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## **ANTON ART CENTER ANNOUNCES FIRST PRIDE MONTH ART COMPETITION AND EXHIBIT THIS SUMMER PRESENTED BY PFLAG OF CLINTON TOWNSHIP**

Mount Clemens, Mich. – The Anton Art Center is hosting its first open call to LGBTQ2S+ artists to submit entries to a new visual art competition and exhibit in celebration of Pride Month this summer presented by local nonprofit organization, PFLAG of Clinton Township. ***Pride Art Show*** is open nationally to adult artists aged eighteen and older to submit up to two artworks to be juried by the entry deadline of May 5, 2026. Selected artwork will be on display in the Anton Art Center’s second level gallery open June 6 through August 1, 2026.

The competition is juried by **Phil Gilchrist**. Phil earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Northern Michigan University and a Master of Public Administration from Wayne State University. He is the Executive Director of Advancing Macomb. Phil is a Macomb County Pride co-founder, CultureSource board member, Chair of the Macomb County Art Institute Authority, Chair of the Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority, and member of the Michigan Arts and Culture Council. He received the Sterling Heights’ Diversity Distinction award, Crains Detroit Business recognition as a Notable LGBTQ in Business and Notable Leader in Philanthropy, and the George F. Hixson Fellowship from the Kiwanis Club of Mount Clemens.

*Pride Art Show* submissions are accepted now through the entry deadline on **Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 4:00PM**. Entries must be original artworks completed within the last four years. The competition is open to all media and limited to measuring forty inches in any direction. \$400 in cash prizes to be awarded include first, second, and third place, as well as three honorable mention selections. Artists interested in participating may find more information at [www.theartcenter.org/artist-opportunities](http://www.theartcenter.org/artist-opportunities).

The exhibition is open June 6 through August 1, 2026, with a public Opening Reception and Awards Announcement on Saturday, June 6 from 1-3pm, with refreshments provided by local nonprofit organization, Macomb County Pride.



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Admission is free and open to the public with gallery hours Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10am to 5pm, donations accepted. The Anton Art Center is located at 125 Macomb Place, Mount Clemens, MI 48043. Metered parking is available at 50 cents per hour; parking is free after 6pm and weekends.

Visit us online at [www.theartcenter.org](http://www.theartcenter.org) or call 586-469-8666 for more information. The Anton Art Center (AAC) is a registered nonprofit organization with a mission to provide access to experiences that enrich all people through creative expression with a vision to be the Center of creativity.

The AAC was founded in 1969 in the historic Carnegie Library building in walkable downtown Mount Clemens, Michigan. Our funders include the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, Kresge Foundation, Michigan Arts & Cultural Council, Fred & Barbara Erb Family Foundation, and National Endowment for the Arts.

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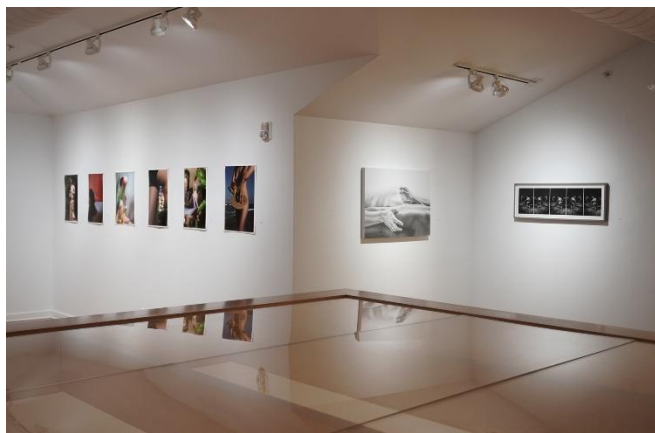
### 'Pride Art Show' Sample Images



'Pride Art Show' call for entry art competition and exhibition graphic.



'Pride Art Show' juror, Phil Gilchrist.



Gallery view, Second Floor Gallery, Anton Art Center.



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