



## WEST VIRGINIA STATE MUSEUM

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Charleston, WV 25305

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# 24<sup>th</sup> WEST VIRGINIA JURIED EXHIBITION

## Celebrating the exceptional talent and creativity of Mountain State artists

This biennial event has been a tradition since 1979.

The Department of Tourism presents this exhibition in partnership with the West Virginia Commission on the Arts. The department will purchase some of the award-winning art for the West Virginia State Museum's permanent collection, ensuring its continued growth and the inclusion of works by contemporary artists.

### EXHIBIT SCHEDULE

**Submit Entries** | July 1 – August 14, 2026

**Initial Jurying** | Late - August

**Artwork accepted for exhibition delivered to Culture Center** | August 31 – September 25, 2026

**Opening Reception** | November 6, 2026

**EXHIBITION** | November 6, 2026 - February 13, 2027

The Culture Center's Theater, Balcony, and Commissioner's galleries.

State Capitol Complex Charleston, West Virginia

*Please note, due to anticipated construction, locations and length of show may vary.*

**ART RETURN** | Starting March 1, 2027

Please note: artists have 90 days from the start of the art return period to retrieve their work if it is not being returned via mail.

**For more information about the exhibit, please contact Exhibits Coordinator, Sidney Duncan, at [Sidney.L.Duncan@wv.gov](mailto:Sidney.L.Duncan@wv.gov) or call (304) 414-1761. Email contact preferred.**

### ELIGIBILITY

- Entrants must be over the age of 18 and be a resident of, OR maintain a permanent address in West Virginia. Students and military personnel with West Virginia resident status and a home address in West Virginia are eligible to enter.
- Entrants must be registered with the department by completing the Artist Register form and submitting it to the Exhibits Coordinator. If it has been more than two years since you have submitted your information to the Artist Register, please resubmit using your most up to date information. Information is available on the Culture Center's website at:

**[WVCulture.org/discover/featured-exhibits](http://WVCulture.org/discover/featured-exhibits)**

Please email the Exhibits Coordinator with all submissions or questions.

- Members of the West Virginia Commission on the Arts, members of the West Virginia Archives and History Commission, and employees of the West Virginia Department Tourism, as well as their direct relations are not eligible to participate.

### GENERAL GUIDELINES

*almost heaven*

- Entries may include painting, sculpture, printmaking, drawing, digital artwork, photography, mixed media and crafts.
  - Video or film entries are not eligible for this exhibit.
  - All entries must have been created in the last two years.
  - Entries cannot have previously been entered in ANY exhibition hosted by the department.
  - Any entries found to have been entered previously will be disqualified.
  - Works must not exceed 7 feet in any direction or weigh more than 300 pounds.
  - Oversized artwork: Upon acceptance to the exhibit, the artist is responsible for any specialized freight shipment costs OR in person retrieval within a timely manner.
  - Artist submissions must be retrieved within 90 days of the start of the return period listed above.
- Works remaining in the department's possession after that time will be deemed abandoned.**

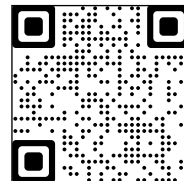
### SUBMISSION

- Deadline for entries is August 14, 2026.
- Entrants may submit up to two (2) artworks for the exhibition.
- Digital images of the work must be submitted for jurying. Please ensure ALL images are labeled with artist's Last Name, First Name, and Entry Number, i.e. Doe, John Entry 1. Please submit no more than two (2) images per entry. Files should be high resolution and formatted for screen viewing. PDF or JPEG are preferred file types.
- Jurying for entrance into the show will be based on the digital images submitted by entrants.
- Entrants will only be required to ship/deliver their work upon selection for exhibit.
- Each entry MUST be accompanied by a completed entry form; please see final page.
- All entries must be structurally sound, appear as they are represented in submitted images, and ready for display upon delivery. Framing/additional structure or supplies will NOT be supplied by the Department.
- The Department of Tourism reserves the right to deny entries based upon the physical condition, presentation, and faithfulness of the artwork to the submitted.

### ENTRY FEE

A non-refundable entry fee of \$20 PER entry, made payable to the West Virginia Department of Tourism, must be submitted with each completed entry label. Please **do not** send cash through the mail with your entries. **New this year!** Please see here to pay entry fees online:

Scan to  
learn more  
or to enter.



**ENTRY CHECKLIST**

- Digital images labeled correctly (i.e. Last Name, First Name Entry #).
- One entry form for each entry.
- One entry fee for each entry (or the total cost).
  - **REQUIRED:** Insurance value is listed.
  - If available for sale, price is listed. If work is unavailable for sale, NFS is denoted.
  - **PLEASE NOTE:** No commission will be charged for the sale of work.
- Images and entry forms can be emailed to exhibits coordinator at: Sidney.L.Duncan@wv.gov.
  - Please include artist's last name and Juried Art Exhibit in the subject line of emails.
  - **EMAIL IS PREFERRED FOR ENTRY.**
- Please mail entry fees and/or flash drives to the shipping address below.
  - **PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH THROUGH THE MAIL.**
  - Please label all flash drives with:

Artist's last name
First name
Juried Art Exhibit 2026

**SHIPPING**

Entrants who ship their art should clearly address the insured package to the address below. Please copy the address exactly, as an incorrect address may delay the delivery of the entry significantly.

**West Virginia Department of Tourism**

Attn: Sidney Duncan - Juried Art Exhibit | The Culture Center  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Building 9 | Charleston, WV 25305-0300

**PUBLICITY & PUBLICATION**

The West Virginia Department of Tourism reserves the right to photograph all accepted work for archival and publication purposes unless otherwise agreed upon in the Loan Agreement. Artists will be credited for their work in any case of said reproduction or distribution.

**INSURANCE**

The West Virginia Department of Tourism will insure works accepted for the exhibition. The inclusive dates of coverage are from the time of receipt through the final pick up or shipping date. Works will be insured for no more than \$10,000. Works accepted for the exhibition that are unstable or that may not hold up under the rigors of public presentation may require a Waiver of Insurance. Any claim for damaged work must be made in writing to the West Virginia Department of Tourism within two weeks of receiving damaged work.

**AWARDS | SALES**

- Governor's Award: One \$5,000 purchase award will be selected.
- D. Gene Jordon Memorial Award: One \$5,000 purchase award will be selected.
- Award of Excellence: Up to six \$2,000 purchase awards will be selected.
- Merit Award: Up to four \$500 non-purchase awards will be selected.
- Works may not be removed before the closing date of the show.
- **New this Year: There will be no commission charged for work sold during the show.**

# WEST VIRGINIA JURIED EXHIBITION 2026 ENTRY FORM

(PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY - INSURANCE VALUE IS REQUIRED)

## DIGITAL IMAGE IDENTIFICATION ENTRY 1

STAFF WILL COMPLETE | ENTRY # \_\_\_\_\_ ACCEPTED  NOT ACCEPTED

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensions: Height \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_

A Brief description of the entry \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Select a category: Crafts  Sculpture  Photography   
Print/Drawing  Mixed Media  Painting Digital Art

Materials Used \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Is this art for sale? Yes  No

Purchase Price: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My piece is not for sale except to the West Virginia State Museum collection.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (price)

Please Check one: Mailed  Delivered

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**By signing this entry form, the artist agrees to the terms of this prospectus.**

No substitutions will be permitted nor can works be removed from the exhibition before scheduled reclaim dates.

I certify that I am over 18 years of age and that I am a resident of, and maintain a permanent domicile in, the state of West Virginia.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_