

ACT Art Gallery

Submission Guidelines

About The ACT Art Gallery

The City of Maple Ridge owns and operates The ACT Arts Centre in Maple Ridge, a community hub for arts and culture.

Located inside the ACT Arts Centre, The ACT Art Gallery presents rotating exhibitions that feature the work of emerging and mid-career artists. Exhibitions are selected to provide a balanced program of local, regional, and occasionally, international artists, and benefit the community through the exposure of artwork created both within and outside Maple Ridge.

The ACT Art Gallery offers 5-6 exhibitions per year, with each year including an open-call juried exhibition and an alternating biannual SD42 exhibition or biannual Garibaldi Art Club exhibition. Exhibitions are produced either from proposals or invitations to artists by the Curator. Exhibitions are scheduled approximately one year in advance.

The ACT Art Gallery provides artist fees for solo, duo, or group exhibitions of 3-5 artists. All exhibiting artists may choose whether to make their work available for sale.

Exhibition Proposals

We welcome proposals from artists, artist groups, and guest curators for exhibitions in a variety of media. Proposals are assessed twice per year by the Gallery Review Committee.

Proposals are assessed on some or all the following criteria:

- Artwork is an original creation of the artist(s) and of strong technical skill
- Quantity and size of artwork is suitable for the ACT Art Gallery space
- Artwork presents a unique process or diverse perspective
- Artwork responds to current local/regional/global topics, or local historical topics

Instructions for Submitting a Proposal

ACT Art Gallery accepts proposals delivered via email to ACTExhibitions@MapleRidge.ca, with the subject line 'Exhibition Proposal.' All documents must be in PDF format.

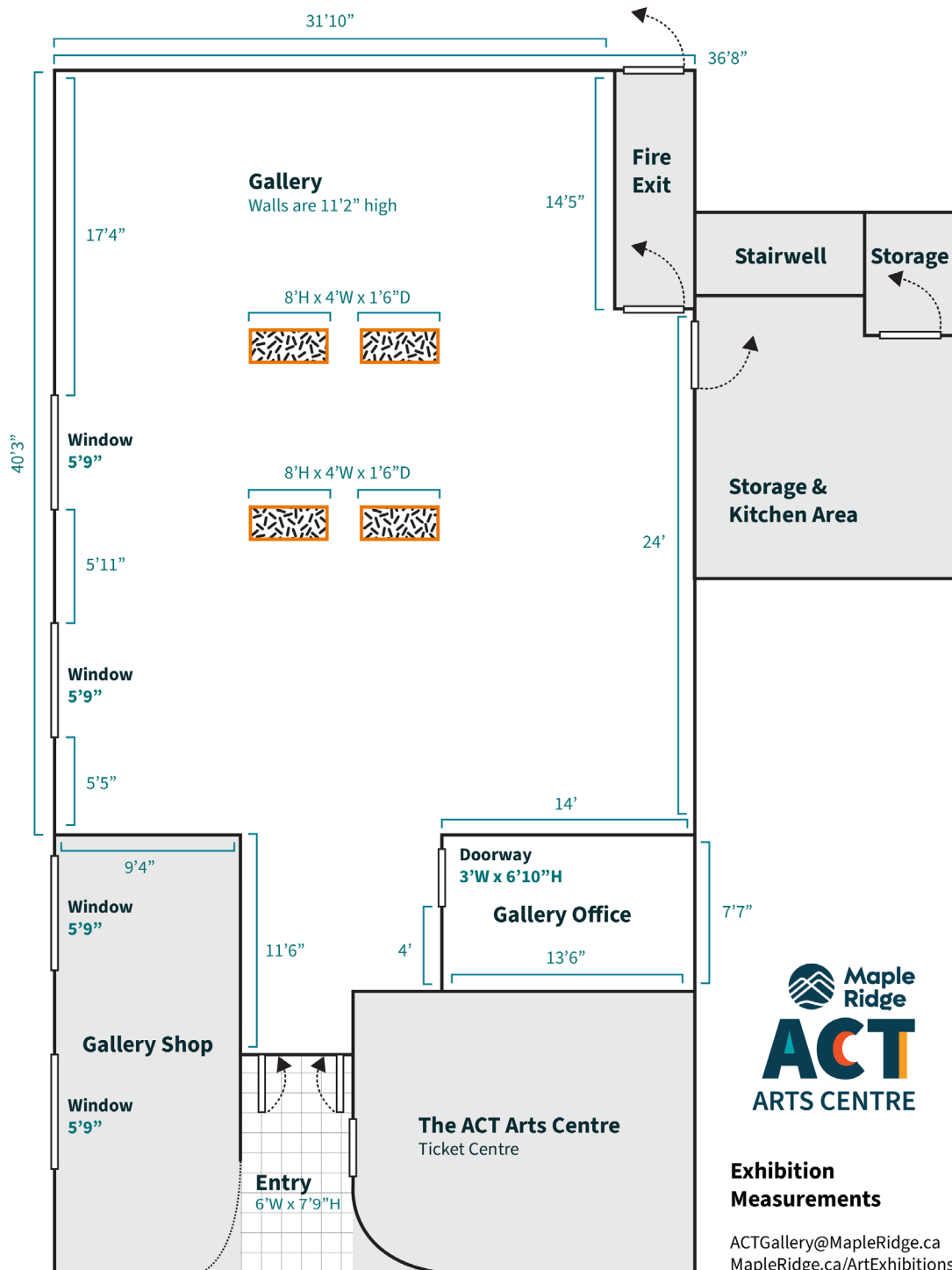
Please include the following documents in your emailed application:

