



Artomatic 419

2026 Exhibition Call

Call open until August 2 or Filled

SUMMARY

Artomatic 419 is a non-juried, multidisciplinary art exhibition for local Toledo creatives to showcase their work. This multi-day event, scheduled for September 18-20, will provide access to indoor exhibition space at Erie Street Market in Downtown Toledo. This event will offer a gallery-esque setting for visual artists and designers, multiple stage performance areas, and a projection room for film and video. Artomatic 419 is free for participants and attendees.

Exhibition artists are invited to sign up as an individual or collective for a designated space to showcase their work. This can include physical 2D or 3D art, installations, performance art, videos or projections, or creative work of any medium.

The Artomatic 419 model brings together artists to co-create and execute this unique festival experience. Numerous Toledo artists credit Artomatic with getting their artistic careers off the ground.

ARTIST SCHEDULE

July 1 - August 2

Call open until August 2 or all spaces selected. Artists will be immediately notified confirming their participation.

July 15 - August 2

The first list of participating artists will be published on July 15, then updated regularly until August 2 or all spaces are selected.

September 15 - 17

Artists can access the space and start installing work.



Thursday, September 17

All work needs to be installed by the end of the day.

Friday, September 18 5pm - 9pm

Artist Mixer and opening night of Artomatic 419.

Saturday, September 19 12pm - 9pm and Sunday, September 20 12pm - 5pm

Event hours over the weekend.

Monday, September 21 - Friday, September 25

De-installation of work. All work needs to be out by the end of day Friday. Any walls that have been painted need to be whitewashed with an approved color shade.

LOCATION

Event: Erie Street Market, 201 S Erie St, Toledo, OH 43604

Parking: Erie Street Market Lot, Street Parking, or designated spaces in the Cork & Knife Provision lot; 224 S Erie St, Toledo, OH 43604. A parking map will be shared prior to September 14.

PROJECT ASSESSMENT

The Arts Commission Will Not Show:

- Anything that consists of an incitement to hatred primarily against a group of people defined in terms of race, ethnicity, national origin, gender, religion, or sexual orientation.
- Anything deemed an unreasonable safety hazard (fire or otherwise).
- Anything with a noise level above a normal conversation in consideration to neighboring exhibition spaces.
 - If you are unsure if the work you plan to show will have a louder than acceptable noise level please still sign up to secure a space but reach out to Tess Healy at thealy@theartscommission.org to determine the best placement of your exhibition with the committee.

Requirements:

- Exhibiting artists must participate in at least one volunteer shift during the festival that may include set-up, tear-down, safely monitoring, or other duties as assigned.
- Exhibiting artists must have a residence or creative studio within 50 miles of downtown Toledo, Ohio.

Artists are responsible for:

- All equipment and supplies needed for the project.
- Promoting their work.
- Providing visible contact information.

- Dealing directly with any sales or inquiries about the work or have a representative present to do so. The Arts Commission staff, board, committee, or volunteers are not responsible for conducting any sales for artists.
- Obtaining a vendor's license if conducting sales at the event.
- Using appropriate display techniques that have been approved by the individual venue and The Arts Commission.

Exhibiting artists will work directly with The Arts Commission staff and Artomatic 419 committee contacts for project logistics, including determining install times, access to space, and approved display techniques. Specific date and times for installation and deinstallation will be coordinated closer to the event, including any project needing special arrangements. It is not the venue's or The Arts Commission's responsibility to promote your show individually or sell your work.

If any of the expectations outlined here and with the individual venue are not met, The Arts Commission reserves the right to kindly revoke participation in the project. The Arts Commission will provide overall venue access and all coordination, marketing, and promotion of Artomatic 419.

WHAT CAN ARTISTS EXPECT?

