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2026 Ithaca Artist Market Guidelines & Application for Tompkins County arts & cultural organizations

Individual Artists and Food/Wine/Beer Vendor - visit our [Artist Market page](#)

EVENT: Friday, August 14, noon to 7:30pm

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Monday, June 15, 8:00pm

**Please do not fill out the Google Form application
before carefully reading these guidelines.**

The questions in the application refer to details outlined in this document, and asks for certification that you understand and agree to all the parameters outlined below.

Ask questions anytime! Email above.

ITHACA ARTIST MARKET GUIDELINES

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY ARTS PARTNERSHIP

The Community Arts Partnership (CAP) is Tompkins County's arts council. CAP connects artists and audiences through our events: the Spring Writes Literary Festival, the Greater Ithaca Art Trail, the Ithaca Artist Market, the CAP ArtSpace gallery, and the CAP-a-Palooza Art Sale. CAP also supports artists and communities through five grant programs, professional development workshops, and networking events. Visit ArtsPartner.org to learn more. If you are not already on our mailing list, you can sign up on the home page!

ABOUT THE ITHACA ARTIST MARKET

- Now in its 34th year, the Ithaca Artist Market is a **juried show & sale of fine and functional fine art** (and can also include artists that are **musicians, writers, performers, and filmmakers** - anyone with work to sell.
- Remaining booths are reserved for Tompkins County not-for-profit **arts or cultural organizations** that foster the creative expression of diverse communities, and **food/wine/beer vendors**.
- The 2026 market will take place on **Friday, August 14th**, 12pm to 7:30pm at the [Ithaca Farmers Market](#), co-sponsors of the Artist Market.
- The event is **rain or shine**. Having said that, in 2024 we had Hurricane Debbie. We were fortunate that we are able to reschedule for the following week, and that would always be our intention, but there is no guarantee. It depends on Farmers Market availability. (Former markets have had rain and even storms, but this was the first one we had no choice but to cancel.) If the market has to be cancelled for any reason, there are no refunds as all income will have already been spent on marketing.
- The Farmers Market is a **large open-air covered structure** with 88 booths on the inlet leading to Cayuga Lake.
- The **East Hill Jazz Group** will play throughout the event.
- **Discover Cayuga Lake** usually runs a (ticketed) boat tour!
- The Artist Market is **advertised** through e-blasts, social media, online calendars, press, interviews, paid ads, and more. The Farmers Market will also promote the event.
- **Participating organizations are expected to reach out to their audiences and help spread the word.** 60% of audiences report that "Word of Mouth" and "Invites from Participants" is why they came!

ARTS & CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS at the MARKET

A google form (link below) must be filled out by June 15

- There are 88 booths at the market! 15 are reserved for **Tompkins County arts organizations, and local nfp organizations that have a mission of fostering the creative artistic expression of diverse communities.**
- We have 15 booth reserved for not for profits and in the past have received less than 15 requests, so we hope to accommodate everyone! If we receive more than we can accommodate, we give preference to Tompkins County not for profit arts organizations.
- Organizations can sell merchandise, gather names, sell tickets, and more. The market is a great place to have conversations and make valuable connections.

FEE

\$0 to \$50

\$130 for galleries selling member work (same as artist fee)

- (If payment is a hardship, just let us know in the google form -we can waive the fee. Having said that, if you can pay, please do. Income goes towards event expenses.)
- One organization in one booth - \$50
- One organization requesting half a booth (if you'd like to share) - \$25 each
- Checks can be made out to "Community Arts Partnership" (address at top of this form.) If you'd like to hand deliver, email Robin for instructions.

TERMS

- Booths **must be staffed** throughout the event. Participants must be present and **ready by 11:45am** and **remain open until 7:30m** (unless the weather plays a part).
- Organizations **cannot play music or run video with sound.** If you would like visitors to hear something recorded or online, headphones or bluetooth must be used.
- Organizations **must work with the parameters, oddities or limitations of the booth** provided and cannot remove anything screwed in or nailed down. Full details about your booth will be in your confirmation information.
- Organization are responsible for their own sales tax collection.
- An accepted organization who can't attend can have their fee returned up until August 1st. No fees will be returned after August 1st for any reason (even if there is a hurricane).

