



E.L.I.T.E. — Endurance, Loss, Identity, Transformation & Emergence

Special Guest Juror: Artist Miguel Jose Matos

Exhibition Dates: September 24 – December 31, 2026

Submission Deadline: September 7, 2026

Call to Artists

InterCommunity Art Gallery invites artists to submit work for E.L.I.T.E. — Endurance, Loss, Identity, Transformation & Emergence, a juried group exhibition exploring the fractures, evolutions, and realities that shape our human condition. Juried by legendary Hartford artist Miguel Jose Matos, this exhibition seeks bold, emotionally resonant, and thought-provoking contemporary artwork that confronts the spaces between survival and reinvention.

About “E.L.I.T.E.”

Artists are encouraged to interpret the theme broadly through a personal, social, psychological, political, spiritual, or cultural lens. What do we carry and how do we transform through loss? How does identity shift under pressure, trauma, recovery, addiction, healing, displacement, love, memory, or time? What parts of ourselves dissolve — and what emerges afterward? This exhibition welcomes work that examines resilience without romanticizing struggle, transformation without erasing pain, and emergence as both a fragile process and the most powerful act. InterCommunity Art Gallery especially encourages authentic artistic voices unafraid to explore tension, vulnerability, contradiction, and truth. Whether abstract or representational, intimate or confrontational, polished or raw, submitted works should strive to create meaningful dialogue and human connection while remaining accessible to a broad public audience.

HOW TO APPLY: Submission Guidelines

- ❖ **The Following genres will be considered:** Mixed media, painting, photography, drawing, collage, printmaking, illustration, experimental work, 2 and 3D work, graffiti, printed/recorded word.
- ❖ **Condition:** 2D Works are recommended to be framed, but not mandatory. Please no fisheye hooks or saw tooth hangers. For questions please contact: thegallery@intercommunityct.org.
- ❖ **Submission and Exhibition Dates:** Submission Deadline of September 7th, 2026; Exhibition will run from September 24th, 2026, through December 31st, 2026, with an opening reception on Thursday, September 24th.
- ❖ **Accepted Work:** You will be notified if your art has been selected by September 12th, 2026.
- ❖ **Unaccepted Work:** If your art has not been accepted at this time, you won't hear from us, however, we encourage you to submit work during future calls for entry.
- ❖ **Send Submission:** In an email, please include your name, contact information, and up to 6 photos/jpgs or recordings of your work. For each piece submitted, include title, size in inches, price if applicable for each, and an artist statement for each piece. Links to additional work are also permissible. **Email submissions to thegallery@intercommunityct.org.**
- ❖ **Cost:** InterCommunity Gallery does not charge for submissions and takes 0% of artwork sold.

Gallery Mission & Information

Committed to removing barriers to care, and recognizing the connection between art and wellbeing, InterCommunity Gallery provides free access to museum-quality works by local artists. InterCommunity Gallery is located at 287 Main Street in East Hartford, CT. The Gallery is open Mon-Thurs 8AM to 6PM, and Fri 8AM to 5PM. InterCommunity Gallery is the only gallery in East Hartford. Learn more at:

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