



## **Jury Application Packet 2021-2022 Season**

Thank you for your interest in joining The Store at Mesa Arts Center, an Artists Cooperative Gallery. The gallery is a unique collection of artwork, all created by Arizona artists. We are not a consignment store but a collection of high quality, hand-made original art in a variety of mediums. Our store is completely run by artist members and volunteers in a team effort to sell beautiful, one-of-a-kind art.

An artist may submit separate applications for multiple mediums for consideration. Each space awarded will be considered a separate entity and the artist will be assessed annual dues and assigned demo shifts for each medium.

**Before submitting your application, please read the requirements of this membership carefully.** The Jury Committee reviews applications at least twice yearly and the process is three-fold:

1. Submission of completed application;
2. Review by the Jury Committee; and,
3. Personal interview and review of art with at least three members of the co-op Steering Committee.

There are limited display spaces to be filled within the store. Please make sure that your artwork will fit within the spaces. (See page 3 for more details.) Even better, visit the store to get a clear picture of how the art is displayed and how much space is available.

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### **Mission and Purpose**

The gallery's mission is to create art for the community, a community for artists, and support training in the arts. The MAC Artists Cooperative Gallery's purpose is to support a vibrant community of fine artists, to provide an opportunity to exhibit and sell regional fine art under a juried system, to enhance professional development among artists through the MAC Foundation and benefit the City of Mesa as a whole.

## Membership Requirements

1. All artists must be Arizona residents.
2. Artists must submit a completed jury application and \$20 jury fee. The jury fee is nonrefundable and does not guarantee membership approval. Each medium requires a separate application fee of \$20.

### Medium Categories:

- a. Jewelry
  - b. Ceramics
  - c. 2-D: Painting, Photography, Drawing, etc.
  - d. Fiber
  - e. Sculpture
  - f. Glass
  - g. Wood
  - h. Other: Metal, Mixed Media, etc.
3. Payment of Annual Membership dues of \$ 75.00. The Store season runs from early September to the end of June; The Store is closed in July and August. Artists who join the co-op from July 1 – Dec. 31 pay \$75. This fee is prorated as follows: artists who join the co-op from Jan. 1 – March 31 pay \$50; artists who join from April 1 – June 30 pay \$25.
  4. Commitment to demonstrate in the store a minimum of one shift per month (4-5 hrs.) Other opportunities for demonstration are also available at events throughout the year. (Only demo shifts are required in the store; MAC volunteers will staff the cash register.)
  5. Become a member of one of the committees within the group to help run the co-op, attend committee meetings (if applicable), and participate in e-mail communications. Committees include: Exhibits, Jury, Marketing, Store Operations, and Volunteer.
  6. Attend annual co-op all-artist meetings (in April and October). Be willing to donate an item to the annual MAC Foundation fundraising event.
  7. Be fingerprinted and have a background check conducted by the City of Mesa upon approval of membership and before working any demo shifts. Artist's inventory may be displayed for sale after receipt of signed contract and annual dues and completion of the background check/badging process.
  8. Agree to the store's commission terms of 70 percent to the artist and 30 percent to the MAC. Understand that some people (MAC Foundation members, City of Mesa employees, and others) are eligible for discounts of 10-20%.
  9. Attend an interview with members of the steering committee and bring in samples of your work as part of the final application process.
  10. Submit five high-resolution photos of your work. Do not submit more than five photos with your application.
    - a. Definition of high-resolution photos:
      - i. At least 300 dpi (dots per inch)
      - ii. 4"x6" – 5"x7" in size

- iii. Each photo file no larger than 5MB and no smaller than 500KB. No disks, thumb drives, or CDs will be accepted. Files need to be named with artist's last name and numbered 1-5, e.g., Smith1.jpg, Smith2.jpg, etc. and emailed to [macfacjury@live.com](mailto:macfacjury@live.com).
- b. Applications will not be reviewed if the above requirements are not met.

Photography Tips:

1. Shoot photos on a plain or complementary background.
2. Use a quality digital camera (at least 8 megapixels)
3. Avoid flash hot spots in photos.

