



Alliance for the Arts Call for Artists

Absurdist Art

A Themed Exhibition

Exhibiting: November 6 - 28, 2026

In the Main Gallery

Bring us your strange, illogical, and offbeat with our upcoming exhibit of absurdist art. This call invites artists to tread the line between meaning and meaninglessness. To collapse expectations, twist logic, and transform the familiar into unrecognizable. Absurdism exists in contradiction: serious humor, methodical chaos, sporadic intent. Everything everywhere all at once.

Artists are encouraged to toy with the bizarre and profound. Surreal imagery, exaggerated forms, inconclusive narratives, and playful disruptions of reality are all ways in which absurdist art challenges viewers to question what they see and why they seek to understand it at all. In the absurd, the marriage of glee and discomfort beckons the viewer to speak now or forever hold their peace.

Through this call, we invite you to share unconventional thinking because sometimes the most honest reflections of our world are the ones that make the least sense.

ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY FEE:

Open to all artists everywhere. An entry consists of one (1) to three (3) artworks. Categories include painting (oil, acrylic, collage, watercolor, and mixed media), drawing, photography, sculpture, ceramics, metalsmithing, glass, digital media, video, printmaking, fiber, or textiles. Only original artwork will be accepted. Entry fee is \$20.00 for one entry and \$5 for each additional entry up to 3. Entry fees are non-refundable. Alliance for the Arts members may use the coupon code **Member10** to receive \$5 off one entry fee.

Alliance for the Arts memberships start at \$75 and are valid for one year. You may sign up for membership on artinlee.org/membership, onsite, or by calling 239-939-2787.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRY:

All entries must be submitted online (LINK TBA) no later than Sunday, October 4th at 11:59 pm. Please name files as follows: FIRSTNAME-LASTNAME-TITLE.JPG
Files may be in JPG, JPEG, PDF, or PNG format.

AWARDS:

Absurdest in Show - Cash Award (\$200)
Most Absurd Figurative Work - Prize (\$50-75 value)
Most Absurd Food-related Work - Prize (\$50-75 value)
Most Absurd 2D Work - Prize (\$50-75 value)
Most Absurd 3D Work - Prize (\$50-75 value)

SPECIFICATIONS:

- Only original artworks not previously exhibited at the Alliance will be displayed.
- All 2D artworks must be wired, ready to hang, and not exceed eight (8) feet in any direction.
 - All works must have one single hanging point (e.g., if your work has two D-rings, they must be connected with wire)
- All 3D artwork intended for display on pedestals must not exceed three feet in any direction or weigh more than 150 lbs.

LIABILITY

Artists are responsible for all shipping/transportation costs. Every effort will be made to handle artwork with care, including protection from loss. Alliance for the Arts will not be liable for loss or damage caused or occurring while work is exhibited or during shipping. The Alliance for the Arts reserves the right to photograph artwork for publicity purposes. Accepted artwork that is not picked up within 30 days of the end of the exhibition will henceforth be considered property of the Alliance for the Arts. Submission of any artwork constitutes an agreement to all conditions of this entry form, including the schedule and permission to photograph for publicity purposes. Signature on the entry form is an agreement to these conditions.

SALES

All artworks in this exhibition must be offered for sale to the public at a labeled price set by the artist. A 30% commission will be retained on all works by Member artists sold during the exhibition. A 40% commission will be retained on all works by Non-Member artists.

SHIPPING OF ARTWORKS

If your artwork is accepted to exhibit and you are unable to physically deliver it, you are responsible for shipping it to the Alliance with an anticipated arrival of **November 2nd** at the latest. Any shipped works not sold during the exhibition will need a return shipping label. If a return label is not included with the original shipment and your work does not sell, you will be asked to provide one. The Alliance is not responsible for shipping costs.

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TIMELINE:

Artwork Submission Deadline	Sunday, October 4th at 11:59 pm
Notification of Acceptance or Rejection	Friday, October 9th at 5 pm
Artwork Drop-off	Monday, November 2nd (10 am - 5 pm)
Opening Reception	Friday, November 6th (5 - 7 pm)
Exhibiting	Friday, November 6th - Saturday, November 28th
Pickup of Exhibited Work	Monday, November 30th (10 am - 5 pm)

Submit your entry at: LINK TBA

If you have any questions, please email exhibitions@artinlee.org or call 239-939-2787.