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**The Contemporary Dayton
Announces a Call for Artists
for Exhibition and Fundraiser
In Small Measure
February 13-14, 2026**

DAYTON (November 18, 2025) – The Contemporary Dayton is proud to announce a Call For Artists for *In Small Measure*, its new fundraising exhibition and sale taking place February 13–14, 2026, at The Contemporary Dayton located at 25 W. 4th Street in downtown Dayton, Ohio. This creative initiative invites artists from across the region and beyond **to donate original, postcard-sized artworks**—each measuring **4 x 6 inches**—to support The Contemporary Dayton’s mission to advance equity, diversity, and access through the presentation of contemporary art and ideas.

Artists of all backgrounds and working in any medium are welcome to participate by creating and donating an original postcard-sized artwork. Submissions may include drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, collage, sculpture, textile, or mixed media, as long as the piece is original and reflects the artist’s hand.

Each artwork will be sold anonymously for **\$100**, offering collectors and art lovers alike a chance to take home a unique piece of art while directly supporting The Contemporary Dayton’s exhibitions and programs. The goal of the event is to raise **\$10,000** to help sustain the organization’s mission during a particularly challenging time for arts organizations and small nonprofits.

All participating artists will receive **two complimentary tickets** to the Live Sale Event on February 13, 2026 and may purchase discounted Preview Party tickets for **\$50 per person**.

Submission Guidelines:

- Artworks must be **4 x 6 inches**, unframed and unmatted.
- Artists may submit up to **three artworks** (a separate [entry form](#) must be completed for each).
- To preserve the mystery, artworks should remain **anonymous**. Artists should sign **only the back** and refrain from posting images publicly until after the sale.
- Works must be **mailed or dropped off** by the following deadlines:
 - **Postmark deadline:** February 1, 2026. Artwork should be mailed to The Contemporary Dayton, Attention: In Small Measure, 25 W. 4th Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402
 - **In-person drop-off deadline:** February 4, 2026

All artists must complete the [online submission form](#) at [codayton.org](#).

"In Small Measure celebrates the generosity and creativity of artists while inviting our community to engage with art in a new way," said Heather Jones, Curator and Director of Programs and Engagement at The Contemporary Dayton. "Each small work carries immense impact, not only as a unique artistic gesture, but as a contribution that directly supports The Contemporary Dayton's mission to make contemporary art accessible to all. It's a great reminder that even the smallest acts can sustain something much larger."

To participate or learn more, visit [www.codayton.org](#).

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2025-2026 OPERATING SUPPORT DONORS

The Wiletha McGuire Family, The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Culture Works, The Dayton Foundation, The Montgomery County Arts & Cultural District, The National Endowment for the Arts, The Ohio Arts Council, The Virginia W. Kettering Foundation, and our Members.

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ABOUT THE CONTEMPORARY DAYTON

Advancing art for the community and a community for artists since 1991.

The Contemporary Dayton is the region's contemporary art center. A 501(c)(3) nonprofit, The Contemporary Dayton produces and presents ART EXHIBITIONS, ARTIST TALKS, and PUBLIC ART by local, national, and global creatives and makers, and is ALWAYS FREE & OPEN TO ALL. As a non-collecting art center, The Contemporary Dayton is one of 45 non-collecting art centers and museums across North America that specialize in presenting modern and contemporary art.

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