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**Questions to consider before submitting an application:**

1. Can I commit to the above requirements?
2. Is my art original, unique, handmade, and considered fine art?
  - a. **Jewelry artists:** If you are a jewelry artist please be sure that your pieces have been personally handcrafted by you. Keep purchased beads, findings and parts to a minimum. Commercial findings are permitted but the artist should be making 95 percent of the work.
  - b. **Recycled/Repurposed Art:** If you are a "found" and recycled object artist, please be sure that your art is repurposed with a creative and unique re-use of materials.
3. Are my pieces finished professionally (framing, packaging, etc.)
4. Am I an established artist? (Do you participate in others shows or festivals? Do you have art at other galleries, stores, restaurants, etc.?)

If you answered "yes" to the above questions, you may be a perfect fit. Please complete the attached application. At a minimum, the jury committee reviews applications twice yearly. Artists who are accepted by the jury committee will be invited for a personal interview and review of their work before a final decision is made.

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**Available Art Display Space**

We invite all interested artists to the store to see the various displays available. We offer small and large shelf space, wall space, jewelry cases and displays as well as some floor space for fiber artist racks etc. At the discretion of the Exhibit Committee, the artwork may or may not be displayed in a contiguous area.

Note to Fiber Artists: You may need to provide appropriate display units for your artwork that can be used in the limited floor space of the store. The display information needs to be included with your application. Include photographs of how the artwork would be displayed. The display will be part of the jury process for Fiber Art.



## The Store at Mesa Arts Center, an Artists Cooperative Gallery Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

### 1) Exhibit Space Requested:

Jewelry (1/2 case) \_\_\_ Jewelry (earrings only) \_\_\_ 3D Art Shelf (Glass -Ceramics) \_\_\_  
Fiber Art \_\_\_ Small 2D and 3D Art Shelf \_\_\_ 2D/Wall \_\_\_

2) **Digital Images:** E-mail only five digital images (minimum 300 dpi, high-res, .jpeg, at least 4"6" in size). Type: MACFAC Jury App in the subject line. Send to: macfacjury@live.com. Each Image file must be labeled as follows: Artist's Last Name, number corresponding to list of Images below, for example, "Smith1.jpg." Please include your full name in the e-mail. **ONLY e-mailed images will be considered. NO Disks will be reviewed. Jury application forms may be emailed or sent via USPS.**

3) **List of Images:** Identify digital images submitted including title, year made, price, size (HxWxD) and medium.

1. Title \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Price \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_

2. Title \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Price \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_

3. Title \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Price \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_

4. Title \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Price \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_

5. Title \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Price \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_

4) **Artist Statement:** Attach a short statement –125 words or less – about your work and vision. This will be displayed in the store if you are invited to join the co-op.

5) **Resume:** Please attach your resume.

6) **Fee:** \$20 non-refundable check, money order, or cashier's check made payable to: MAC Foundation. (Payment does not guarantee acceptance by the Jury Committee.) Only complete submissions containing all items listed on checklist below, along with a signed application will be considered. The decisions made by the Jury Committee are final. Artists not selected will receive a notification informing them that they were not selected. No further explanation will be given.

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### Checklist

- Artist Application/List of Images (page 4)
- Digital Images: Correctly labeled and emailed to [macfacjury@live.com](mailto:macfacjury@live.com) (include full name in email message.)
- Artist Statement
- Artist Bio/Resume
- Fee
- Sign application below

### Delivery of jury application packets

Please mail or drop off your completed packet to:

Mail address: The Store at Mesa Arts Center, Attn: Jury Committee, P.O. Box 1466, Mesa, AZ 85211- 1466

Drop-off address: The Store at Mesa Arts Center, One East Main St. Mesa, AZ 85201

Store Hours:

Monday	Closed
Tues., Weds	Noon–5 pm
Thurs., Fri., Sat.	10 am–7:30 pm
Sunday	12–5 pm

Please do not call the store to inquire about the status of your application.

If I am selected during the jury process, I have read and agree to abide by the guidelines for The Store at Mesa Arts Center.

Artist's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_