



PUMPHOUSE THEATRE

Call for Visual Arts Submissions: The Quenten Doolittle Memorial Gallery

Submissions are now open for
The Quenten Doolittle Memorial Gallery Exhibit: Emerging Artists!
in association with the IGNITE! Festival for Emerging Artists
April 24th – June 27th, 2026.

The Pumphouse Theatre is a vibrant facility with historical significance and a focus on showcasing community, emerging and early stage career artists. It supports and presents all art forms and creates opportunities for engagement, enrichment, cultural experience, learning and inspiration, while serving all Calgarians. To enable this, the Quenten Doolittle Memorial Gallery provides accessible wall display space for Mohkinstsis (Calgary) visual artists to display and sell their work, free from commission.

IGNITE! is a festival dedicated to supporting, mentoring, and presenting emerging artists of all disciplines. IGNITE! allows artists to embrace risks in a supportive environment while providing resources, a bridge to the professional arts community, and meaningful opportunities for collaboration and community building with their peers.

For this exhibit, we are looking for work that is created by emerging artists. This includes artists with less than 5 years of professional experience creating or exhibiting their work. Submissions of any style, from realistic to abstract, and in any visual art medium will be considered, provided it meets all gallery requirements below.

The Pumphouse Theatre supports an inclusive and diverse community. We encourage any submissions of eligible visual artists from all communities including but not limited to the LGBTQ2+, BIPOC, and those with disabilities.

Submissions must meet the following requirements:

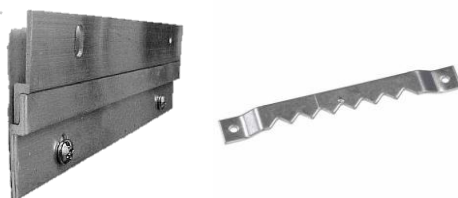
- Artist resides in Calgary and must be available for installation.
- Artist must identify as Emerging (**less than 5 years** of experience)
- Artwork must be delivered ready to hang (wall-space only)

Artists will be given a choice to opt into allowing their work to be adjudicated to become the official art piece of IGNITE! 2026. All submissions will be displayed from April 24th – June 27th, 2026. If selected to be the official art piece of IGNITE! 2026, the artist will receive an artist festival pass and an honorarium for the use of their image in marketing material.

Installation Requirements: All art **MUST** be equipped with picture hanging wire and D rings (a piece of metal hardware shaped like the letter D used on the back of frame or canvas as hooking device). Hanging cleats or flat metal hardware unfortunately will not be accepted. Dimensions must correlate with those provided on the submission form, otherwise they may not be installed upon being selected.



WE WANT THIS!



NOT THIS OR THIS!

This gallery is intended to be available for in person and online viewing. Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19 pandemic, there

is the possibility of this exhibit being online exclusively. All installation requirements are still necessary for this exhibit at this time.

In the event of an in-person gallery, The Pumphouse Theatre will install the work on behalf of the artists. Artwork may be dropped off or picked up by either the artist or a representative during the hours of 12pm and 6pm on the installation and take down dates provided. Artist must reserve an installation and take down date via a provided form or by contacting the Programming Director.

Timeline:

- Submission Deadline: March 31st, 2026 11:59pm
 - All artists who submit will be notified with a decision no later than 2-2 1/2 weeks after the deadline.
- Installation: April 19th – April 21st, 2026
- Exhibition: April 24th – June 27th, 2026
 - In the event of a virtual gallery only, this exhibition end date may be extended into the summer
- Take Down: June 29th – July 2nd, 2026

To apply, please send the following information via email:

- Completed Gallery Submission Form
- Artist Biography (250 words max)
 - A short description of who you are and your art background, training, passion, and/or any combination of the fore mentioned information
- Artwork: Photos, maximum of 5, do not send original works.
 - Images of artwork only; do not send original works with application

**Applications or queries are sent to:
Programming Director**

2140 Pumphouse Ave SW Calgary, AB T3C 3P5
prod@pumphousetheatre.ca 403-263-0079 ext. 100

Selection Process: Art pieces are selected by a committee of no less than 3 people and are a mix of artists and administrators. Selection criteria is based on: suitability to the theme, technique, emotional response, creativity & innovation, and suitability for the Pumphouse Theatre gallery space and its patrons (ages 8-80 representing various socio-economic and cultural backgrounds). Unfortunately, we are unable to accept works that feature nudity.

Any artists who need assistance with their application, or have inquires and questions, are welcome to contact The Pumphouse Theatre at any point.

The Quenten Doolittle Memorial Gallery Submission Form

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Artist Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone #: _____ Website: _____

Email: _____

Social Media: FB: _____ Instagram: _____

TW: _____ Other: _____

Artwork Submissions:

Artists may submit up to 5 pieces for consideration. Please record size in inches. If pieces are framed, please include frame in indicated size. Selected pieces that do not match dimensions given upon installation may not be accepted.

1 Title: _____ Size: H _____ W _____

Medium: _____ Sale Price: _____

File Name: _____

Description: _____

2 Title: _____ Size: H _____ W _____

Medium: _____ Sale Price: _____

File Name: _____

Description: _____

3 Title: _____ Size: H _____ W _____

Medium: _____ Sale Price: _____

File Name: _____

Description: _____



4 Title: _____ Size: H _____ W _____
Medium: _____ Sale Price: _____
File Name: _____
Description: _____

5 Title: _____ Size: H _____ W _____
Medium: _____ Sale Price: _____
File Name: _____
Description: _____

Important Dates

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(Artists will be notified within 2 weeks of submission deadline)

Installation: April 19th - 21st, 2026

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SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Please ensure the following elements complete your submission package:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Submission form correctly filled out. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Artist Biography Attached, 250 words max. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Images of Artwork Attached (up to 5 per artist) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | File names of submissions must clearly identify each art piece |

By signing your name, you agree that:

1. You own the rights to the artworks submitted.
2. The artwork will be delivered ready to hang and at dimensions indicated above
3. You are a resident of Calgary or surrounding area

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Completed submission packages or questions can be directed to prod@pumphousetheatre.ca.