

Art Unbound

Juried Exhibition for CHAL Artists

Monday, September 29, 2025 to Friday, March 27, 2026



"City Rhythms" by Meera Rao - Watercolor.

at

Center for Plastic Surgery

5550 Friendship Blvd #130, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Dates to Remember:

Submissions: Monday 8/4 to Friday 9/5/2025
Artists Notified: Saturday 9/13
Drop Off Artworks: Friday 9/26, 1-3pm or Saturday 9/27, 9-11am
Installation: Saturday 9/27, 11am-1pm
Reception: Thursday 10/9, 5-7pm
Pick Up Artworks: Saturday 3/28/2026, 9am-12pm or Monday 3/30/2026 1-3pm

Exhibit Manager: Steve Mabley, CHAL Steering Committee CoChair

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Capitol Hill Art League members are invited to submit artworks without confinement to a theme, hence the exhibition is named "Art Unbound". Help us feel your unique boundless vision!. The absence of a theme is meant to be an unrestrictive opening for artists' free expression and interpretation. All genres, styles, and media in two dimensions and wall-hangable are welcome. The Juror, Dr. Samir S. Rao, of the Center for Plastic Surgery, will select the final exhibitors from the SmarterEntry submissions and will consider the theme as part of the criteria for selection.

Center for Plastic Surgery is a medical office and thus a private venue not freely open to the public. However, patients, visitors, and clinic staff will be viewing the works every workday. Artists are encouraged to maximize exposure to the exhibit by inviting clients, friends, and

colleagues to the reception event.

Submission Requirements:

- CHAL members may submit up to 5 works digitally through SmarterEntry,
- Digital image files should be JPG format, 1-10 MB,
- Artwork must not have been previously exhibited at CPS.
- Artwork must be original, signed by the artist, and wholly created and within the past 5 years. Photographs and digital manipulations are considered original.
- Artwork source and reference material must be free of any copyright or trademark infringement.
- Exhibiting artists grant permission for images of accepted artwork to be used for promotion without compensation.
- Two-dimensional artwork must weigh no more than 30 pounds.
- Entry Fee: \$5/artwork.
- Submit at: <https://client.smarterentry.com/CHAL>

Artwork Acceptance & Drop-Off:

- Artists will be responsible for the hand delivery of accepted artwork to CPS during the designated drop-off time frame, above. No work will be accepted by mail or delivery services.
- No packaging or protective wrapping may be left at the drop-off location.
- Exhibiting artists are encouraged to promote the exhibition to their followers via social media, email, and fliers. Artists are encouraged to use the promotional material provided by CHAL.

Exhibiting Requirements: Artwork will be checked at dropoff for compliance with the following requirements. Noncompliant artwork will not be accepted.

- Only artwork depicted on the exhibition acceptance list will be accepted. No substitutions.
 - Artwork must be clean, without damage, dry, securely supported, and without any loose/hanging parts or unfinished/sharp edges.
 - Visible or gallery-wrapped edges must be fully painted over the sides or finished in a solid color.
 - Artwork must be suitably framed with securely attached screw eyes, D-rings, or Nielsen hangers for metal frames, and hanging wire with <30° slack and not reaching above 1" below the top edge of the frame. No sawtooth hangers. (See examples of proper wiring at end of prospectus and on CHAL website.)
 - Labeled on back with title, medium, size, price, artist, and contact information.
 - Must be available for the duration of the exhibit.
- CHAL and CPS will not be responsible for loss or damage of artwork. The artist is advised to insure their work during the exhibition.

Artwork Pick-Up: Artwork must be picked up during the designated time frame, above. Artwork not picked up will be removed from CPS premises by one of the other exhibiting artists and held for pickup by the owner.

Sales: No commission on exhibition sales. The price submitted on the Smarter Entry registration online form will be the price presented at the time of the show for accepted work. All sales will be referred through CHAL and then forwarded to the artist to arrange for payment and delivery directly with the prospective customer. **Artists must negotiate payment and delivery directly with the buyers.** Sold artwork may be removed from the exhibition if it is immediately replaced by the artist.

By submitting an entry, the registrant agrees with the following: I certify that I agree to the rules of the show as presented here. Entries submitted are my own work. I will not hold CHAL or the Center for Plastic Surgery responsible for any loss or damage to my artwork. CHAL reserves the right to reject inappropriate or improperly framed work. (see example of properly framed artwork).

The Capitol Hill Art League (CHAL) is a program of the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop (CHAW). Located in the historic Capitol Hill neighborhood in Washington, DC. 100 Artists/members from the DC-metro area exhibit and sell original artwork at CHAW and various venues in the DC region. CHAL/CHAW hosts lectures on art related topics, offers workshops, and strives to support this vibrant community of artists.

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Hanging Requirements

