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The Contemporary Dayton Presents
Elisha Frontz: vernal equinox
Our Next Member's Spotlight Exhibition
March 4-28, 2026

DAYTON (February 4, 2026) – The Contemporary Dayton (TCD) is pleased to present ***Elisha Frontz: vernal equinox***, our latest **Member's Spotlight Exhibition** that celebrates the vibrant creativity of our local and regional artist community, a solo exhibition of recent work by Dayton-based artist, musician, and poet Elisha Frontz. The exhibition opens Wednesday, March 4, with a public reception from 6–8 PM.

Vernal Equinox features a new body of mixed-media paintings that reflect on the seasonal threshold between winter and spring. Combining watercolor on paper with sewing patterns, string, and brass tacks, Frontz creates compositions that balance technical precision with intuitive gesture. Her interdisciplinary sensibility—shaped by both sculptural training and musical practice—allows rhythm, structure, and material exploration to inform one another.

The exhibition takes its title from the astronomical beginning of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when the sun crosses the celestial equator and day and night reach near equilibrium. This moment of balance and transition resonates throughout the work. Subtle shifts in tone and texture suggest dormancy giving way to emergence, while layered materials evoke the quiet energy gathering beneath the surface before new growth appears.

Frontz lives and works in Dayton and has received significant regional recognition for her practice. In 2025, she was awarded Best of Show at the Ohio Biennial in Columbus, Best of Show at The Contemporary Dayton's Member's Exhibition, and Best of Show at The Golden Ticket Exhibition at the Harrison Art Center in Indianapolis. In addition to her studio practice, she has taught classes and workshops at the Dayton Art Institute and the Contemporary Arts Center in Cincinnati.

All artworks in the exhibition are available for purchase, with proceeds supporting both the artist and TCD's mission to connect artists and audiences through accessible, engaging contemporary art experiences.

Open to all current artist members, the Member's Spotlight Exhibitions are an ongoing series that offers participants the unique opportunity to present a focused body of work in a solo exhibition. Each exhibition is installed in The T. Chase Hale & Jonathan A. Hale Gallery and remains on view for one month, opening with a public reception on the first Wednesday and continuing through the last Saturday of the month. These exhibitions not only highlight the diverse practices and perspectives of our members but also provide a professional platform for artists to gain visibility and engage directly with audiences. All artworks are available

for purchase, with proceeds supporting both the artist and TCD's mission to advance equity, diversity, and access through contemporary art. Participation in the Member's Spotlight series is one of the many valuable benefits of being an artist member of TCD.

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Opening Reception

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 6–8 pm

Free and open to all

Artist Demonstration

Friday, March 6, 2026 5–8 pm

Free and open to all

Join Frontz as she demonstrates techniques from her practice including handsewing on watercolor paintings.

Closing Reception

Saturday, March 28, 2026, 4-6 pm

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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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