- Depending on the space selected, exhibiting artists will either be given a 6'x6' space with perpendicular 6'x8' walls, a minimum of 4'x5' space with one or two 4'x8' walls, or a dedicated space specific to the venue. Reference images are included under "HOW TO APPLY" and in Attachment 1 below.
- The wall placement displayed on the selection map is subject to change and may shift depending on the level of the ground or to make room for accessible pathways.
- Outside of the required volunteer shift, artists are encouraged to attend but are not required to be at the event. Artists or their chosen representative are only required to be present during times they are conducting sales.
- If artists are applying to exhibit a timed performance including, but not limited to, dance, music, or spoken word please be sure to click the performance sign-up link under "HOW TO APPLY" below. Multiple areas will be designated for performing artists who will have sound and spatial requirements.
- The performance link is for artists who would like to be included in the performance schedule and designated performance spaces. Artists selecting exhibition spaces are welcome to have timed performances in their space but will not be on the official schedule and the noise level should not be louder than a normal conversation in consideration towards their neighboring exhibiting artists.
- The type of display provided and utilities available, including outlets, will be determined by the space chosen and cannot be guaranteed. If artwork needs a specialized display it will be up to the artist to provide.
- Tables, chairs, and pedestals are not provided.
- Power tools, nails, screws, or any materials needed to hang work are not provided.

- Anything not listed under “Project Assessment” is allowed. Works not suitable for viewers under the age of 18 will need to be protected from public view and have clear signage. Any mature displays will need to be approved by an Arts Commission staff or board member before the start of the event.
- The Arts Commission reserves the right to use artist work for promotional purposes. Copyright of selected works remains with the artist.
- **Depending on the nature of their proposal, artists may be requested to obtain liability insurance. Neither the Arts Commission nor the presenting venue is liable for lost, stolen, or damaged works.**

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must have a residence or creative studio within 50 miles of downtown Toledo, Ohio. Individual artists, teams, or collectives may apply. Some exhibition spaces may be prioritized for artist groups and interactive works depending on utility or other needs. There is no age minimum for applicants, but artists under the age of 15 must have an adult present during set-up, tear-down, volunteer hours, and any time they are attending their exhibition space.

All applicants will be considered regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, military status, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical or mental disability.

Artists are permitted to offer sales of their exhibition work if applicable. Exhibited works should remain on site in order to maintain a full exhibition space for the duration of the event.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Deposit: A \$20.00 deposit is requested to participate. The request will come with the artist agreement after signing up. This deposit is requested to help prevent no-show empty spaces in the exhibition but is not required if it prohibits an artist from participating. A deposit is requested per space, not per artist. Group exhibitions, teams, or collectives are not asked to submit separate deposits per person.

Deposits will be refunded if artists cancel their participation within the accepted time frame and fully deinstall their work by Friday, September 25, 2026 with no damage to the exhibition space outside of approved display techniques. Artists can also choose to donate their deposit to The Arts Commission to help fund the next Artomatic 419.

Cancellation: Artists have until Friday, September 4, 2026 to cancel their participation and have their deposits refunded. Any artist or collective that cancels on or after Saturday, September 5, 2026 or does not have their work installed by Friday, September 18, 2026 will not have their deposits refunded.

Required Volunteer Hours: Artists participating in Artomatic 419 must volunteer for at least one shift during the festival. Shifts will be shared with artists first along with details for how to use our new system.

Parking: Parking is available in the lot behind Erie Street Market, on the street, and in designated spots in the lot across the street at 224 S Erie St, Toledo, OH 43604. A parking map will be shared prior to September 14.

HOW TO APPLY

- View the images with descriptions and video walkthrough to determine which space you want to sign up for:
 - [Layout and Selection Map](#)
 - [Artist Exhibition Space Walkthrough Video - Artomatic 419 2026](#)
- **Sign up for your preferred space here: [2026 Artomatic 419 Exhibition Sign-up](#)**
- Calls will close August 2 or until all spaces are filled.
- If planning to submit through other mediums, please sign up through these alternate links or visit [The Arts Commission of Greater Toledo](#) for more information:
 - Performance:
<https://theartscommission.wufoo.com/forms/artomatic-419-2026-performance-signup/>
 - Film and Video:
<https://theartscommission.wufoo.com/forms/artomatic-419-filmvideo-application/>
 - Spectacle Art:
<https://theartscommission.wufoo.com/forms/2026-artomatic-419-spectacle-art-call/>

