



# 2026 Info Session

Presented by

*Portland Open Studios - Board of Directors*

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# What is the *Portland Open Studios Tour*?



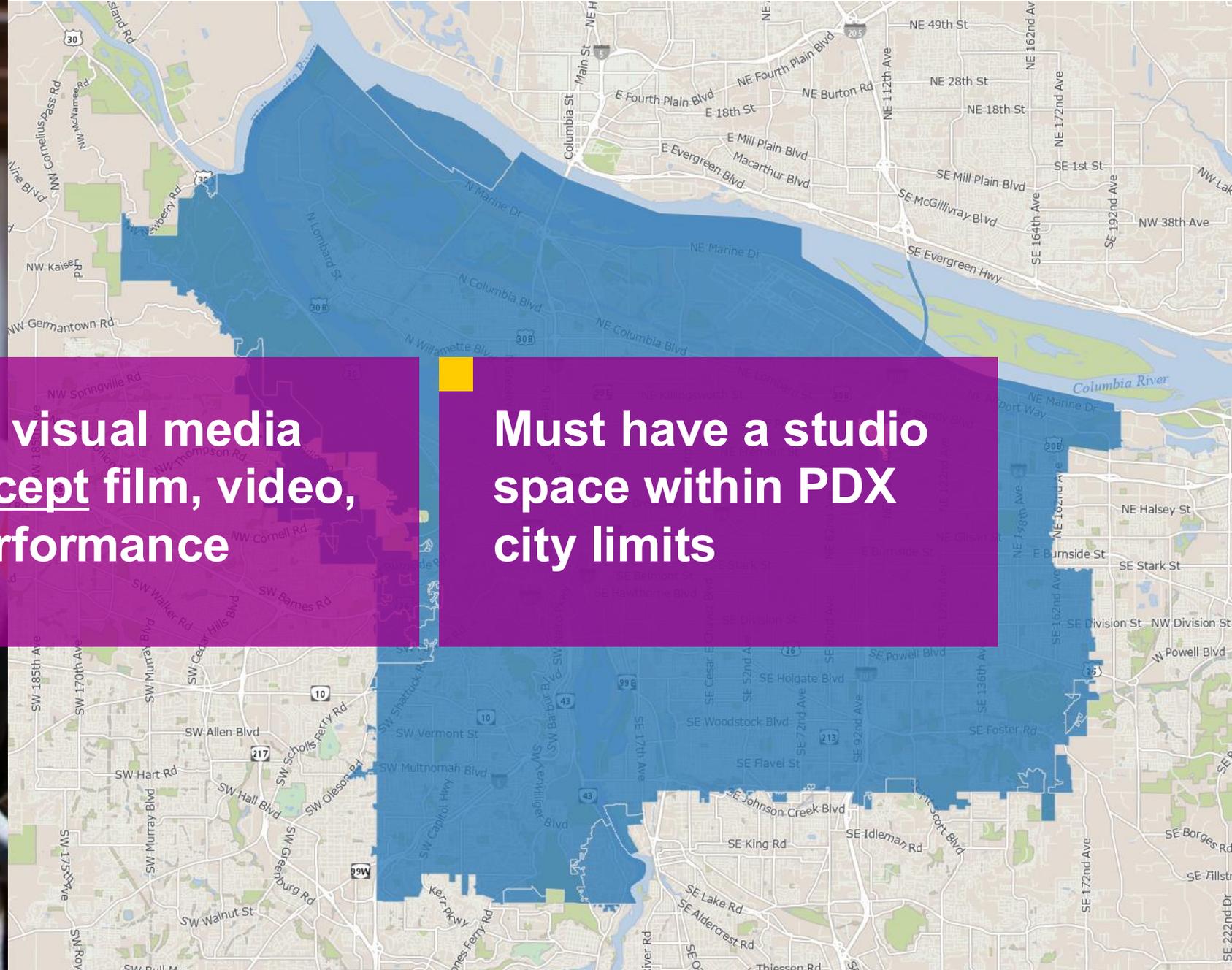
- ❖ Began in 1998
- ❖ Artists are juried in, usually around 100
- ❖ Organized by neighborhood
- ❖ Free to visitors, every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in October
- ❖ Creates community that values the arts & supports artists
- ❖ Connects artists directly with patrons
- ❖ Professional training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

# Eligibility



All visual media  
except film, video,  
performance

Must have a studio  
space within PDX  
city limits



# 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 of each:

## **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

# Jury Process

Each year, our organization invites a distinguished group of professional creatives to serve as jurors for our participating artists. The jury reviews and evaluates all applications through a blind process—artist names and identifying information are removed—ensuring a fair and thoughtful review.

Jurors assess work based on established criteria, including the **quality of the artwork, professional presentation**, and a **consistent artistic voice**. This process supports equity and allows the work itself to be the primary focus.

# Our 2026 Jury Panel

Read their bios on our website.



**MAI  
IDE**



**BLAKE  
KAHAN**



**DARIA  
LOI**



**JENNIFER  
STADY**

# Tips for a successful application!

## JURY CRITERIA



**Quality  
of Work**

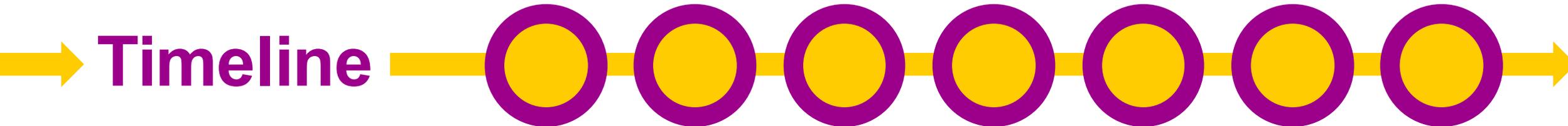


**Professional  
Presentation**



**Consistent  
Voice**

# Timeline



- **March 8:** 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.
- **April 15:** Artist list announced publicly
- **April 25:** Artist Kick-Off at ADX, 6–8 pm
- **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.
- **October 24:** Artist Party at ADX, 6–8 pm

**Time for ...**

**Q&A!**

**Apply at [PortlandOpenStudios.com](https://PortlandOpenStudios.com)  
Application closes Sunday, March 8**

# Thank you for joining us!

Have follow-up questions?

Email Kathleen Ward at  
[president@portlandopenstudios.com](mailto:president@portlandopenstudios.com)

The logo for Portland Open Studios is contained within a yellow square. It features the words "PORTLAND", "OPEN", and "STUDIOS" stacked vertically in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A thin white horizontal line is positioned below "STUDIOS". Below this line, the phrase "ARTISTS AT WORK" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

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