



GUIDELINES
2026 Tapestry of Art and Music

Show Date: *Sunday, June 7, 2026, 2pm – 5pm*

Where: *Alton Mill Arts Centre, Alton, Ontario*

Registration dates: *April 1, 2026 - May 15, 2026*

By completing the registration process, you are agreeing to participate in a non-juried art show whereby submitted entries will be selected by the event committee based on criteria that will ensure a diverse display of art for the event.

If you are ready to register and participate, click here for the [Submission Form](#) and don't forget to pick up your canvas at the Alton Mill.

Format & Size:

- All works must be created on the **provided canvas 6” x 6” x 1-1/2” (15.24cm x 15.24cm x 3.81cm)**
- Canvases may be oriented in **any direction (portrait or landscape)**.
- Artwork should be **gallery-ready** with clean edges, finished surfaces (including the edges of the canvas).

Media and Presentation:

- All visual media are welcome, including:
 - Painting (acrylic, oil, water-based media)
 - Drawing
 - Mixed media and collage
 - Printmaking
 - Textiles
 - Metalwork
- Media must be **secure and stable**. Loose or fragile elements may be declined.
- Art may not extend beyond the boundaries of the canvas
- Artwork must be **original** (created specifically for this event) and considered a donation by the artists to Headwaters Arts for the purpose of displaying and selling the artwork.
- No commissions will be paid to the artists.
- No frames: canvases will be displayed as a collective installation.
- Signing the artwork is up to the artist.

Artist Statement (Click here to print the Artist Statement):

- A short statement (50–75 words) must be submitted with your work.
- You may include:
 - The musical inspiration (if any)
 - How music influenced your creative process
 - What you hope the viewer experiences

Spirit of the Exhibition:

- Connection between artistic disciplines
- Individual expression within a collective whole
- Emerging and established artists shown side-by-side
- The joy, emotion, and storytelling power of music translated into visual form

Guidelines & FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions):

How and where do I register to participate in the show? Registration is free with no entry fee. The blank canvas is free for pick-up, but are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, so we suggest you register as soon as possible. You can pick up your canvas anytime at the Headwaters Arts Gallery.

Please complete the form indicating your desire to participate, complete and donate your work for the *Tapestry of Art and Music Event*.

Once you have completed the registration form, you will automatically be sent a reply with a numbered canvas to pick up and an artist statement form (attached to your confirmation email) to be submitted with your piece when dropped off.

Register online: Visit this direct link: <https://form.jotform.com/230934915635057>

Register In-Person at Headwaters Arts Gallery, 1402 Queen Street in Alton, Ontario

Where can I pick up my 6" X 6" X 1-1/2" blank canvas?

Once you have registered to participate, you can pick up your blank canvas at Headwaters Arts Gallery, Alton Mill Arts Centre, 1402 Queen Street West, Alton, Ontario. Gallery is open Wednesday – Sunday, from 10am – 5pm. Our volunteers/

Pick-up Dates: April 1 – May 15

Times & Location: Headwaters Arts Gallery/Alton Mill Arts Centre is open Wednesday - Sunday, from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. There will be someone in the Headwaters Arts Gallery to assist you.

Can I use my own 6" X 6" X 1-1/2" canvas?

Yes, but the canvas size must be 6" x 6" x 1-1/2" in depth. No smaller sized canvases will be accepted.

Where and what times can I drop off my completed canvas?

Drop-off of your completed canvas with your completed Artist Statement form to Headwaters Arts Gallery/Alton Mill Arts Centre. The gallery is open Wednesday - Sunday, from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. There will be someone in the Headwaters Arts Gallery to assist you.

Drop-off dates: Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31

 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, June 3, 4 & 5 (Final Day for Drop-off)

Can I register more than once?

No, PLEASE DO NOT SIGN UP MORE THAN ONCE.

Please note these restrictions when creating your work on the canvas:

- Items may be added to your canvas/artwork, but must remain within the 6" x 6" perimeter
- Accept all types of media applications including traditional painting, print making, digital/new media, photography, sculpture, drawing, installation art, fibre art, etc.
- Artwork must be original
- Nothing may hang over the edges. (*canvases will be exhibited and presented side by side as one large mosaic/tapestry work of art*)
- Do not have to prepare/wire your canvas/piece for hanging, please leave as is. This part will be taken care of by the Gallery Committee.
- Edges or wrapped parts of the canvas must be painted or finished.

If I sell my piece, will I receive a commission?

No, the event is a fundraiser.

Headwaters Arts' goal via fund-raising is to stay resilient and offer new opportunities for our member artists and all artists in our community. We want to continue to grow our year-round programming. Our goal is to showcase the immense talent of all artists

What if my artwork does not sell on the day the event?

Our goal is to sell every canvas during the event, however, if your piece does not sell, your work will be available for pick-up at the Headwaters Arts Gallery

Marketing/Communications

- Our promotional strategy will unfold across multiple communications, marketing and social media platforms.
- Images of works by artists may be used at the sole discretion of Headwaters Arts for promotional purposes; but not limited to social media, website and printed marketing products.
- Headwaters Arts will promote the event/artwork/artists via their website and marketing materials, which will be available for distribution to artists.
- A formal recognition of the artists and a reception will take place the day of the event, during and following the event.

Thank you for contributing your talent, time, and artwork to Headwaters Arts. Your creativity strengthens our community and helps bring art and music to a wider audience.

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