

Call to MCA Artists – February 2025 “Arts and Health Exhibition”

Description of Exhibit: Marion Cultural Alliance (MCA), in partnership with Arts in Health Ocala Metro (AIHOM), is excited to announce a call for art for our upcoming exhibition focused on the theme of health and wellbeing. We encourage MCA artist members to submit pieces that reflect the theme of "health" or are results of an arts and health initiative. The AIHOM team will guest-curate the selected works to be displayed during the month of February 2025 at MCA's Brick City Center for the Arts.

The arts can contribute to mental, physical, and community health. We believe that the arts have the power to heal, inspire, and transform, and we are eager to see how artists interpret this vital theme.

Theme & Medium: Artworks centered around health and wellbeing, in any medium that best expresses your vision.

Eligibility: Open to MCA Artist Members (*Not a member? Join online at mcaocala.org/*)

Submission Format: Each artist may submit two (2) original pieces for consideration. Digital images of the artwork should be submitted in high resolution along with an artist statement for each piece detailing how the piece is related to health and well-being. This statement should provide insight into the inspiration behind the work and its connection to the theme.

Deadline: All entries are to be submitted digitally no later than **Sunday, January 26, 2025 by 11:59pm** via MCA's ArtCall platform. No physical or mailed in submissions will be accepted or considered. Participants will be notified of their status by January 31, 2025 via email.

Link to Register and Submit Art: <https://feb2025.artcall.org/>

IMPORTANT DATES: ***

Members Opening Reception: Friday, February 7, 2025 (5 – 6 pm - *RSVP required!*)

Exhibit Dates / Location: February 7 - 28, 2025 at Brick City Center for the Arts (23 SW Broadway St)

Deadline: Sunday, January 26, 2025 (by 11:59 pm)

Drop Off Date(s): Saturday, February 1st (11am-4pm) and Monday, February 3rd (10am-4pm)

Pick Up Date(s): Saturday, March 1 (11am-4pm) and Monday, March 3 (10am-4pm)

Exhibit Sponsors: **TBD**

Contact: Marion Cultural Alliance (MCA) | galleries@mcaocala.com | 352-369-1500

*****Please confirm the specified dates before submitting. Additionally, be sure to review our Submission Guidelines on the following page.**

Complete list of requirements for MCA exhibits at Brick City Center for the Arts:

Calls to Artists: MCA will issue Calls to Artists 30-60 days prior to the deadline for submission. Calls will be issued through a targeted email to all members and through media releases. Artists may also visit www.mcaocala.org/calls-to-artists to learn of upcoming shows and opportunities.

Subject Matter: All submitted pieces should not be offensive or controversial and must be suitable for a family-friendly gallery audience and public City building.

Media: MCA's exhibits are open to any media including, but by no means limited to traditional drawing, glass, printmaking, digital/new media, photography, sculpture, painting, installation, etc. If piece requires special installation, the artist is responsible for all installation and providing all materials the piece may require.

Submission Dates: Submission dates are indicated in the *Call to Artists*. If you have questions, need clarification regarding dates or if you can't make any of the listed dates, please contact the Gallery Director immediately to establish alternatives.

Submission Format: Artists must register their work via ArtCall, along with *contact info, title of artwork, dimensions, price information and any additional required info*. Once approved by the Selection Committee, artists may bring in only pre-approved pieces of original art on the date listed in the Call to Artists. All pieces should include a Submission Receipt from ArtCall with contact & piece info. Suggested size per piece is up to 40" in any direction. However, if 2D artwork is oversized, please contact Gallery Director directly. If oversized, only one (1) submission will be considered.

Limitations: All 2D work must be properly wired with suitable hanging mechanisms, and must be "gallery ready", either framed or created on a gallery wrapped canvas. If work is not gallery ready, it will *not* be accepted. All 3D work must be assembled by the artist before it is accepted. Artist is responsible for installing their 3D piece unless otherwise specified by Gallery Director. All work must be original, no giclee's or reproductions. Please do not re-submit work that has already been shown in a previous exhibit at The Brick City Center for the Arts Gallery or anywhere around Ocala. All work must be completed before submission. Any work that is not yet dry or incomplete will not be accepted.

All work that is shown must be for sale, split 70% to the artist and 30% to MCA. All work that is shown at 'The Brick' must be for sale, no exceptions.

Liability: MCA's Gallery Director will take great care in handling artworks for exhibition. MCA is not liable for any damage that may occur. Marion Cultural Alliance and Marion Senior Services requests your permission to use images of your art published in our newsletter, website, social media sites, and/or any other promotional material including calendars, posters, banners, brochures, invitations, etc. The title of your work and your name will be included with each use of your image. Protection of intellectual property rights in the arts is of paramount importance to every artist. Therefore, Marion Cultural Alliance, Inc (MCA). reserves the right to reject and return any piece that in the sole discretion of MCA would potentially infringe on any existing copyrights, trademarks, and trade dress.

Shipping: The artist is responsible for shipping costs to and from The Brick City Center for the Arts. Specific shipping and labelling details can be requested from the Gallery Director.

Post Show Pick Up: Accepted artwork must remain in the Gallery through the designated end of the show and must be picked up by the date established by the Gallery Director. If an Artist cannot make the pick-up dates, arrangements must be made with Gallery Director before the end of the show. Any work left at 'The Brick' for over 30 days without prior consent from the Gallery Director will be considered a donation and will become property of the Marion Cultural Alliance.

Exhibition Selection Process: Selection of work is at the discretion of the Gallery Director & Gallery Advisory Committee. We reserve the right to reject work for the exhibition that does not meet the above requirements or does not match the intent of the exhibit. Marion Cultural Alliance, Inc (MCA). reserves the right to reject and return any piece that in the sole discretion of MCA does not fit the theme or it's deemed inappropriate. Artists will be notified via email after submission. Placement of your piece is solely up to the Gallery Director; rest assured that each artwork will be thoughtfully curated to ensure it complements the overall narrative of the exhibition. If you wish to discuss something specifically related to your piece, please contact the MCA Gallery Staff at gallery@mcaocala.com.