

# mfa Off the Wall 2026

Art has spent centuries hanging politely on walls, waiting to be looked at. Off the Wall is done waiting. We're calling for sculptures that plant themselves in the room. That commands space. That makes someone walk around it, step back from it, or get uncomfortably close to it. Work that couldn't exist any other way, in any other form, in any other place. The only question now is whether your work is brave enough to stand alone.

MFA exhibitions are blindly juried by professional and credentialed art experts. Entry is open to artists residing in the United States, Puerto Rico, Canada, and Mexico. Any original 2D or 3D work that follows our exhibition guidelines will be considered. Selected works will be displayed in this MFA organized exhibition at Maryland Hall's Earl Gallery in Annapolis, MD from July 8 – August 15, 2026.

## TERMS OF ENTRY

- Entry is open to artists residing in any of the states or territories of the US, Canada, and Mexico.
- 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) [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 at the sole discretion of MFA for promotional purposes including, but not limited to: the invitation, catalog, website, social media, or a subsequent year's prospectus. Images will include attribution wherever possible.
- Work cannot be withdrawn before the end of the event.
- Artists will retain 70% from sales (75% for MFA Members). MFA will retain 30% commission on any work sold through MFA (25% for MFA Members at the time of the sale).
- Work must be for sale. Work can be set to Price on Request (POR).
- 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 their 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. For accepted video submissions, the artist will be expected to deliver the file to MFA on a thumbdrive.
- 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 an MFA show at Maryland Hall is not eligible for re-entry.
- Maximum size of work, including edges of artwork or frame, cannot exceed 72" in any direction. Artists may be asked to assist with the installation of oversized work (greater than 60" or over 40 lbs).

## 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.

## LIABILITY

- Artwork will be handled with all possible care. MFA will not be responsible or liable for loss or damage from any cause whatsoever. Insurance, if desired, must be carried by the artist.

## 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 and may vary from prospectus. See website for more details.

## AWARD

- Cash awards presented by the juror total \$1000.

## SCHEDULE

<b>Mar 17</b>	Online Entry Opens for Submissions
<b>May 13</b>	Entry Deadline
<b>Jun 11</b>	Notification @ 5 PM
<b>Jul 1 – 2</b>	Accepted and Shipped Work Must Arrive at Maryland Hall's Earl Gallery 10 AM – 2 PM
<b>Jul 8</b>	Exhibition Opens
<b>Jul 12</b>	Virtual Awards Ceremony @ 5 – 6 PM
<b>Aug 15</b>	Last Day of Exhibition; In-Person Reception at Maryland Hall's Earl Gallery 5:30 – 7 PM
<b>Aug 17– 18</b>	Pick Up Hand-Delivered Work 10 AM – 2 PM
<b>Aug 21</b>	Shipped Work Will Be Sent

### 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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