



CALL FOR ARTISTS:

Beyond Borders Annual Exhibit at the Niagara Arts & Cultural Center



Jhonny González, *Whispers of Nature*, 2025
Acrylic on canvas, 29" x 32"

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NIAGARA FALLS, NY - The Niagara Arts & Cultural Center NACC is excited to share a new **CALL FOR ARTISTS** in our continued partnership with Los Artistas del Barrio Buffalo (LADBB). ***Beyond Borders*** is an annual exhibition curated by Dr. Michele Agosto and Aileen Gonzalez-Marti. ***Beyond Borders*** is an event that celebrates and showcases the diverse art works of Latino/a/x artists from across Western New York, and invites artists throughout New York State and Canada.

Beyond Borders offers a visual and performative platform to connect and communicate in a space that is welcoming to diverse communities. LADBB invites the viewer to enter into a metaphorical journey; a journey that reveals the complex stories of what living "beyond borders" means, extending far beyond the Western New York region.

This year's Call for Work asks artists and visual performers to consider the 5 senses known to humans: TOUCH, SMELL, SIGHT, TASTE, and SOUND as they relate to ***Beyond Borders***' larger context of discovery and exploration of one's personal journey.

Artists do not need to be Hispanic or Latino/a/x or Spanish-speaking, but we do request that our culture, heritage, and history be respected and considered in the work. In doing so, we believe this will foster critical and courageous conversations that are required to understand one another's journeys and truths.

This exhibition will be on view September 27 through November 8, 2025 in the NACC's Townsend Gallery on the first floor of the historic, multi-arts site. **Please join us for a reception honoring the artists and artwork within this exhibit on Saturday, September 27, 2025 from 2- 5pm.** This reception will feature the exhibition, small business vendors, and Latin music for all to enjoy.

30% of artwork sales go to the NACC in support of long-term projects. Artwork submitted for consideration with this exhibit are required to be for sale.

3-D and 2-D work of all genres, mediums, and artistic interpretations will be accepted for the exhibit. Artwork must be delivered in "ready-to-hang" condition, or it will not be exhibited.

This exhibit is sponsored by The New York State Council on the Arts, in partnership with the Niagara Arts & Cultural Center, The Niagara Falls National Heritage Area, the Community Foundation of Western New York, KeyBank, and the John R. Oishei Foundation.

Timeline

- September 20, 2025: Open Call closes
- Present to September 21: Artwork can be delivered to the NACC from 10:00 AM -5:00 PM during regular days of operation (Tuesday - Saturday).
- September 27, 2025, 2:00 PM -5:00 PM: Exhibit Opening Reception
- November 8, 2025: Exhibit closes
- November 10 -14: Deinstall. Artworks can be picked-up from the Townsend Gallery at the NACC daily from (Tuesday - Saturday) 10:00 AM -5:00 PM or by appointment.

How to Participate

- Submissions include a **\$25 fee for up to 2 pieces- all work will be juried prior to exhibition. Additional art pieces may be added for \$5 per piece.**
- Submissions **must be accompanied by a Submission Form, [this can be downloaded here.](#)**
- Images and information (to include artist's name, title, date, media, dimensions and price for work) should be emailed directly to losartistasdelbarriobuffalo@gmail.com . **Please write in the subject line: ATTENTION- SUBMISSIONS- BEYOND BORDERS 2025.** This information will be passed along to the exhibit's guest curators.
- Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place (judge TBD).
- Accepted artwork must be delivered to the Niagara Arts & Cultural Center and individually labeled with the ARTIST'S FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, TITLE OF ARTWORK, YEAR COMPLETED, MEDIA, AND SALE PRICE IN READY-TO-HANG CONDITION.
- Failure to conform to these guidelines will result in disqualification from the exhibit.

About Los Artistas del Barrio Buffalo

Los Artistas Del Barrio Buffalo exhibits, promotes, and supports Latino/a/x and Hispanic artists of all genres located in and connected to Buffalo and Western New York. Los Artistas Del Barrio Buffalo's mission is to function as an arts collective that highlights the talents and creativity of Latino/a/x and Hispanic artists of every discipline in our community.

About the Niagara Arts & Cultural Center

As the largest multi-arts center in upstate New York, the Niagara Arts & Cultural Center (NACC) hosts a diverse group of 98 artists and makers, two public art galleries, three theaters, four local history exhibits, a radio station, a certified sound stage & movie production facility, the Niagara Falls High School alumni center, as well as the Starry Night Café & Gift Shop.

The NACC is located at 1201 Pine Avenue in the City of Niagara Falls, New York.

Gallery Hours for the Townsend Gallery, Kudela Garden Gallery, and permanent exhibits within the building are from 12:00pm-5:00pm daily, excluding holidays.

Additional information for galleries, exhibitions, and opportunities can be found at www.thenacc.org.

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