Exhibition Measurements drawings generously provided by mADE Architects Designers & Engineers. Photography by Au'Ree Antoinette (top photo page 8) and Jennifer Beachy (bottom photo page 8)

CONTACT INFORMATION

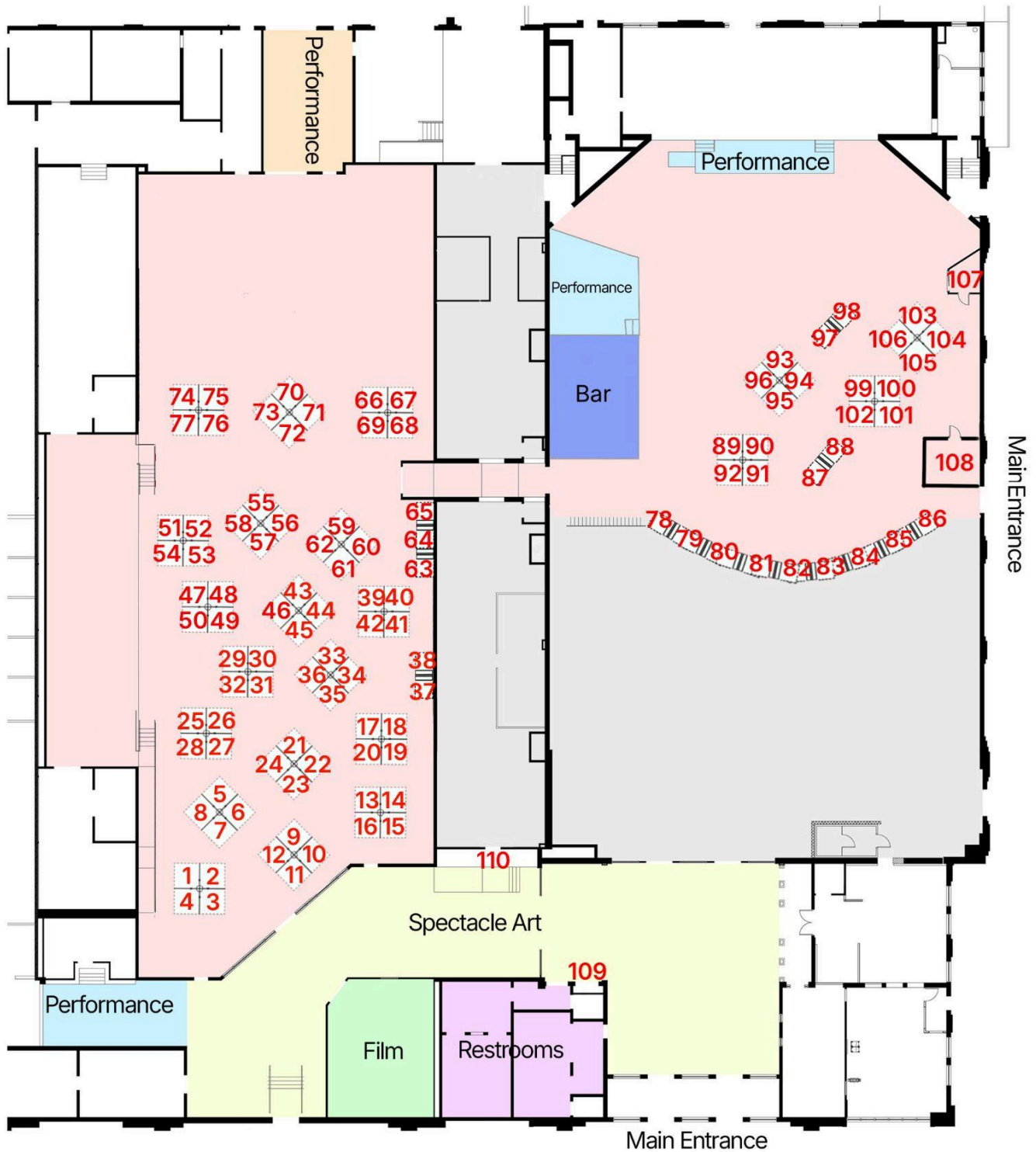
The Arts Commission contact:

