



# 2026 Info Session

Presented by

*Portland Open Studios - Board of Directors*

February 10, 2026

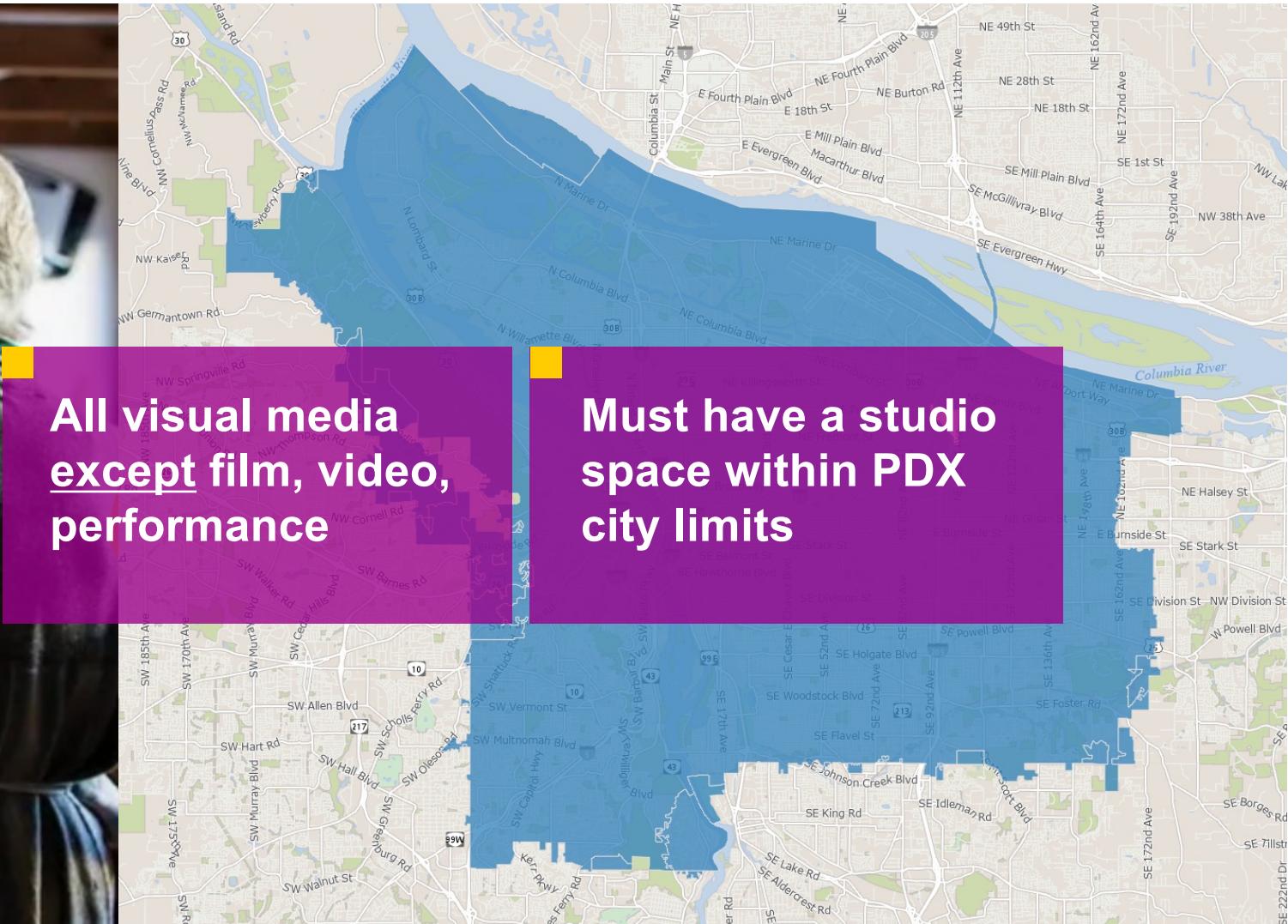


# What is the *Portland Open Studios Tour*?



- ❖ Began in 1998
- ❖ Artists are juried in, usually around 100
- ❖ Organized by neighborhood
- ❖ Free to visitors, every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October
- ❖ Creates community that values the arts & supports artists
- ❖ Connects artists directly with patrons
- ❖ Professional training for artists

