

Portal 3

Hawaii Island Juried Art Competition

~ CALL FOR ART – PROSPECTUS ~

Exhibition Dates: August 1 - September 27, 2026

Online Entry Dates: July 1 -19, 2026

Entry fee: \$20 per piece entered, a maximum of three (3) pieces.

Juror's initial pre-view selection and email notifications will be done on July 22nd. The chosen art artwork must be physically delivered to on July 23 or 24. The juror will make her final selection of the delivered pieces on July 25. Notifications will be given to the artists after that.

Opening Reception: Saturday, August 1, 3 - 5 pm. Cash awards presentation at 4 pm.

This exhibition of the Big Island of Hawaii artist will be available for viewing and purchase at the Firehouse Gallery and through an online exhibition during August and September.

ABOUT THE SHOW

Juror Lisa Solomine will look for originality, creativity, technical skill, and the artwork's ability to represent the theme of "PORTAL." Cash prizes totaling over \$1,000 to be awarded August 1 at the opening and reception.

JUROR

Lisa Solomine is an art professional with a rich background in curation, exhibition design, and creative programming. Holding an MFA in Design from Berlin University of the Arts, she has worked internationally as a gallery manager, co-curator, and event coordinator in New York, London, and Germany. Her projects have ranged from co-curating exhibitions at Nassauischer Kunstverein to managing Andrew Edlin Gallery and coordinating major cultural events in London.

In Hawai'i, Solomine has collaborated with artists and educators to launch innovative programs and exhibitions, including partnerships for the Hawai'i Triennial. Her approach blends an artist's eye with years of hands-on experience shaping meaningful cultural experiences, making her uniquely suited to bring both vision and discernment as a juror for this exhibition. She is currently the Executive Director of East Hawaii Cultural Center.

The State Foundation for Culture and the Arts has been invited to view the juried results. Previous juried WAC shows have seen numerous artworks purchased by SFCFA for the Hawaii State Museum collection and by the viewing public.

ELIGIBILITY

- The exhibition is open to all Big Island artists 18 years and older.
- All fine art can be entered. Pieces may be functional, sculptural, traditional, or contemporary.
- Entries must be created within the last two years (August 2024 – August 2026).
- A collaborative entry will be considered the same as a single-artist entry.
- If accepted, all work **MUST** be gallery quality installation ready to hang or be easily installed. 2D framed wall art must use gallery wire with d-rings or equivalent. No sawtooth hardware.

ARTWORK NOT ACCEPTED

- No reproductions, AI-generated art, or art created with assistance.
- Artwork shown in any previous juried exhibition.
- Artwork that includes nudes, offensive religious or political statements, and or violence.

Size limitations:

- Two-dimensional works can be no larger than 36 x 36 inches or a total of 1,296 square inches. Measurements are made from the outer edges of any framing. A frame is not mandatory as long as the edges are clean. It must be wired for hanging. No sawtooth hangers.
- Three-dimensional works can be no larger than nine cubic ft. (H x D x W). Gallery help must be able to move any piece without injuring themselves.

SELECTION PROCESS

This is a juried show with entry fees. The juror will select artworks based on criteria such as originality, visual balance, clarity, personal expression, and execution. The cash award amounts will depend on the number of entries.

- The first round of selection will be from images submitted online. During this phase, artists submit their artwork online, and the judge will review these images to make an initial selection. The announcement for the pre-judged selected pieces will be made on July 22.
- The second round of judging for the Gallery show will be chosen from pieces hand-delivered to the Firehouse Gallery July 23 & 24.
- The judge will then review these submissions to determine which pieces will be featured in the gallery show.

All the pieces selected for Firehouse Gallery's "PORTAL 3" exhibition will also be featured in the online exhibition and promoted on the WAC website and local and social media.

A printed catalog will be produced for publicity and artists' documentation.

ARTISTS ENTERING AGREE WITH THE EXHIBITION RULES:

- All works must be priced for sale. The sales commission split is 50% to the artists and 50% to the Waimea Arts Council. The retail price you assign to your artwork in the online entry process will be the price printed on the art title card and catalog for the exhibition. Once your piece has been entered, the price cannot be changed.
- Accepted artwork must stay in the exhibition for the entire show.
- A non-refundable entry fee of \$20 will be collected for each piece—a maximum of three pieces can be entered. The entry fee must be paid by July 19 and is not refundable.
- By submitting your art to us, you grant Waimea Arts Council permission to publish your work in print, online, and social media for exhibition and marketing purposes. All artwork will be attributed to the artist. By participating, you certify that you are the rightful owner of the art and that it does not infringe in copyright violations.

HOW TO ENTER: Artists must initially submit their work online to streamline the process, reduce volunteer time, and increase accuracy.

Step 1. Send an email asking for an entry form to waimeaartscouncil@gmail.com

Subject line: *Portal 3 Entries*

Email body: *Artist's name, number of pieces entering, and any questions*

Step 2. An artist's entry form online link will be emailed with a password to the site managing the entries.

Step 3. Complete the online form and upload images for each piece entered. You can upload more than one image for each piece. You can change the information on each piece using the same artist form link and password.

Step 4. An invoice for the entry fee will be sent to your email upon receipt of entries.

Step 5. Payment must be made through the invoice and received before July 19.

NOTE: Your email will be your primary contact source; please add **waimeaartscouncil@gmail.com** to your contact list so our emails don't go to your spam folder.

ACCEPTANCE OF PRE-JUDGED ARTWORK

July 22: Notification by email of Not Invited or Invited in the first round of judging.

July 23 & 24, from 10 am to 5 pm: Physically deliver Invited pieces to the Firehouse Gallery (Hwy. 19 & 190), 67-1201 Mamalahoa Hwy., Kamuela, HI 96743.

Arrangements can be made to pick up the artwork that has not been accepted into the show by calling Amaury at 808 937-9231.

Label your art. Each artwork must have tags attached to the hanging wire (no sawtooth hangers) denoting:

- Title
- Medium
- Price
- Artist's Name in full
- Phone Number
- Email

Return of work at the end of the Firehouse Gallery show

October 1 & 2: All work (except those pieces sold) must be picked up at the Firehouse Gallery on either Thursday or Friday, October 1 & 2, 11 am – 3 pm. Pieces not picked up by the artists or representatives will be considered donations to the organization. If an artist agrees to ship artwork to a buyer, the artist is responsible for managing the transaction.

The Waimea Arts Council will handle all work with the utmost care; however, artists will be responsible for the liability of individual art and will hold the Waimea Arts Council and the County of Hawaii harmless for loss or damage.

AMAURY SAINT-GILLES is the point person for this exhibition.

All questions or comments should only be directed to him.

Email: WaimeaArtsCouncil@gmail.com or call/text to (808) 937-9231

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