Tess Healy, Artomatic 419 & Events Manager - thealy@theartscommission.org

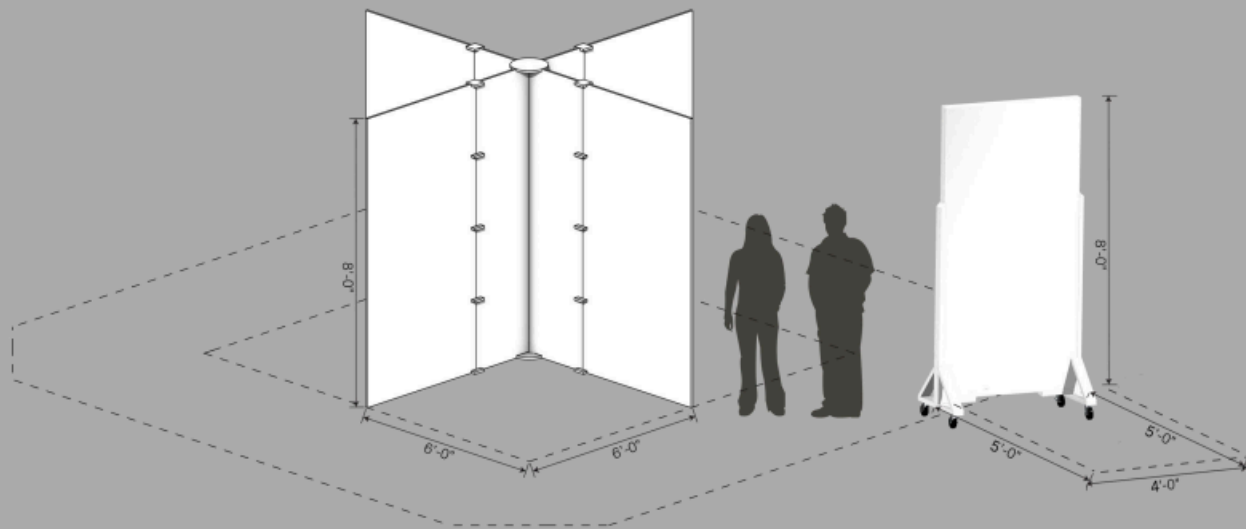
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Attachment 1:

Gallery Layout

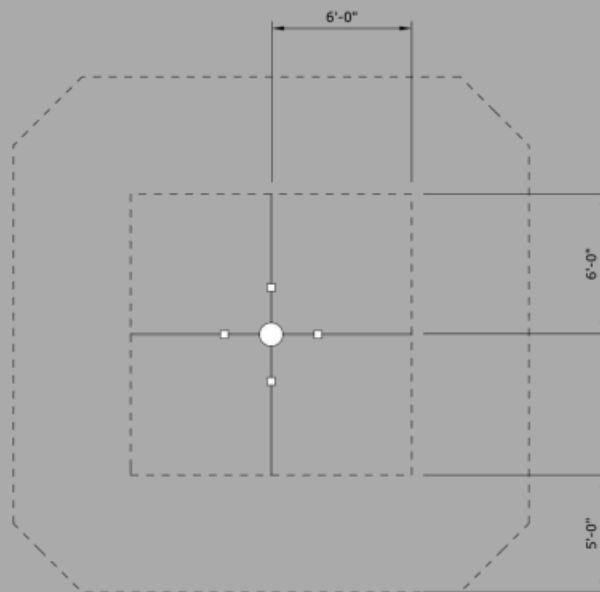


Exhibition Measurements



ISOMETRIC VIEW

3/8" = 1'-0"



MODULE PLAN

1/4" = 1'-0"





