

ART OPEN 2026 - CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

ARTWORK:

- **Due to restrictions on space each artist is limited to one submission.**
- Maximum size of wall mounted works - 100cm x 100cm.
- Maximum size of sculptural works - 50cm (h) x 40cm (w).
- All pieces submitted must be original and the artist's own work. The artist is responsible for ensuring there is no infringement of copyright.
- You cannot submit on behalf of someone else.
- The artist must write the following information on a label and attach it securely to the work before submission. This information will appear in the exhibition catalogue and on any promotional material:

ARTIST NAME
TITLE OF WORK
MEDIUM USED
PRICE - if for sale

Please also write the artists name and title of the piece on the reverse of the artwork for identification purposes.

DO NOT WRITE PERSONAL OR CONTACT DETAILS ON LABELS OR DIRECTLY ONTO WORK

- Frames must be adequate for the piece and strong/robust enough to withstand display.
- Sculptures must be strong/robust enough to be displayed unsupported.
- All wall mounted artworks must have mirror plates attached before submission or they will not be accepted. A short demonstration video can be found on the Blackburn Museum website - www.blackburnmuseum.org.uk.
- Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery **will not display** any artwork that we consider unsuitable for public display. For example artworks that 1. provoke hatred or slander; 2. contain pornography or political viewpoints; 3. are insecurely framed or are deemed unsafe to staff and visitors; 4. are otherwise not in a stable condition for display.
- We consider all forms of art for submission to the Art Open including but not limited to painting, sculpture, prints, photography, drawing, contemporary art, digital art, textile, embroidery.
- Please contact the museum if you require further information regarding whether your work is suitable for display.

SUBMISSION AND SELECTION:

- There is £5.00 entry fee (non-refundable).
- You must be 16 or over to enter.
- Artwork can be submitted at Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery on the following dates:
Thursday 5th, Friday 6th, Saturday 7th March 2026. Between 12-4pm.
- All submissions must be accompanied by a completed Entry Form.
- The decision of the selection committee on the artworks chosen for display in the Open shall be final & binding on the exhibitor. Artists will be informed if their work has not been chosen by **Friday 13 March 2026**. Any artwork **not** chosen for the Art Open **must be collected by Saturday 21 March 2026**.
- Artists cannot submit to the 2026 Art Open until they remove any artworks left from 2025 Art Open.
- All artwork entered into the Art Open must remain on display until the end of the exhibition.

SALES AND COMMISSION:

- The artist must provide a sale price that includes 25% for seller's commission. If the work sells, Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery will subtract 25% from the sale price that you provide us with, whether sold by the museum or by private arrangement. For example, work priced at £20.00 the artist will receive £15.00.
- All artwork sold during the exhibition must remain on display until the end of the exhibition.

OPENING AND EXHIBITION:

- Judging will take place before the exhibition opens. Details of the judge's will be shared on Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery social media at a later date.
- The official opening and prize giving for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will take place on **Saturday 14th March 2026 at 1pm.**

PRIZES:

1st place £100

2nd place £50

3rd place £25

- The Public Choice winner will be announced on **Saturday 25th April 2026. Voting for the public choice will end on Wednesday 22nd April 2026.**

PRIZE: Public Choice Winner - BwD Venues Voucher.

- The exhibition will close on **Saturday 16th May 2026.**

COLLECTION:

- All artwork must be collected between **Thursday 21st - Saturday 23rd May 2026, 12 - 4pm.**
- **Please note: there are no storage facilities available at Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery.** Any artworks left at the museum beyond the stated collection dates will be donated to charity.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- By entering this competition, you are agreeing for us to use your artwork in museum publicity and online for promotional purposes.
- Blackburn Museum & Art Gallery does not provide insurance for any artwork entered into our Art Open exhibition. Every care will be taken of the works submitted, but the museum will not be responsible for any expense, loss or damage, which may occur whilst the work is in the exhibition or in transit
- Museum address and contact details:

ADDRESS: Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery, Museum Street, Blackburn, BB1 7AJ

OPENING TIMES: 11am - 4.45pm, Tuesday to Saturday

EMAIL: museum@blackburn.gov.uk

TEL: 01254 667130

WEBSITE: www.blackburnmuseum.org.uk

ART OPEN 2026 is supported by the Friends of Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery

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ARTIST DETAILS (please use BLOCK CAPITALS)

NAME	
EMAIL	
ADDRESS	
POSTCODE	
CONTACT NUMBER	

I submit the following work for the forthcoming exhibition (please use BLOCK CAPITALS)

TITLE	SIZE	MEDIUM	PRICE/ NFS
Do you want to tell us a bit about your work? This may be used on our website and social media channels. Please tick this box to confirm you have read and understand this <input type="checkbox"/>			

I agree that the said works shall be received and exhibited according to the terms and conditions as stated in the document Art Open 2026 - Conditions of Entry, and that I have read and understood those terms and conditions. Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery reserves the right to refuse to exhibit any artwork that does not comply with the conditions stated.

SIGNED	DATE

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Receipt for ART OPEN 2026 - I submit the following work for the forthcoming exhibition:

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EXHIBITION OPENING: Saturday 14th March 2026 1pm.
EXHIBITION CLOSURES: Saturday 16th May 2026
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