# Eligibility



# What PDXOS Offers Artists

- ✓ Join an amazing artist community
- ✓ Meet and collaborate with fellow artists
- ✓ Promotion through our social media and press coverage
- ✓ Participate in Preview Show
- ✓ Instagram takeover
- ✓ Opportunity for sales to new patrons
- ✓ Grow your email list / connections
- ✓ Yellow yard signs
- ✓ Access to professional development materials



Art by Yuliya Pauliukevich

# Artist Expectations

- ❖ Be an **active participant** in your regional artist community group
- ❖ Attend 2 **artist meetings**
- ❖ Display a piece of your art in the **Preview Show**
- ❖ Have your **studio space** open to the public during the tour:  
October 10-11 & 17-18, 10 AM – 4 PM
- ❖ Demonstrate your **art**
- ❖ Bonus for stepping up as a **Community Leader!**
- ❖ Pick up and return your **yellow signs** on time
- ❖ Remember: This is an artist-run event...  
**you will get out what you put in!**



Art by Imam Fathoni

# Why Volunteer as a Community Leader?



Plan get-togethers within your regional artist group



Strategize together and support the success of the group



Make sure everyone in your group gets their yellow signs



Make sure your group returns their yellow signs



Community leaders will receive publicity from PDXOS

You will get to know other artists in your neighborhood!



# Fees & Scholarships

- ❖ \$25 Application Fee (non-refundable)
- ❖ \$250 Participation Fee upon acceptance, paid in 1 or 2 payments
- ❖ 2 Scholarships offered:

## **Kimberly Gales Emerging Artist Scholarship**

Artists 20-30 years of age

## **Molly Cliff Hilts Scholarship for Historically Marginalized Artists**

Artists of all ages from historically  
marginalized communities



Our 2026 jury will be  
announced Wednesday,  
February 18

Art by MD. Omar Faruk

# Tips for a successful application!

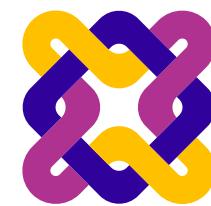
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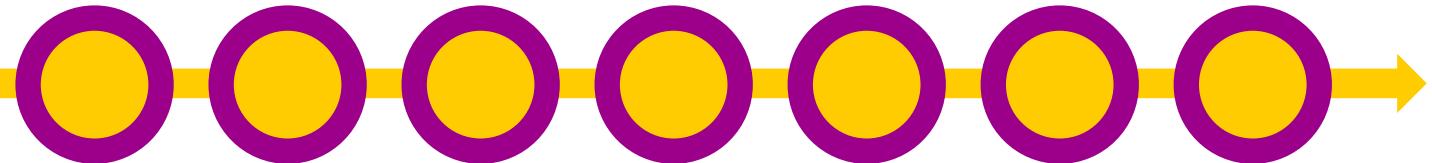


Professional  
Presentation



Consistent  
Voice

## Timeline



- **February 28:** Artist application submissions close at 11:59 PM (PST).
- **March 25:** Accepted artists will be notified by email.
- **March 31:** Deadline for accepted artists to confirm participation.
- **May 1:** Deadline to pay participation fee in full.
- **May 15:** Zoom Artist Meeting. Receive relevant information about the tour and other events for the year. Q&A. Opportunity to volunteer as a Community Leader for your artist community.
- **DATE TBA:** Preview show and art sale. Open to the public.
- **October 10-11 & 17-18:** Weekend dates of studio tour. Studios open 10 AM to 4 PM.



Time for ...

Q&A!

Apply at [PortlandOpenStudios.com](http://PortlandOpenStudios.com)  
Application closes Saturday, February 28

# Thank you for joining us!

Have follow-up questions?

Email Kathleen Ward at  
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