



WBCA Presents: Fiber Optics

An Exhibition Celebrating the Diversity of Textile and Fiber Art

Call for Entry and Submission Guidelines

White Bear Center for the Arts is hosting “Fiber Optics,” an exhibition showcasing a diverse range of works by regionally-based emerging to established textile and fiber artists. The show will be thoughtfully curated by a panel of Twin Cities textile artists, soon to be announced. Selected works will highlight a variety of techniques and approaches to textile art, with educational components included throughout the exhibition.

CALL FOR ENTRIES:

White Bear Center for the Arts (WBCA) is a vibrant nonprofit community art center known for enriching lives, nourishing imagination, and building understanding through art. Our mission for our exhibition spaces is to create a vibrant platform for showcasing diverse perspectives while nurturing emerging and established artists in our community and beyond.

White Bear Center for the Arts (WBCA) is looking for emerging to established textile and fiber artists to exhibit their work for a curated group exhibition titled “Fiber Optics.” The exhibition will feature regionally-based textile and fiber artists in various media, representing a range of techniques.

If selected, works must be gallery-ready for hanging and displaying. Artists will have the opportunity to sell their artwork with a 40% commission to WBCA.

See the guidelines for more information on eligibility and acceptance.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

To apply, go to whitebeararts.org/call-for-entries and submit up to three entries, a short artist bio, and a statement about your creative process. For each piece, up to two images may be submitted. Images will be viewed for the curation of the exhibition. Submission of work does not guarantee acceptance.

SUBMISSION DATES:

Thursday, May 1-Friday, June 20, 2025 at 11:59 PM

ENTRY FEE:

\$30 (up to three entries).

Notification of Selected Works: By Friday, July 11, 2025 (by email)

EXHIBITION DATES:

August 4-September 12, 2025

COMMUNITY RECEPTION:

Tuesday, August 19, 2025, 6:00-8:00 PM; curator talk at 7:00 PM

SELECTED ARTWORK DROP-OFF:

Friday, July 25 and Saturday, July 26, 10:30 AM-2:30 PM

SELECTED ARTWORK PICK-UP:

Saturday, September 13 and Monday, September 15,
10:30 AM-2:30 PM

LOCATION:

The Exhibition Hall and Atrium at White Bear Center
for the Arts

Click [HERE](#) for the Entry Form.

Guidelines

ELIGIBILITY:

- Eligible fiber materials include, but are not limited to, the following: cotton, wool, silk, spandex, polyester, and nylon.
- Eligible fiber art techniques may include, but are not limited to, the following: sewing, quilting, knitting, weaving, crocheting, felting, hand construction, sculpture, basketry, and beading.
- This exhibition may include mixed media or unconventional artwork, provided that fiber is the main medium used.
- All artwork must be recently completed and original in composition and concept, and executed solely by the artist. Pieces deemed not original to the artist will be disqualified.
- WBCA reserves the right to determine acceptability. Inappropriate subject matter is not acceptable.
- Submission of work does not guarantee acceptance.

Please contact gallery@whitebeararts.org with any questions about eligibility.

ENTRY PROCESS:

- All entries must be submitted online. If you need assistance, please contact gallery@whitebeararts.org.
- As part of the online entry form, fill out contact information, artwork description, website, and social media (optional), artist bio/statement, and submit image(s) of your work.

IMAGES:

For each entry, submit up to two high-quality images, between 400 KB and 12 MB. Your work will be reviewed by the curators based on the image(s) you provide. Images must be of the work and not the surroundings and should exclude the mat and frame.

PAYMENT:

- Entry fee is non-refundable.
- To pay online, enter credit card information through PayPal.
- Alternatively, you can pay by credit card in person at WBCA or by phone by calling the front desk staff at 651-407-0597.
- All entries must be submitted through the online form by Friday, June 20, 2025, at 11:59 PM. No late entries accepted.
- Payment must be received by Friday, June 27, 2025, by 4:00 PM. Your entry is not official until payment is received.

If you are in need of financial assistance for the entry fee, please contact gallery@whitebeararts.org.

SELECTED WORKS:

- Notification of jury decisions will be emailed by Friday, July 11, 2025.
- WBCA will accept dropped off artwork on Friday, July 25, 2025, and Saturday, July 26, 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM. No exceptions, please.

CONDITIONS FOR SELECTED WORKS:

- All selected artwork must be ready to be displayed in a gallery setting. If applicable, please include proper hardware (i.e. rod, cleat, wall mount, etc.), a mannequin or dress form, or works may be framed.
- For framed pieces:
 - No sawtooth hangers.
 - Hanging wire should be 1/3 down from the top of the piece, not taut nor too much slack.
- Artwork may be disqualified for safety concerns.

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SALES:

- Artwork must be listed with a sale price or denoted "not for sale" (NFS). If NFS, you may indicate the value on the entry form.
- White Bear Center for the Arts will handle all art sales. Artwork priced for sale should include a 40% commission to WBCA.

WAIVER:

Reasonable care will be taken in handling and displaying artwork, but no responsibility is assumed by White Bear Center for the Arts (WBCA) for loss or damage of any kind. Submission of work indicates acceptance of these conditions and agreement that digital or photographic images may be used for publicity purposes by WBCA, including on the WBCA website, social media, and printed materials.

All selected artwork must be displayed in the gallery until the end of business hours on Friday, September 12, 2025.

Artist agrees to drop off selected artwork on Friday, July 25, and Saturday, July 26, between 10:30 AM-2:30 PM.

Artist agrees to pick up artwork on Saturday, September 13, and Monday, September 15, 2025, between 10:30 AM-2:30 PM. A late fee of \$15, plus \$5 per week, will be assessed for any items not picked up by 2:30 PM on Monday, September 15, 2025.

By typing your name at the bottom of the entry form, you are agreeing to this waiver.

Click [HERE](#) for the Entry Form.

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