

The MacLaren Art Centre is pleased to announce *Portfolio 2026!*

Portfolio provides an exceptional opportunity to showcase the creative talent of youth in Simcoe County. 2026 marks the 35th year of *Portfolio*!

This year, *Portfolio* will be on display in the Gallery's Carnegie Room from May 2 to 31, 2026 with a special opening reception on Saturday, May 2 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm for students, their parents and teachers, and community members. This occasion creates an opportunity to celebrate the students' accomplishments and publicly affirm the high calibre of visual arts education in Simcoe County.

As in previous years, we look forward to working with you. With your help, we want to reach as many students as possible. Due to high submission volume, we are asking all secondary art teachers to pre-select **up to 10 artworks per art class** that best represent the art created by graduating students at your school. The MacLaren must receive these pre-selected artworks for jury consideration on **Monday, April 27, between 10 am and 4 pm**. The selection process will take place on Tuesday, April 28. Approximately 50 artworks will be selected for the exhibition. *Portfolio 2026* is a juried exhibition, with works selected by jurors who are either regional artists or other professional members of the visual arts community. The submitted artworks will be judged on their individual merit and given fair consideration. Artwork not selected for the exhibition must be picked up on Wednesday, April 29 between 10 am and 4 pm.

We look forward to receiving submissions from graduating Grade 12 students, currently enrolled in secondary schools in Simcoe County. Please find enclosed copies of our submission form, which we would ask that you copy and circulate to interested staff and students.

We request that the students provide a brief artist statement (250 words, one page, typed and double-spaced) which will be featured in connection with the artwork when installed in the exhibition.

The MacLaren Art Centre is excited to continue to host this very successful exhibition. We would like to thank you in advance for your interest and support of *Portfolio 2026*.

Sincerely,

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Portfolio 2026: May 2 to 31

Submission Drop-off Form

Student Name: _____

Student Phone Number: _____

Name of School: _____

Title(s) of Work(s) Received 1. _____

2. _____

Instructor: _____

Instructor Phone Number: _____

Instructor E-Mail _____

Received by _____

Terms and Conditions of Submission

Secondary Art Teachers must pre-select up to 10 artworks per art class that best represent the art created by graduating grade 12 students from each school.

- Each work must be exhibition ready (including hanging hardware or presentation equipment).
- Video submissions will only be accepted on a thumb drive. *If more than one video submission from a school is accepted, the school must provide a continuous reel on a thumb drive by Thursday, April 30, 2026.*

Each work must be submitted along with the following information (please check):

- Completed Submission Drop-off form**
- Label on back of artwork:** must include student name and school, artwork title, dimensions, media
- Artist Statement:** maximum 250 words, typed, double-spaced, with name and title of artwork.

Works to be considered for exhibition must be delivered to the MacLaren Art Centre on Monday, April 27, 2026, between 10 am and 4 pm. Works must be pre-selected by a secondary art teacher. Additional work will not be accepted. Works submitted after this date and time will not be eligible for exhibition. Art teachers must make sure their students submit artwork that does not include images appropriated from pre-existing works of art.

Notification of Acceptance

All submissions will be juried on the morning of Tuesday, April 28, 2026. Artists whose work has been accepted for the exhibition will be notified through their school by email that afternoon.

Return of Works

- **Works not accepted for exhibition must be picked up at the MacLaren Art Centre on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, between 10 am and 4 pm. The MacLaren Art Centre is not responsible for artworks left on the premises after that time.**
- **Works accepted for exhibition must be picked up at the MacLaren Art Centre on Monday, June 1, 2026, between 10 am and 4 pm. The MacLaren Art Centre is not responsible for artworks left on the premises after that time.**

Acceptance of Terms and Conditions

I agree to the terms and conditions of this exhibition as detailed above

Signature

Date