1. Curriculum Vitae – includes biographical information, education, exhibition history, lists and/or copies of reviews and articles about your art practice. For proposals by artist groups, share your group's history and list of exhibitions from the past 5 years.
2. Artwork Images – attachments or internet links (Google Drive, Dropbox, etc) to 5-10 images of your artwork.

3. Artist Statement – a 1-2 paragraph description of the proposed artwork that describes your core ideas, overall theme, creative process and intentions. This document should explain how audiences will connect with your work.
4. A list of equipment and technical requirements, if applicable.

ACT Art Gallery Space

The ACT Art Gallery is a 1425 sq ft room with 11'2" high walls and two 5'9" windows on the west wall. Four 8'x4' movable walls are available to display additional 2D art.



Additional Art Display Spaces and Opportunities

Passagio Gallery

The Passagio Gallery is a long wall on the second floor of the ACT Arts Centre, located between the two entrance/exits to the balcony seating of the Mainstage Theatre. The Passagio Gallery is an unmonitored area, and all exhibiting artists must be aware and accept the potential for security risk of artwork on display in this area. The wall is outfitted with a wire hanging system.

The Passagio Gallery is intended to support the display of emerging artists and artist groups. Displays change every 4-6 weeks. To submit a proposal, please see the Instructions for Submitting a Proposal section. Contact Information - name, phone number, and email address, city/town of residence as well as social media handles and/or links if applicable.

Artist Roster

Artists and performers are highly encouraged to Join Our Artist Roster | Maple Ridge, BC . Artists on the Roster receive early access to artist calls, community events, and ACT performances. The Roster helps the ACT to build a network of artists and to make us aware of your art practice.

Frequently Asked Questions:

I'm having trouble submitting my application via email. How do I seek help?

For support, please contact:

ACT Arts Centre Gallery
ACTExhibitions@MapleRidge.ca
672-275-1273

When will I receive an answer regarding my proposal?

All proposals will receive email confirmation of receipt once the proposal is delivered to the ACT Gallery inbox. Proposals are reviewed twice a year (Spring and Fall).

The ACT Art Gallery receives numerous proposals each year. If your proposal is not selected, please do not be discouraged. We appreciate the time and effort artists put into their proposals. Artists are encouraged to resubmit.

Do I need to be a Maple Ridge resident to apply?

No – while we prioritize uplifting local artists, everyone is welcome to submit a proposal.

For any other questions about exhibition proposals or the ACT Art Gallery, please contact 672-275-1273 or ACTExhibitions@mapleridge.ca.