



Initial Point Gallery Call to Artists for Exhibitions in 2023



Application Deadline:

To be considered for exhibition at Initial Point Gallery in 2023, application materials must be received via email to mac@meridiancity.org by **5:00pm on June 1, 2022**. After this deadline, applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, and artists are welcome to apply at any time for future shows.

Call to Artists:

The Meridian Arts Commission invites artists to apply for the display of artwork in Initial Point Gallery. Initial Point Gallery is located on the third floor of Meridian City Hall and is free and open to the public during City working hours. Initial Point Gallery displays one to two month long art exhibits, providing approximately 100 linear feet of wall space for hanging two-dimensional artwork and four enclosed display cases for three-dimensional artwork. The gallery typically features multiple artists and organizational group exhibits in the space each month, but established artists may receive solo exhibitions.

Eligibility:

This call is open to applicants regardless of race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, nationality, or disability. All artists in the Northwest region are welcome to apply, but artists must be present for scheduled installation and removal. All artwork must be of professional quality and must meet display and installation requirements listed below. Selectees are required to enter into an Acceptance Agreement with the City setting forth specific conditions of display. Selectees and invitees may reapply annually; if selected again, 75% of the display must be artwork that has not been previously displayed in Initial Point Gallery. Organizations and informal artist groups are welcome to apply.

Selection Panel and Process:

The Meridian Arts Commission advises on arts/cultural policy and promotes public awareness and participation in the arts. All members are appointed by the Mayor and approved by City Council.

The Meridian Arts Commission will select the artists to be represented in the gallery and the City of Meridian Arts & Culture Coordinator will notify applicants on commission selection and exhibition offers, send acceptance agreements, and coordinate exhibits. The Meridian Arts Commission typically groups more than one artist in each exhibit and will inform the artists on how much space is assigned to them. In evaluating eligible proposals, the following factors will be considered:

- Adherence to the Call to Artists;
- Quality of artwork represented in images;
- Quality of proposal and level of professionalism;
- Appropriateness of subject and concept for a functioning government workplace;
- Consistency with City policy and community values; and
- Contribution to aesthetic and cultural atmosphere of Meridian City Hall.

Artwork Display, Hanging, and Installation Information:

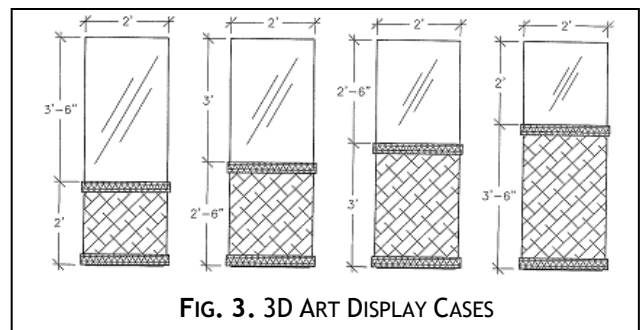
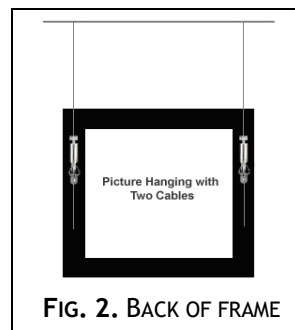
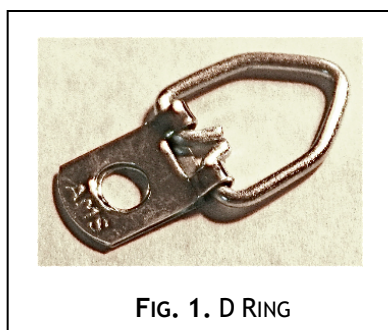
The number of artworks to be included in each exhibit depends on the size of the artwork. For two-dimensional works, artists should plan to have around 12 - 18” of space between each artwork to avoid crowding artworks and to allow for labels and breathing room. For three-dimensional works, pieces must fit within the four supplied display cases.

