

# OPEN SPACE

ART ABOUT THE LAND

*Open Space: Art About the Land exhibition is presented with generous support from Stefan and Joan Anderson.*

## CALL FOR ENTRIES

### ABOUT OPEN SPACE

Since 2001, *Open Space: Art About the Land*, an annual art competition and exhibition, has encouraged Indiana artists to derive creative inspiration from the land and recognized new artistic creations that celebrate the notion of “open space” as it relates to the land.

*Open Space* will be exhibited at both Minnetrista Museum & Gardens and the Anderson Museum of Art (AMOA). Developed by the two museums in partnership with Red-tail Land Conservancy, a portion of the event’s proceeds will benefit Red-tail’s work to preserve and restore vital wildlife habitats and natural beauty.

### JUROR

**India Cruse-Griffin**, Professional Mixed Media Collage artist India Cruse-Griffin earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. India’s art is based on her family, community, and the spirit of humanity. Her art is created with a combined collection of Magazines, Fabric, Glue, and acrylic paint. Her spirited, expressive, multi-layered, multi-textural and colorful Collage style is unmistakably hers.

India has received many awards, including Indy Arts Council’s DeHaan Artist of Distinction in 2025, Curator’s Award at *Butter*, and Best of Show in the *Hoosier Art Salon Allen Whitehill Clowes Collaborative* exhibition. India is currently a Studio Artist at the Harrison Center for the Arts in Indianapolis, Indiana.

### AWARDS + RECEPTION

Awards totaling \$1,500 will be given at the juror’s discretion. Prizes and awards include: First Place (\$500), Second Place (\$350), Third Place (\$250), Photography Merit Award (\$100), Three-Dimensional Artwork Merit Award (\$100), Jim Faulkner Landscape Merit Award (\$100), and the Stefan and Joan Anderson Prize for Art (\$100), for the best exhibited piece representing any Red-tail Land Conservancy nature preserve (please identify if your artwork represents any Red-tail preserve).

Exhibiting artists are invited to attend the awards reception on **Friday, November 6, 2026**, at Minnetrista Museum & Gardens. Each artist may bring one guest.

## CALENDAR

### Digital Art Submission Deadline

September 28, 2026; 11:59 p.m.

[minnetrista.net/events/open-space-2026](https://minnetrista.net/events/open-space-2026)

### Notification of Results

October 2, 2026

### Drop Off Selected Artwork at Minnetrista Museums & Gardens

Appointment times will be available on Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17, 2026; details to follow.

### Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony at Minnetrista Museum & Gardens

November 6, 2026

### Art Pick Up at Anderson Museum of Art & Minnetrista Museum & Gardens

Appointment times will be available on the week of January 4, 2027; details to follow.

## EXHIBITION DATES

### November 7, 2026

Exhibition opens to the public.

### January 3, 2027

Exhibition closes to the public.

## ELIGIBILITY

**Any artist 18 years of age or older who is a present or former resident of Indiana.**

### Eligible Work includes:

ceramics, digital art, drawings, fiber, mixed media, paintings, prints, sculptures, metalwork, and photography. Digitally created art is accepted but must be printed. Video and audio art are not eligible.

Eligible artwork must have been completed within the last three years. Artwork must be original and not created as part of a class. Artwork may be in any media (excluding video art) and must address “the spirit of open space with reference to the land.” No entry may exceed 60 inches in any direction and/or 50 pounds in weight.

All two-dimensional art entries must be ready to exhibit (i.e. framed or ready to hang—no saw tooth hangers or clips will be accepted). Paint must be dry. A single entry may contain no more than four component parts. All art must include artists name and title.

## ENTRY PROCEDURE

Artists may submit up to three entries. All artwork must be submitted digitally at [minnetrista.net/events/open-space-2026](http://minnetrista.net/events/open-space-2026). Entries are due by 11:59 p.m., **Monday, September 28, 2026**. Physical drop-offs will not be accepted.

## ENTRY FEE

A non-refundable entry fee of \$35 is required at the time of online submission for all participants. Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, Diners, JBC, Apple Pay, Google Pay, and Link are all accepted.

## SALES

All artists are encouraged to offer their artwork for sale. Minnetrista and AMOA are responsible for all sales transactions at their respective venues and will retain 30% of the selling price of each work sold. A portion of the sales will benefit Red-tail Land Conservancy. Artwork sold may not be removed until after the show closes on **Sunday, January 3, 2027**. Purchased art pickups will be arranged the following week according to the schedules of the respective venues (Minnetrista Museum & Gardens or Anderson Museum of Art).

## DISCLAIMERS

Submission of artwork shall be understood to indicate agreement to abide by the rules and the decision of the juror. Entry constitutes permission to photograph artwork and use the images in publications, advertisements or promotional materials. Artwork may not be withdrawn prior to the close of the exhibition. **Display of art does not guarantee free access to galleries.**

## INSURANCE

The exhibiting facilities will make every effort to protect the artwork but will not be responsible for damage or loss. The venues will not be responsible for insuring unclaimed artwork after **Friday, April 30, 2027**.

## PICK UP OF ARTWORK

Instructions for final artwork pickup following the close of the exhibition at Minnetrista and AMOA on **Sunday, January 3, 2027** will be sent to artists via email by the respective venues by early December. Pick up schedules may vary by venue. Artwork not picked up by **August 31, 2027** will be considered abandoned. Ownership will transfer to host museum who will dispose of the artwork in a manner of their choosing.

## QUESTIONS

Contact

Anderson Museum of Art | [andersonart.org](http://andersonart.org)

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Red-tail Land Conservancy | [fortheland.org](http://fortheland.org)

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