul 1</b>	Awards Announced @ 5 PM
<b>Aug 13</b>	Last Day of Exhibition

### MFA Circle Gallery Celebrating 60 Years

18 State Circle, Annapolis, MD | Open daily from 11 AM – 5 PM  
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Circle Gallery is accessible to people with mobility disabilities

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