BOOTH DESCRIPTIONS and MARKET CONDITIONS

- The market is an **open air structure with a roof**.
- You can find a **.pdf with images of each Farmers Market booth** on our Artist Market page. The booth images are up to date as of May 25th, 2026. The regular inhabitants of booths can change them anytime, so there's no guarantee that the images will be up to date in August. (Note: "no food" on the map means no food vendors can be in that booth.)
- Most **booth measurements** are about 12' x 10' deep. Most have dirt floors, some wood.
- **Each booth is different** and is tailored by their usual Farmers Market vendor. Some have shelving, some have counters that stretch across the whole or part of the front.
- **Once CAP assigns a booth, it cannot be re-assigned.**
- Artists agree to **leave their booths exactly as found** (remove tacks, screws, garbage).
- The Ithaca Farmers Market has strict rules regarding **garbage and parking**. Accepted artists will receive these rules with confirmation and must abide by them.
- There are **electrical outlets in between each booth**.
- The Farmers Market has wi-fi, but it is spotty and frustratingly unreliable. We highly recommend you provide your own personal hotspot or use your phone for transactions.
- The market has an **ATM and multiple bathrooms**. The office will be staffed.

ASSIGNING BOOTHS

- Having a particular booth in previous years is not a guarantee that an applicant will continue to be given that booth. Many complicated factors come into play when assigning booths. Not all booths on the .pdf are available.

REQUESTING A BOOTH

- It is optional for applicants to list specific booths in order of preferences, or you can say "no preference.". Example: "In order of preference: 45, 65, 76, 67, 2, 3, 16, 17...." Or a request can also be made for a "shelf across the front" or "completely open booth" or "walk in booth."
- (Corner booths are for two artists or organizations sharing a booth.)

PLEASE NOTE: Each year, the majority of applicants will request the same 10 booths. Or 30 will ask for a completely open booth with a wood floor and there are only 9 of them. **For this reason, please list as many booths as you can.** This gives you a higher chance of getting one on your list. It is not possible to give everyone what they ask for, although we try.

- Organizations can decline to be the market if they're not satisfied with their booth and their fee will be returned.
- Organizations who have been in the Artist Market for years in a particular booth are encouraged to **check the .pdf** booth chart to see if it has changed.

- **Artists can specify that they would like to be near (or not near) the music.** The East Hill Jazz Group will play throughout the day at the north end of the structure in the half circle of booths. The group is not amplified and includes guitar, bass, trumpet and voice. If you do not want to be near the music, make sure to not list booths 65 to 82 in your preferences. You can also say “do not put me in booths 65-82.”

AGREEMENT AND DISCLAIMER

Organizations who are accepted into the market must agree with these terms:

- The Community Arts Partnership and the Ithaca Farmers Market, its agents, employees and officers shall not be held liable for failure to fulfill or perform its contractual obligation provided such failure is caused, occasioned or furthered by closures of site locations due to any cause or causes beyond its control, including, but not limited to fire, covid, county or state directives, flood, severe weather, wind, rain, public disaster, theft, visitor damage, or any other cause.
- The Community Arts Partnership and the Ithaca Farmers Market shall not be held liable for damages to participant artwork or wares, exhibitors or personal property, or for theft, loss, or injury caused by products sold or exhibited by exhibitors, or other vendors or the general public or other calamities. Insurance for such loss, damages, or injury shall be the sole responsibility for each exhibitor at their own cost. Artists will take into account dust, high winds, rain, and customers carrying food/drink that they set down on your counters.
- Fees will not be returned if the Artist Market cannot or does not occur for any reason. (We will have already spent the money on promotion.)

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. SUBMIT APPLICATION - GOOGLE FORM

<https://forms.gle/4TzcAtKfvs9k7pGS6>

- After you submit, you’ll receive **e-mail confirmation** from “Google Forms.” If you do not, either your form was not submitted or you entered incorrect e-mail.
- **The form is editable.** You can go back and edit until the deadline.

2. PAYMENT

- Online payment can be made at <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/37YW2MFNOVWXW>. The link is also on the [Artist Market page](#).
- Checks made out to “Community Arts Partnership” Mailed to the address above. (Please email for instructions if you’d like to hand deliver. We do not have regular hours.)