

MARY MAGDALEN FESTIVAL ART SHOW

Saint Mary Magdalen Parish at the Blackfriars Gallery

July 19-26, 2024

At the close of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul VI addressed artists of the world with the following words:

We now address you, artists, who are taken up with beauty and work for it: poets and literary [persons], painters, sculptors, architects, musicians and [people] devoted to the theater and the cinema. To all of you, the Church of the council declares to you through our voice: if you are friends of genuine art, you are our friends.

The Church has long since joined in alliance with you. You have built and adorned her temples, celebrated her dogmas, enriched her liturgy. You have aided her in translating her divine message in the language of forms and figures, making the invisible world palpable. . .

Our parish has long been a haven for scripture study, theology and the liberal arts. Our music program is recognized throughout the Bay Area and beyond. Two areas where we have not been so visible are theatre and visual arts. This is a shame, since we have a large number of talented people who show their skills in textile, sculpture, photography and painting.

Therefore, as a feature of the Mary Magdalen Festival this July we are planning an art show to be held at Blackfriars' Gallery at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology (2301 Vine Street) from July 19—26, 2024. The show will commence with a fundraiser on Friday the 19th, but will be open and free for the rest of the week.

Would you like to display your art at the show? We're calling on all visual artists to submit their work for consideration. We don't intend to award prizes, but this is a chance to display your talents to the community. The gallery has capacity for about fifty paintings, sculptures, tapestries, photos or mixed media. Submissions will be received for first consideration until the end of day Monday, April 29th. We would prefer emailed images, but will accept photographs of artwork. A jury comprising a panel of artists, curators and/or historians will make the selections.

The show is open to anyone from the parish. We have a number of specialists in photography, painting, ceramics, and textile who could make the show particularly first-rate, but I also want to encourage Middle and High School students to consider submitting their work for the show.

A lot of contemporary art calls attention solely to itself. Some artists are simply sensationalists who are most interested in claiming our attention. Pope Paul VI and many others have a more noble role for art in our world. I believe our parish can let the beauty of God's creation shine forth through their artistry.

Fr. Nick

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Submission Guidelines

Thank you for considering submitting your artwork to display at our Mary Magdalen Festival Art Show! We are hoping that this show will reflect the spirit of our parish, our patron saint and our Creator God. If you haven't already, please read the vision letter written by our pastor, Fr. Nicholas Glisson.

Art Show Event:

- Opening Date: Friday evening (precise time TBD), July 19, 2024
- Location: Blackfriars Gallery at the Dominican School, 2301 Vine Street, Berkeley
- Duration: July 19-July 26, 2024
- Total Number of Pieces Displayed: 40- 50 depending on the size.

Submission Guidelines:

First Deadline: Monday, April 29, 2024

- Email photographs (preferred) of your work to **Receptionist@marymagdalen.org** or drop off photographs at the St. Mary Magdalen Parish Office, 2005 Berryman Street, Berkeley.
- Send three examples of work that best represent your strengths and area of expertise (number chosen and displayed for the show dependent on the number of submissions).
- Send examples of finished works, not sketches or class studies.
- Sculptors should submit multiple views of each piece.

If you miss the April 29 deadline, your submissions will be considered after the first round of work is selected.

Delivery/Retrieval of Artwork:

- Transport of Artwork to Venue: Thursday by 12:00 pm on July 18, 2024. Delivery of artwork is the responsibility of the artist.
- Retrieval of Artwork from Venue: Friday, July 26, 2024 by 3:00 pm. Retrieval of the artwork is the responsibility of the artist.

Jury: The jury is still being formed, but will include Sharon Henthorn-Iwane, Fr. Nicholas Glisson, and Fr. Christopher Renz, OP.

Timeline:

March-April: Submissions will be accepted until Monday, April 29, 2024

May: Jury selection process

Week of June 3: Jury results are published

Thursday, July 18: Set up at BlackFriars

Friday, July 19: Art Show opening with reception

Friday, July 26: Art Show closing, and artists to pick up work