Two-dimensional works displayed in Initial Point Gallery must be comprised of professional-quality, ready-to-hang, original art. Initial Point Gallery is equipped with a track system for hanging two-dimensional artwork. Two-dimensional works should not exceed 5’ in height. Two-dimensional artwork will be hung from cables, using hooks, and therefore must be equipped with two D rings (fig. 1) on the side rails on the back of the frame (fig. 2). The inside of each D-ring must allow a space of at least one-quarter inch (¼”) for insertion of the hooks; any wire constricting this space must be removed. The D rings should be approximately a quarter of the distance of the total frame height from the top of the frame (or less) in order to avoid slanting away from the wall. Wires, eyehooks, and clip frames may not be used for hanging. Salon style is possible. Initial Point Gallery also provides four display cases, each with different dimensions (fig. 3), for displaying three-dimensional artwork.

For three-dimensional works, display cases have acrylic tops of varied sizes including: 3½’ tall, 3’ tall, 2½’ tall, and 2’ tall. All display case bases are 2’ wide and 2’ deep. Three-dimensional works may be of any medium, but must fit with the four supplied display cases.

No artwork will be displayed which: cannot be safely hung or displayed using the gallery’s equipment; requires unusual maintenance, handling, or security; or is disruptive or likely to offend the sensibilities of the general public.

The gallery has space to display the artist/exhibit statement and a price list, however, no artwork displayed in Initial Point Gallery may have a visible price tag.



About the Gallery:

Initial Point Gallery is on the third floor of Meridian City Hall, (33 E. Broadway Avenue, Meridian, Idaho), directly across from the Mayor's Office reception area. The carpeted gallery, filled with natural light, features about 100 feet of wall space for the display of two-dimensional art, as well as four hand-crafted display cases for the exhibition of three-dimensional works of art. The Meridian Arts Commission schedules gallery installations on the first Friday of each month, with opening receptions for the exhibition that same evening.

In addition to the works of local and regional artists, the gallery has hosted works by nationally- and internationally-known artists. Initial Point Gallery has been chosen as one of only five venues nationwide to host the prestigious annual traveling show of the National Watercolor Society.

Initial Point Gallery is free and open to the public any time during normal Meridian City Hall business hours - generally Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, excluding holidays.

The City may promote the artist receptions in the form of social media advertising, posts on community calendar, and/or mention in promotional videos.

Insurance:

Artworks will be treated with professional care in handling and securing all artworks displayed in Initial Point Gallery, but insurance of the artwork shall be the responsibility of the artist. The City of Meridian shall not provide insurance to cover loss, theft, or damage of artwork displayed in Initial Point Gallery.

Lodging/Transportation:

Artists are responsible for securing their own transportation and lodging.

Sales:

All sales are managed by the artist directly. Commissioners and City Staff can direct patrons to the artists' contact information. The Meridian Arts Commission requests that artists voluntarily donate to the Meridian Arts Commission 20% of proceeds from sales of art displayed in Initial Point Gallery. For donations, please write a check made payable to the City of Meridian with a notation "Initial Point Gallery Sales Revenue", and mail to the Arts and Culture Coordinator at 33 E. Broadway Ave. Ste. 206, Meridian, Idaho 83642.

Questions, via e-mail:

Cassandra Schiffler, Arts and Culture Coordinator
cschiffler@meridiacity.org



Application & Acknowledgments: INITIAL POINT GALLERY

APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION

Check one:

- I am submitting this application as an individual.
- I am submitting this application for this organization: _____
- I am submitting this application for an informal group (individual Acknowledgement forms must be submitted for each artist)

Applicant: _____

Applicant E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

Applicant Phone: Day: _____ Cell: _____

APPLICATION OVERVIEW:

Check all that apply:

I/we propose to display work in one quarter of Initial Point Gallery with two-dimensional artwork, approximately 25 linear feet.

Number of 2D pieces: _____ Average size of 2D pieces: _____

I/we propose to display work in one half of Initial Point Gallery with two-dimensional artwork, approximately 50 linear feet.

Number of 2D pieces: _____ Average size of 2D pieces: _____

I/we propose to display work in the entire Initial Point Gallery with two-dimensional artwork, approximately 100 linear feet.

