

“The SQUARE DARE” Exhibit at the WHAM Gallery

Call Description:

WHAM Art Center proudly presents *The SQUARE DARE 2025*, a dynamic exhibition that invites artists to explore the creative possibilities of the square. From tiny 1"x1" works to bold 60"x60" statements, this show embraces the beauty and challenge of working within equal dimensions. Artists across all styles and mediums are encouraged to submit pieces that reflect their unique voice while working within this powerful geometric constraint.

The square format may be less common, but it's full of creative potential. Its equal proportions challenge artists to approach composition, focal points, and visual movement differently. Whether you're experimenting with this shape for the first time or returning to it with fresh ideas, this is a great opportunity to push your creative boundaries. Selected artworks will be featured in the WHAM gallery and highlighted online, offering valuable visibility to eclectic collectors and art lovers alike.

Small space, big impact—show us what you can create inside the square.

IMPORTANT DATES:

DEADLINE for Entries: Sunday, June 22, 2025 at midnight.

Notification of Acceptance: Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Delivery of Artwork to WHAM: All accepted local entries must be delivered at WHAM on Monday, June 30, 2025 from 11am to 2pm.

Art Arrival Deadline for Shipped Art: All accepted, shipped artwork must arrive at the gallery no later than July 1, 2025.

Artists Reception: July 12, 2025, 4-6pm

Exhibition Dates: Selected artists will be exhibited at WHAM gallery, July 1, 2025 through July 31, 2025.

Artwork that is unsold must be picked up on July 31, 2025 between 10am and 2pm. Storage fee for artwork not picked up will be \$5 per week. After 30 days, artwork will be considered abandoned and donated to a local charity.

Shipped Artwork Returned: The gallery will start to return unsold art to the participating artists through August 1, 2025 through August 6, 2025.

Location: WHAM Art Gallery, 16560 N Dysart Road, Surprise, AZ 85378.

Artwork Specifications:

Artists should not submit any art previously included in any exhibit at WHAM. This includes the Member Art Exchange as well as shows in the WHAM Front Gallery. No work created with AI will be accepted.

This is a juried exhibit. Entering the exhibit does not guarantee that your artwork will be accepted into the exhibit.

3-D Artwork Requirements

All 3-D artwork must have square dimensions—each side must be equal in length (e.g., 1 in. x 1 in. x 1 in., 24 in. x 24 in. x 24in.). Submissions that do not meet this requirement will not be

accepted. Artwork must be small enough to be moved by one or two people, fit through a standard 36-inch-wide doorway, and weigh no more than 70 pounds.

2-D Artwork Requirements

All 2-D artwork must fit within a square format, with equal height and width (e.g., 12 in. x 12 in., 24 in. x 24 in.). The maximum size allowed is 60 in. x 60 in.

Artwork must arrive **ready to hang** with secure, built-in or attached hanging hardware.

Sawtooth hangers are not permitted.

If artwork is designed to hang off the wall and does not include appropriate hardware upon arrival, it will be returned and not exhibited.

Maximum weight: 30 pounds.

Submission and Fees:

Submission is exclusively through **Entrythingy**. You can access Entrythingy through the WHAM website (<https://www.wham-art.org/>) on the Gallery button to Call to Artists or you can go directly to Entrythingy (<https://www.entrythingy.com/d=wham-art.org?start=list#dashboard>) to find the Call for Entries list. Artists new to Entrythingy can create an account. It is free and easy.

The entry fee is \$40 for up to five pieces of work. Entrythingy allows artists to submit three images (different views) of each piece entered. The fee will not be refunded, in part or in whole, for any reason. In addition, the application and fee do not guarantee acceptance into the exhibit or event. Online payment is credit card or PayPal only. Checks are accepted prior to when mailed to WHAM at 16560 N Dysart Rd., Surprise, AZ 85378.

Entry Format:

All images must be JPEG. At least 1MB but under 5MB. Your jpg file must be named with your last name and the number of the entry, for example Freeman 1 for the first photo file, Freeman 2 for the second photo file and so on. In addition, you will fill out the form to include the title of the art piece, the medium, size, price and year of completion. These digital images are viewed by jurors and curators during this selection process. Please make sure the images are high resolution. If you require assistance or tutorial, please contact: nicolas.flowers@wham-art.org

Awards:

Ribbons and Cash Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries.

