



## **Artomatic 419**

### **Spectacle Art Request for Proposals**

### **Submissions Open Until August 2**

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#### **SUMMARY**

Artomatic 419 is a non-juried, multidisciplinary art exhibition for Toledo area 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.

This year, awards are available for large installations in site-specific areas.

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.

#### **SPECTACLE ART**

Spectacle art refers to visually striking work that draws the audience's attention. We are seeking larger site-specific or interactive temporary installations to include as feature points in the Artomatic 419 footprint. These works will be placed throughout the event space. New or existing work is permitted.

Proposals will need to be submitted with a specific site in mind. If multiple artists submit proposals for the same space, the committee will do its best to accommodate all artworks, but cannot guarantee the selected location.

Proposals for any space outside of the highlighted areas on the map are permitted, and hanging installations in the exhibition area will be allowed. Images and video of the building are under HOW TO APPLY below.

## **TIMELINE**

### **July 1**

Call opens.

### **August 2**

Call closes.

### **August 12**

Selected proposals notified.

### **September 8 - 17**

Artists will have access to the building for installation. Some areas will not be available until September 14.

### **September 12**

Toledo Sister Cities International is hosting their festival in the space on this date. Installations in some areas will be on view for this event as well as Artomatic 419. Projects on view for this event will need to be completed by this date.

### **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. A schedule with specific times will be provided prior to September 19.

## **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).

Spectacle 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.

*If any of the expectations are not met, either outlined here or made with the individual venue, 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.*

*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

**To be eligible for awards, applicants must live or hold a studio within the City of Toledo or Lucas County.** Individual artists, teams, or collectives may apply. Some installation areas 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 installation work if applicable. Installed works should remain on site in order to maintain a full exhibition space for the duration of the event.**

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS

**Awards:** Material awards of \$1,000 are available depending on technical and material needs for proposed artworks. This year stipends are grant funded and will require submitting a short report after the event. Survey example questions are included in Attachment 1 below. Stipends are considered taxable income to the recipient. If applicable, we will send both the artist and the IRS a form 1099 MISC

documenting the project payments. Applicants must live or hold a studio within the City of Toledo or Lucas county to be eligible for awards.

**Info Session:** An artist info session will be held on-site while the call is open and will cover topics including additional information about Artomatic 419, how to prepare and submit a proposal, and time for any questions or comments. Walkthroughs outside of the info session will also be available if needed.

## HOW TO APPLY

- View the images with descriptions and video walkthrough to determine which space you want to sign up for:
  - [Artomatic 419 Spectacle Art Location Images](#)
  - [Artist Exhibition Space Walkthrough Video - Artomatic 419 2026](#)
- **Submit your proposal here:**  
<https://theartscommission.wufoo.com/forms/2026-artomatic-419-spectacle-art-call/>
- 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:
  - Exhibition: [2026 Artomatic 419 Exhibition Sign-up](#)
  - Performance:  
<https://theartscommission.wufoo.com/forms/artomatic-419-2026-performance-signup/>
  - Film or Video:  
<https://theartscommission.wufoo.com/forms/artomatic-419-filmvideo-application/>

## CONTACT INFORMATION

The Arts Commission contact:

Tess Healy, Artomatic 419 & Events Manager - [thealy@theartscommission.org](mailto:thealy@theartscommission.org)

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**Attachment 1:**

1. Artist Full Name\*
2. **I am reporting on participation in the following:** (please submit only one report per activity)\*

Art Loop: Print Jam [August 1]

Art Loop: Poetry [October 17]

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YAAW Artist

David Ross

3. How did participation in this event or activity provide value to YOU as an artist? (50 - 150 words)\*
4. How does participation in events like this provide value to your COMMUNITY? (50-150 words)\*
5. I am interested in participating in future community-based art opportunities with The Arts Commission.\*

Yes, please reach out.

No, I am not interested in community-centered art opportunities.

**Did you take any great pictures? We'd love to see them, too!**

If you have any photos from the event, please email them to Lindsay Glass at [LGlass@theartscommission.com](mailto:LGlass@theartscommission.com).

Photos and reporting responses may be used to share with our funders and for promotional purposes.