



2019 SHOW SCHEDULE

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Gluttony

Accept Artwork: Jan. 4 (11:30-6) & Jan. 5 (11-5)

Opening Reception: Jan. 11 (6-8 PM)

Show runs: Jan. 8- Feb. 22

Each year, our annual food-themed show invites artists and viewers alike to partake in an opulent visual feast, exploring the complexity of our relationship to the edible. In this show, CAL's walls feature depictions of consumption, indulgence, obsession, and desire, juxtaposed with simple pleasures, sweet nostalgia, comfort, and even reverence for the precious morsels that sustain us. Here, artists are encouraged to explore that which tempts their most gluttonous appetites, or remind us of the perils of our own intemperance.

Truth (?)

Accept Artwork: Feb. 22 (11:30-6) & Feb. 23 (11-5)

Opening Reception: Mar. 8 (6-8 PM)

Show runs: Feb. 26- Apr. 19

It has been suggested by some philosophers that the ultimate purpose of art is the acquisition of truth – a transcendent notion, to be sure – but the well-crafted image or story can also obscure, confuse, and mislead. We entreat artists to probe their experience in a world some have described as post-truth, a world of fake news, manipulation machines, and digital avatars. In such a climate, perhaps truth can be found in the ecstatic experience of a sunset, or the simple softness of a flower petal, the bliss of love, the pangs of loss, or the universality of inevitable human suffering. Perhaps truth has many faces, many disguises, and many veils. What is your truth?

Icon

Accept Artwork: Apr. 19 (11:30-6) & Apr. 20 (11-5)

Opening Reception: Apr. 26 (6-8 PM)

Show runs: Apr. 23- Jun. 14

This show invites artists to explore the power of symbolic imagery and the legacy of humanity's pursuit of *the ideal* in representative form. From the surprisingly evocative cave paintings of our ancestors, to the opulent religious iconography of the Middle Ages, to the carefully crafted image of the modern pop star, consider the beguiling and enigmatic power of the icon. When does icon become idol? When does admiration morph into obsession? Amidst the visual panoply of the digital age, take a closer look, to reflect on the iconography that is all around us, and consider the ways we are shaped by it.



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Summer Open*

Accept Artwork: Jun. 14 (11:30-6) & Jun. 15 (11-5)
Opening Reception: Jun. 21 (6-8 PM)
Show runs: Jun. 18- Aug. 9

Our Summer Open is an annual show, that has something different to offer each year. Always a fan favourite, due to it's unpredictable nature, this show has no theme or jury. Resulting in an amazing range of creative projects from our artists, from all shapes, sizes, and mediums. Diverse, exciting, and full of possibilities, come check out our Summer Open!

* This show is only open to Columbia Art League Members. Learn more about membership and join at ColumbiaArtLeague.org/membership

Inner Child

Accept Artwork: Aug. 9 (11:30-6) & Aug. 10 (11-5)
Opening Reception: Aug. 16 (6-8 PM)
Show runs: Aug. 13- Oct. 18

Every single one of us was once a child, so why is it that the essence of childlike innocence is lost on us so suddenly once reaching adulthood? Some envy the naivety of children, other's their abounding energy, but it is the universality that being a child represents, that truly perplexes us as adults. We invite you to explore what it means to see from the eyes of a child, and to relish in the excitement of new life. Artists will select a work created by children from Locust Street Expressive Arts School to interpret into their own piece, offering a glimpse into the creative process of artists both young and old.

Give a Gift of Art*

Accept Artwork: Oct. 18 (11:30-6) & Oct. 19 (11-5)
Opening Reception: Oct. 25 (6-8 PM)
Show runs: Oct. 22- Jan. 3

Unthemed, unjuried, and confined only by the limits of our artists' imagination, our *Give a Gift of Art* show has a little something for everyone. From paintings, to jewelry, to furniture, our artists have the freedom to create unique and diverse pieces, that are sure to enchant you. Come visit us and check out an array of pieces submitted by our talented artists and take something home for a special someone.

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