

YMM Digital Art Exhibit 2026: Call for Artists

About the Exhibit

The Fort McMurray Airport Authority is proud to continue the YMM Digital Art Exhibit. Displayed on digital screens throughout the terminal and on the airport website, the exhibit reaches a wide audience of travellers. It offers a professional platform for artists to share their work in a highly visible setting. The 2026 program features four seasonal rotations and a single launch event that will showcase all selected artists together. View the YMM Digital Art Exhibit.

2026 Theme & Description: "Viewpoints: Stories Seen and Unseen"

We invite artists to reflect on the idea of viewpoints. This theme explores not just what we see, but how we see it, and what remains beyond the frame. Shaped by geography, culture, history, and movement, YMM stands at a unique intersection where personal and collective narratives pass quietly through. We are looking for works that capture the visible and invisible, the remembered and the emerging, the rooted and the in-transit, encouraging travellers to pause, look closer, and uncover hidden stories.

Submissions may include landscape, abstraction, portraiture, or conceptual work. Offer a perspective that invites travellers to pause, look closer, and consider what stories live within the view.

Artist selection and exhibition details:

- Four artists will be selected for the 2026 exhibit year.
- § Each artist will be featured in one quarterly rotation on YMM digital screens and on the airport website
- All selected artists will be highlighted at a single launch event that brings together the full exhibit year.
- Artists will be profiled on YMM communication channels including social media and newsletters.
- Each selected artist will receive a \$500 honorarium.





Submission criteria

Please include the following items in your submission:

- Artist statement up to five hundred words that connects your practice to the 2026 theme.
- Portfolio of five to ten images that represent your work. JPEG or PNG in high resolution.
- A list with titles, dimensions, and medium for each work submitted.
- Short biography up to two hundred and fifty words.
- Contact information including name, phone, email, and links if available.

Eligibility

- Open to artists in Wood Buffalo and across Alberta.
- All visual art mediums are welcome if the final works can be digitized for display.

Selection process

- Alignment with the 2026 theme.
- Artistic quality and originality.
- Clarity of vision in the artist statement.
- Suitability for digital display in a public environment.

Key dates

- Scall opens September 22, 2025.
- Submission deadline: November 1, 2025 at 4 p.m. MT.
- Selected artists notified: by November 30, 2025.
- Launch event date: January (exact date TBD).

Submission instructions

Send all materials by email to Jessica.Lipton@flyymm.com with the subject line YMM Digital Art Exhibit 2026 Submission. For large files, share a link through a service such as Google Drive, Dropbox, or WeTransfer. Use the file naming format LastName_FirstName_Title.jpg for images.





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