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Mattatuck Museum Announces MIXMASTER 2027: Legacy—Juried Members' Exhibition CALL FOR ARTISTS

WATERBURY, CT – The Mattatuck Museum announces a call for art for *MIXMASTER 2027: Legacy*, the 13th annual juried members' exhibition, on view February 20 through April 25, 2027, in the Baker Gallery. The call for art opens October 5, 2026, and closes November 13, 2026. Submissions will be reviewed and selected by guest juror **Deanna Evans**, curator and gallerist of Deanna Evans Projects in New York City. Prizes will be awarded, including a solo exhibition at the Mattatuck Museum in fall 2027 for the first-prize winner. The exhibition will bring together recent work by artist-members from throughout New England and the Tri-State region.

As the Mattatuck Museum celebrates its **150th anniversary** in 2027, this year's exhibition includes a twist: the Museum invites artists to submit recent work related to the theme of "Legacy." Artists are encouraged to interpret the theme of "Legacy" broadly through a range of media and approaches. Whether intimate or expansive, celebratory or critical, *MIXMASTER 2027: Legacy* asks artists to consider what legacy means to them and how their work carries those legacies forward. What is carried forward across generations and what remains with us over time? The exhibition will explore the many ways artists understand, carry, challenge, and transform the idea of legacy in both traditional and unexpected ways.

The call for art opens **October 5, 2026**, through MixMaster2027.ArtCall.org and is open exclusively to current Mattatuck Museum members. Memberships begin at just \$15 annually, making participation accessible to artists at all stages of their careers. Artists interested in submitting who are not currently members may join the Museum before submitting their work. Visit www.mattmuseum.org/support/membership or call 203-753-0381 to learn more about becoming a member.

About MIXMASTER

The MIXMASTER program supports and recognizes contemporary artists in New England and the Tri-State region, providing both established and emerging artists with a platform to present recent work. Artists may submit work created within the past three years.

Through the annual juried exhibition, MIXMASTER offers artists increased visibility and recognition while giving museum visitors the opportunity to experience a diverse range of contemporary artistic practices. The exhibition also contributes to a broader sense of community and appreciation for contemporary art throughout the region.

Prizes

- **First Prize:** \$500 and a solo exhibition at the Mattatuck Museum in Fall 2027
- **Second Prize:** \$300
- **Third Prize:** \$200
- **Staff Selection Award:** Upgrade to the Mattatuck Museum's Director's Circle membership level, a \$500 value
- **Visitors' Choice Award:** Upgrade to the Mattatuck Museum's Director's Circle membership level, a \$500 value

Guest Juror: Deanna Evans

Deanna Evans is a curator and gallerist who runs Deanna Evans Projects (DEP) in New York City. DEP is a contemporary art gallery that presents underrepresented artists, with a concentration on painting, fiber, sculpture, and the world between. Evans began curating exhibitions in her apartment in 2017 before expanding to pop-up locations throughout New York City. DEP opened its first commercial gallery space in Bushwick, Brooklyn, in 2021 and moved to Tribeca the following year, where it continues its active exhibition program. Evans holds a Master of Art in Art Business from Sotheby's Institute of Art, New York, and is a faculty member at the School of Visual Arts. She has also served as a guest lecturer at institutions throughout New York.

Important Dates

- **October 5, 2026:** Submissions open on ArtCall.org
- **November 13, 2026:** Submission deadline
- **December 11, 2026:** Artists notified through ArtCall.org regarding acceptance or non-acceptance
- **January 11–February 1, 2027:** Delivery of accepted artwork, Tuesday–Friday, 9 AM–4:30 PM, at the Mattatuck Museum. Accepted artists will receive instructions for scheduling drop-offs.
- **February 20, 2027:** Exhibition opens
- **February 28, 2027:** Winter Opening Celebration and Awards, 1–4 PM, with remarks at 1:30 PM
- **April 25, 2027:** Exhibition closes
- **April 28–May 28, 2027:** Artwork pickup, Tuesday–Friday, 9 AM–4:30 PM. Participating artists will receive instructions for scheduling pickups.

MIXMASTER 2027: Legacy will be on view in the Baker Gallery at the Mattatuck Museum from February 20 through April 25, 2027.

For submission guidelines and additional information, visit mattmuseum.org/exhibition/mixmaster2027 and visit MIXMASTER2027.artcall.org.

ABOUT THE MATTATUCK MUSEUM

Located in the heart of downtown Waterbury's architectural district, the Mattatuck Museum is a vibrant destination, known locally and regionally as a community-centered institution of American art and history. The collections at The MATT span the history of American art from the colonial era to the present day with special strengths in Naugatuck Valley history and Connecticut artists, as well as artists from around the world representing the diversity of our community. The collection includes more than 8,000 objects including paintings, unique works on paper, photography and sculpture.

In February 2021, The Mattatuck reopened after a \$9 million renovation project to reimagine the Museum while continuing to be a welcoming, inclusive, stimulating, and enriching community anchor.

The “new” Mattatuck Museum, designed by Ann Beha Architects, includes an extensive 14,000 square foot renovation to the existing space and an addition of almost 7,000 square feet to enhance public access, educational programming, collections storage, and exhibitions.

The Museum is operated with support from the Connecticut Department of Economic & Community Development/CT Office of the Arts, which also receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. The Museum is a founding member of the Consortium of Connecticut Art Museums and is a member of the Connecticut Art Trail, a group of 29 world-class museums and historic sites (ctarttrail.org).

The Mattatuck Museum is located on the Green in Waterbury, CT at 144 West Main Street. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The Museum is closed on Mondays. The Museum offers free, convenient off-street parking directly behind the Museum and in additional lots on Park Place. The Mattatuck Museum website (mattmuseum.org) outlines the Museum’s updated guidelines for visitors, including what to expect on your visit, cleaning and safety protocols, and frequently asked questions. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for more updates and content.

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