

62nd Annual MEA/MAEA Art Acquisitions Purchase Exhibition 2026



Kieth Beale "Better Made"

Purpose of the Exhibit

The Michigan Education Association (MEA) and the Michigan Art Education Association (MAEA) announce their annual purchase exhibit to acquire artwork to enhance the MEA headquarters in East Lansing and MEA regional and UniServ offices throughout the state. This exhibit provides an opportunity to showcase the artwork of our members.

Eligibility

Any member in good standing of MEA or MEA-Retired is eligible to submit artwork (this includes ESP and student members in good standing and MEA-Retired members with life membership dues paid in full). Proof of membership is necessary. No entry fee required.

Paintings, drawings, prints, ceramics, jewelry, metal work, enamels, mosaics, wood, fibers, stained glass, photographs, experimental media, and sculptures are all eligible. All artwork submitted must be original work. Artwork deemed not original by the juror will not be accepted. Each artist may submit up to three works. Works not for sale will not be accepted.

Requirements for Hanging

All work meant to be hung **MUST** be equipped with hanging hardware or it will be rejected. Artwork over 25 lbs. cannot be hung. (WE PRIMARILY USE S HOOKS TO DISPLAY FROM CHAINS.) Provide any preferred display accessories with your entry.

Entry Form/Catalog Card

Each artwork must be submitted online. **Click here or scan the QR code.** Images emailed without an entry form will not be accepted into the jurying pool of artwork. Accepted works by the juror must have a paper entry form attached to the back (if able so as not to damage the work) of each piece. It is vitally important to include your personal email address on the entry information for future art show announcements, programs and notification of whether or not work is accepted.



The price of the artwork must be indicated on the entry form. **Please consider the budget limitations of the committee when pricing your artwork.** Pieces priced under \$500 are more likely to be purchased. Works that are purchased will become part of MEA's permanent collection. Works sold are not subject to a commission.

2026 Calendar

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| Digital submissions accepted | Mar. 1-22 |
| Jurying of artwork | Week of Apr. 2 |
| Notification via email. | Apr. 2 |
| Delivery of work to field offices | Apr. 6-10 |
| Delivery of work to MEA HQ. | Apr. 13-24 |
| Delivery of work to MEA RA. | Apr. 16-17 |
| Art installation | May 2 |
| Artists Reception | July 29, 6 p.m. |
| Exhibition closes | July 29 |
| Artwork pick-up deadline. | July 31 |

Delivery of Work

There are three options this year!

1. Between Apr. 6-10, hand carry accepted artwork to your MEA Field Office. From there, the MEA staff and/or local leaders will ensure your work gets to the MEA Annual Representative Assembly in East Lansing.
To make arrangements to deliver artwork to a field office, please contact Chris Furlong at cfurlong@mea.org or call (800) 292-1934.
2. Apr. 13-24, hand carry accepted artwork to MEA Headquarters, 1216 Kendale Blvd., East Lansing, MI, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
3. Apr. 16-17, hand carry accepted artwork to the MEA Annual Representative Assembly. All artwork dropped off will be transported to MEA Headquarters.

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Juror: Frank Juárez

Frank Juárez is an award-winning art educator, artist, curator, publisher, and business of art coach living and working in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Juárez is known for his commitment to art education, elevating contemporary art in the Midwest, and supporting Wisconsin artists. Juárez has spearheaded numerous initiatives, including the Midwest Artist Studios Project and the 365 Artists 365 Days Project. In addition to his roles as publisher of Artdose magazine and editor-in-chief of SchoolArts magazine, Juárez has curated exhibitions and juried art shows throughout the Midwest. His dedication to these fields has earned him numerous accolades, making him a pivotal figure in Wisconsin's art community.

Juárez is the art department chair at Sheboygan North High School, publisher of Artdose magazine, and editor-in-chief of SchoolArts magazine and the National Art Education Foundation Chair.

Awards/Recognition

The juror determines whether each artwork entry is accepted or rejected into the exhibit. **Acceptance into the show does not guarantee purchase.** The committee then notifies the artist by email. Awards are as follows: 1) Juror's award; 2) MEA purchase awards; 3) MAEA purchase award; 4) Best of Show; 5) Honorable Mention; etc.

Exhibit

The artists reception will be at MEA headquarters in East Lansing on July 29, 2026, 6-8 p.m.

Work accepted for the annual exhibit may not be withdrawn before the close of the exhibit. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Artwork will also be displayed on MEA's website at mea.org/art.

To view the accepted entries for the 2025 exhibit, please visit mea.org/art. The 2026 accepted entries will be posted by May 2.

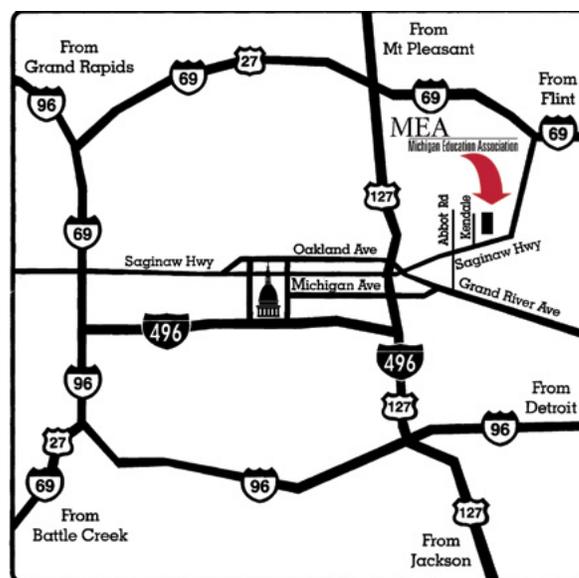
Pick Up Information

You may contact us to have your artwork ready for pick up at (800) 292-1934. **Work not picked up by noon on July 31, 2026, becomes the property of MEA.**

Liability

MEA reserves the right to reproduce any accepted piece of artwork on the program cover, in any news release, and on the MEA or a related website concerning the promotion of the MEA Purchase Exhibition. By submitting the artwork, the entrant hereby authorizes MEA to reproduce the artwork as set forth above and the entrant waives any and all claims that the entrant may have against the MEA, its officers, members, employees, agents, and affiliates arising out of the use of the artwork.

It is understood and agreed by all entrants that artwork is submitted at the entrant's own risk. Submission of artwork constitutes agreement by the artist to abide by the rules of the exhibit.



Map to MEA Headquarters

1216 Kendale Blvd. | East Lansing, MI 48823 | (800) 292-1934

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*MEA and MEA-Retired member IDs are listed on your current MEA Advantage card. You can also access your number by visiting mea.org/login and it will display your member number next to your name.

For use with selected work that will be installed.

Entry 1 (attach to back of work—please print or type)

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Artist _____
Email _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Title of work _____
Medium _____ Price _____

Entry 2 (attach to back of work—please print or type)

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Artist _____
Email _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Title of work _____
Medium _____ Price _____

Entry 3 (attach to back of work—please print or type)

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Artist _____
Email _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Title of work _____
Medium _____ Price _____

Catalog Card (must be turned in with artwork—please print or type)

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Artist _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Phone _____
Local association or school _____

Member in good standing of (check all that apply):

MEA member ID* _____ MEA-Retired member ID* _____

Entry 1

Title of work _____
Medium _____ Price _____

Entry 2

Title of work _____
Medium _____ Price _____

Entry 3

Title of work _____
Medium _____ Price _____