

# WHAM Gallery Prospectus

## "Dog Days of Summer"

Aug 4 – 29, 2026

### WHAM Art Center

16560 N Dysart Rd,  
Surprise, AZ 85378

### Call for Entries

WHAM Art Center invites artists to explore the “Dog Days of Summer,” the hottest and most still stretch of the season, typically from early July through mid-to-late August.

The term comes from ancient astronomy, when the rise of Sirius—the “Dog Star”—coincided with the peak of summer heat. Today, it simply refers to those long, hazy days when time slows down and everything feels a little heavier, quieter, and more intense.

This exhibition invites artists to respond to the feeling of summer at its peak—heat, stillness, nostalgia, exhaustion, memory, and atmosphere. Artists are encouraged to interpret the season through color, landscape, abstraction, or personal storytelling—capturing not just what summer looks like, but what it feels like.

All mediums are welcome, including painting, sculpture, photography, ceramics, printmaking, mixed media, and experimental forms. Works may be literal, abstract, symbolic, or conceptual in response to the Dog Days of Summer.

### Awards

Ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded for First Place, Second Place, Third Place, and Best in Show. Artists do not need to be present to receive awards. All awards will be determined by the Juror and announced at the exhibition reception.

### Exhibition Calendar

- **Submission deadline:** Entries and fees due on **Jul 20, 2026** at midnight.
- **Notification of acceptance:** Entrants will be notified of acceptance/non-acceptance by **Jul 24, 2026**, midnight.
- **Drop off art:** All accepted local entries must be delivered at WHAM on **Aug 1, 2026 from 10 am – 2 pm**.
- **Deadline for shipped art:** All accepted, shipped artwork must arrive at WHAM no later than **Jul 31, 2026**.
- **Exhibition on display:** **Aug 4 through Aug 29, 2026**.
- **Exhibition reception:** **Aug 15, 2026 from 2 – 4 pm**



- **Pick-up artwork:** Unsold artwork must be picked up on **Aug 31, 2026 from 10 am – 12 pm.**
- **Shipped artwork returned:** Unsold art will be returned to the participating artists **Sep 7, 2026 through Sep 14, 2026.**

### Eligibility & Artwork Requirements

- The exhibition is open to artists of all levels, ages 18+, residing in the United States. All media are eligible, including painting, drawing, photography, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture, mixed media, collage, and recycled or upcycled art, and both 2D and 3D works are welcome.
- Artwork should be inspired by the “Dog Days of Summer,” responding to the feeling of late summer at its peak—heat, stillness, haze, nostalgia, memory, exhaustion, atmosphere, or personal experience of the season. Interpretations may be literal, abstract, symbolic, or conceptual, as long as they engage with the spirit of this time of year.
- All artwork must be original, created by the submitting artist, and completed within the past three years. AI-generated artwork is not eligible, and artwork previously shown at WHAM Gallery will not be accepted.

### Size & Weight

- Wall-hung work may not exceed **4 feet in any direction** and must weigh no more than **30 lbs.**
- Free-standing work must be stable, fit through a standard **36” doorway**, and weigh no more than **50 lbs.** Larger free-standing works may be accepted if safely accommodated.

### Presentation

- Wall-hung pieces must be delivered ready to hang, equipped with a secure hanging wire; sawtooth hangers are not accepted.
- All work must be gallery-ready and demonstrate good craftsmanship.
- Accepted works may not be substituted and must closely match submitted images; poorly presented work may be disqualified.

### Submission Requirements

- All entries must be submitted through EntryThingy. You can access it in two ways:
  - 1. Go to the WHAM website at [www.wham-art.org](http://www.wham-art.org), click the GALLERY button, then Call for Art.
  - 2. Go directly to [www.entrythingy.com](http://www.entrythingy.com) and find WHAM’s Call for Entries. If you are new to EntryThingy, you can create a free account.
- Entry fee: \$40 for five (5) entries. A series or set of related pieces may be submitted as a single entry, counted as one of the five. Payment of the entry fee signifies the artist’s acceptance of all terms and conditions and is non-refundable. Submission of an application and fee does not guarantee acceptance. Online payment is by credit card or PayPal only by paying here: <https://www.wham-art.org/payments> or going to the tab called PAY HERE on the WHAM website and select the “Dog Days of Summer Call for Art: \$40”
- All images must be JPEG or PNG format, between 1 MB to 5 MB with a resolution of 72 dpi.
- Each entry requires at least one image and the following information:
  - Title

- Materials
- Dimensions (H × W × D in inches)
- Year Completed
- Price (all entries must be for sale)
- Files should be labeled as FirstNameLastName\_\_EntryNumber.jpg (e.g., JohnSmith\_\_2.jpg). These digital images are viewed by Jurors and Curators during the selection process.

### Sales of Artwork

- 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.
- For any artwork sold, WHAM Art Center retains a 25% commission, and the artist receives 75% of the retail price. Retail prices are set by the artist during the EntryThingy submission process.
- Payments for sales are paid around the 15th of the following month.

### Terms and Conditions

- WHAM Art Center, including its staff and volunteers, will take reasonable care with all artwork but assumes no responsibility for loss, theft, damage, or hazards of any kind, whether on display or in transit. Artists are responsible for insuring their own work.
- Participating artists are also responsible for all costs of shipping, delivery, and return. Unless hand-delivered, artwork must be securely packed in a reusable box or crate with appropriate packing materials.
- All sales will be managed through the WHAM Gallery; artists may not arrange sales independently. Artwork must be delivered ready to hang/install with proper wiring (no sawtooth hangers).
- Unclaimed work will incur a \$5/week storage fee; after 30 days it will be donated to charity.
- By applying, artists agree to these terms and grant WHAM permission to use images of their artwork for promotional purposes.

### Shipping and Delivery

- Artists are responsible for all shipping, delivery, and insurance costs. Detailed instructions will be sent with the Notification of Acceptance.
- 3D/ceramic/sculptural artwork must be securely packed with bubble wrap in a sturdy, reusable carton (double-boxing recommended) and shipped via UPS or FedEx only; USPS is not accepted. **All shipments must include a prepaid return label with barcodes**—no credit cards, Airbills, or links. Artwork without a return label will not be returned and will be donated.
- Settlement for any damage that occurs in transit is the responsibility of the artist and the carrier.
- All works must arrive by **July 31, 2026** to:
  - WHAM Art Center  
16560 N Dysart Rd, Surprise, AZ 85378

### About the Gallery

The WHAM Art Gallery (What's Happen'n Art Movement) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit 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: [www.wham-art.org](http://www.wham-art.org)

Facebook: [WHAM Art Association](#)

Instagram: [@WhamArtAz](#)

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**Questions?**

Any questions about the exhibition entry process should be directed to Nicolas Flowers [nicolas.flowers@wham-art.org](mailto:nicolas.flowers@wham-art.org) with the subject line “Dog Days of Summer” or by calling WHAM Art Center at 623-584-8311