Shipping:

Detailed shipping instructions will be provided in the Notification of Acceptance email.

Artists are responsible for all shipping and delivery costs—including insurance—to and from the gallery. All artwork must be securely packed for safe transport. To ensure proper return handling, artists must include clear packing and return shipping instructions inside the package. This may include written steps, diagrams, photos, or specific materials used.

Packaging Guidelines:

- 3-D artwork must be wrapped in several layers of bubble wrap and placed in a sturdy carton.
- It is strongly recommended to double-box the artwork, placing the initial carton inside a second, larger, sturdy box lined with additional padding.

- If you are unsure how to safely pack your artwork, please consult a professional shipping service.
- Only use UPS or FedEx for shipping. Do not ship via the United States Postal Service (USPS).

Return Shipping Requirements:

- Artists must include a prepaid UPS or FedEx return shipping label with their artwork.
- The label must include all required barcodes.
- Do not provide a link to generate the label—it must be printed and enclosed.
- We do not accept checks, credit cards, or Airbills with credit card numbers for return shipping.
- Artwork without a prepaid return label will be considered abandoned and may be donated to a school, hospital, or senior center.

Insurance:

The WHAM Gallery will exercise reasonable care and handling and protecting all artwork, but the Gallery will not assume any liability for loss of or damage to art while in the Gallery's custody or during round-trip shipping. Artists are responsible to independently insure their own work. In addition, Artists are strongly encouraged to obtain an additional insurance rider if the art is of high retail value. By applying to this Call for Entry and by shipping or delivering artwork to the WHAM Gallery, the Artist fully agrees that the WHAM Gallery (and its agents and employees) will not be liable, and not culpable in any way, for loss or damage to the art.

Commission on Sales:

All artwork must be for sale. Artists must list a specific price and not indicate "Upon Request". Artwork must remain in the gallery for the full duration of the exhibition or event.

75% of the final price goes to the Artist and 25% of the final sale price will be retained by the Gallery. All sales of artwork will be conducted through the WHAM Main Desk. Artists will receive a check from WHAM about the 15th of the following month for their sale.

Image Use and Copyright:

Artists retain the copyright to their artwork. WHAM Art Gallery reserves the right to photograph and publish images of artwork for this and for future exhibitions and to use the selected images as well as data (such as the artist's name) for publicity/marketing (print and electronic) and for archival purposes, including use on the galleries website and on social media.

Hold Harmless:

I understand that WHAM Art Association is not responsible for the artwork replacement, repair, nor payment of any artwork that may be damaged or stolen during the time it is being displayed at the venue. I am aware of the risks associated with participation in the show and sale, therefore, I do not hold WHAM Art Association liable for display and the contents thereof. I understand that I will work with the director of the WHAM Gallery while my artwork is being displayed and not make sale arrangements independently. I understand that as the artist displaying, I am responsible for delivering my own artwork to the venue, ready to hang/install,

with proper wiring. Sawtooth hangers are not acceptable as they are not compatible with the gallery hanging system. My artwork may not be removed before the end of the show.

Application Requirements:

Please carefully follow all guidelines outlined in this prospectus, especially those in the Artwork Specifications and Shipping sections.

We strongly recommend that you save or print the information listed under "Important Dates" for your reference.

By submitting your application, you acknowledge that you have read and fully agree to all terms and conditions outlined in this Call Prospectus and the accompanying Legal Agreement.

Eligibility Criteria:

Entrants must be 18 years of age or older and a member of WHAM.

About The Gallery:

The WHAM Art Gallery is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization committed to providing quality arts programming to the community. WHAM is located in Surprise, Arizona, a suburb of Phoenix. Surprise and its neighboring cities comprise the third largest metropolitan area in Arizona. Surprise has a vibrant arts and cultural scene that attracts thousands of visitors each year. Known for its warm winters and scenic beauty the area is a favorite destination for visitors from all over the world.

Gallery Website: <https://www.wham-art.org/>

Facebook: WHAM Art Association

Instagram: @whamartscenter