

# Submission Guidelines

The organizers of *Art in Silico* are adhering to professional display standards in the visual arts. While creativity is highly encouraged, professional presentation is our goal. Here is a set of guidelines to prepare your artworks for display in the exhibition. We understand that every artwork is unique with individual installation needs; as such these general guidelines are designed to assist with allowing your art to look as good in the show as it does in your studio space.

## Two-Dimensional Art:

- If your art is on paper, finish your art with a sturdy lightweight backing. Some good choices are foam core board, a lightweight wood panel, or mat board (for smaller works). Trim the edges carefully using a sharp razor knife and a straight edge. Avoid board that is bent/or warped. Include a method for hanging. The most accessible for this type of mounting are 3M Command strips.
- If your art is on stretched canvas, be sure to install eye hooks and a piece of picture wire on the back to hang the work. If the canvas or fabric isn't stretched, please mount it somehow- either in a frame or on a panel.
- Frames are also a great choice and provide a clean, professional appearance. Your art need not be custom framed, rather some retailers who carry decent frames at accessible price points include Ikea, Michaels, Target, or (if you're handy) thrift stores often have nice ones that may need some TLC before use. Be sure whatever frame you use fits your artwork well - this may require ordering a cut mat (available from Michaels, or on Amazon)- and/or trimming your art down. There also needs to be sturdy hanging hardware on it.
- Consider having your digital art file printed directly onto a canvas, metal, or wood panel. There are many companies that provide this service, such as Frameology, Shutterfly, or even Walgreens in Houghton.

## Three-Dimensional Art:

- If your art is not meant to be mounted on the floor, wall, or ceiling, consider how it will be shown. Do you need a plinth, a table, or some other display aid? Be sure to specify this in your submission form.
- Include specialized hanging/installation hardware (if required) with your artwork when submitting.

## Electronic Art:

- Please supply all equipment needs for your artwork.
- Be sure to include that you require a power source on the submission form.
- Consider operation needs (like equipment having to be powered up and down) and provide as much information as possible with your submission. Not all artwork support can be guaranteed to be accommodated.