

**DATE:** February 11, 2026

**TO:** Visual Arts Committee

**FROM:** Kirstin Hinds, Economic Development Strategist

**SUBJECT:** 2026 Mountain View Center for Performing Arts Lobby Exhibits Selection

**PURPOSE**

Select artists or artist teams to exhibit art in the lobby of the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts building.

**BACKGROUND**

Annually, the City of Mountain View releases a Call for Artists to exhibit in the lobby of the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts (MVCPA), as authorized by the Visual Arts Committee (VAC). The Call for Artists is posted online at [www.callforentry.org](http://www.callforentry.org) (also referred to as CaFE).

The Call for Artists for the 2026-27 exhibit season (Attachment 1) was posted on December 15, 2026, and closed on January 23, 2026. In addition to distributing the call through the Artist's Registry email subscription list (which includes over 1,800 subscribers), staff shared the opportunity with various local and regional organizations, including SVCcreates, Local Color San Jose, Silicon Valley Open Studios, Artist's Mountain View, Arts Mountain View, and local school programs. The VAC was also asked to share the opportunity with their own networks.

**ANALYSIS**

Over 100 applications were received by the January 23 deadline. After staff reviewed applications for initial eligibility, the VAC began reviewing and scoring applications on January 27, 2026. VAC members scored each application on a scale of 1 to 7. Artists were evaluated based on their proposed artwork and prior public art experience.

The 2026-27 exhibition season is scheduled to commence on April 21, 2026. The season will feature seven exhibits, each lasting approximately eight weeks, extending the exhibition schedule through mid-May 2027.

At the February 11 meeting, the Committee will review and discuss the top-scoring applications. To fill the schedule, the VAC is tasked with selecting **seven** primary artists (or artist teams) to exhibit. Additionally, staff recommend the VAC identify two or three artists for a reserve roster to serve as alternates should a primary artist become unavailable. Staff will follow up with selected artists to determine the schedule.

Attachments: 1. Call for Artists 2026-27