Number of 2D pieces: _____ Average size of 2D pieces: _____

I/we propose to utilize 1 2 3 4 of the display cases with 3D artwork

Number of 3D pieces: _____ Average size of 3D pieces: _____

I would like to show with a specific individual/individual(s), listed here: _____

I would like to invite my own musical talent to play at my reception. Talent must be approved in advance.

APPLICATION MATERIALS: All materials must be received via email to mac@meridiancity.org

- Completed, signed Application & Acknowledgements Form. (Informal groups: each artist must sign separate form.)
- One-page written proposal about the work to be displayed, including:
 - a. Artist statement and/or Artist/Organization/Group's vision, title, and/or theme of the proposed display;
 - b. Medium or media utilized in the works to be displayed;
 - c. Any publicity that the Artist/Organization/Group plans to undertake if selected; and/or
 - d. Any atypical issues or challenges regarding hanging or display of the works proposed for display
- 5 - 10 digital images of work representative of the artist's/organization/group's work and an accompanying image list with title, dimensions, and media for each image.
- Artist resume or bio
- A copy of the organization's/applicant's annual report filed with the Idaho/other Secretary of State, if applicable.
- If possible, all application materials should be submitted as a single merged PDF file to mac@meridiancity.org

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

I, _____, hereby acknowledge the following stipulations and agree that if this proposal is selected for display at Initial Point Gallery, such display shall occur subject to these general terms and conditions, as well as subject to other specific terms and conditions that shall be set forth in a separate, written Acceptance Agreement between myself and the City of Meridian. I specifically acknowledge that:

- INITIAL A. Before my work will be displayed in Initial Point Gallery, I will be required to enter into an Acceptance Agreement with the City of Meridian establishing the specific terms and conditions of the display of the particular works displayed.
- INITIAL B. If my work is selected for display in Initial Point Gallery, the City of Meridian and its agents will exercise professional care in handling and securing all artwork displayed in Initial Point Gallery, but cannot and will not assume liability for any loss or damage.
- INITIAL C. Any insurance of the artwork displayed in Initial Point Gallery shall be the sole responsibility of the artist. The City of Meridian shall not provide insurance to cover loss, theft, or damage of artwork displayed in Initial Point Gallery.
- INITIAL D. While artwork displayed in Initial Point Gallery may be passively offered for sale by means of an informational table, board, or handout as provided or allowed by the City of Meridian, no piece displayed in Initial Point Gallery may have a visible price tag.
- INITIAL E. While it is intended that each exhibit in Initial Point Gallery will be displayed for a one- to two- month period, this period may be shortened by the City of Meridian for any reason, without notice to the artist or organization.
- INITIAL F. The City may display the work of more than one artist or organization in Initial Point Gallery at any time, at the City’s sole discretion.
- INITIAL G. Artwork submitted for display in Initial Point Gallery must be original works conceived and created by the artist (or by artist members of the organization) submitting this application.
- INITIAL H. An opening night reception can be scheduled by MAC; though a table and minimal staff/volunteer support will be provided, I understand that I am the host and as such will be primarily responsible for any and all reception invitations, publicity, refreshments, music, set up, tear-down, and clean-up.
- INITIAL I. Meridian City Hall is primarily a place of public business and Initial Point Gallery is a public place. The City seeks to encourage artistic expression and public dialogue, but must simultaneously ensure that City Hall is a place where citizens, employees, and visitors of diverse ages and perspectives feel welcome and comfortable. To this end, only artists and artwork meeting the eligibility standards described in the Call for Artists and following the terms set forth in the Acceptance Agreement shall be displayed in Initial Point Gallery.

I do acknowledge and understand each and all of the foregoing stipulations and do agree to these general terms and conditions.

Signature: _____ Print name: _____

* Parent Signature - If Applicant is Under 18: _____

Date: _____

To propose an exhibition in Initial Point Gallery, please submit this form, completed in full, with the required materials, via email to: mac@meridiancity.org. Submissions as a single merged PDF file are preferred, but not required.

Thank you for your interest!

