



CALL FOR HOLIDAY GIFTABLES,
ORNAMENTS & DECOR

Submission Deadline: Oct 17, 2026

Inventory Drop-off: October 28-31, 2026

OVERVIEW

The CoSHOP is a small museum gift shop operated by The Contemporary Dayton (TCD), Dayton's contemporary art center. Founded in 1991, TCD has been located in the Dayton Arcade since 2021.

The CoSHOP features small works of fine art alongside a curated selection of design- and food-forward home goods, wearables, wellness items, and paper goods created by artists and artisans from Dayton, Ohio, and throughout the Midwest.

We accept submissions on an ongoing basis through the **Product Submission Form** on the TCD website. Selected items are offered on consignment, with artists and makers receiving **60% of the retail sale price** of their item(s).

Consignment terms may vary depending on the type of product, and artist and maker payments are issued monthly by check.

CRITERIA

For the holiday season, we are currently seeking **artist- and artisan-created items, ornaments, and décor** for consignment. Submissions should meet the following criteria:

MUST

- Reflect a modern or contemporary design aesthetic.
- Demonstrate a high level of craftsmanship and attention to detail.
- Be structurally sound, safe, and non-toxic.
- Be functional and appropriate for their intended use.
- Be complete and ready for display or sale, with all necessary hardware, components, and packaging included.

NOT ACCEPTED

- Country craft, rustic, or boho-style items.
- Items incorporating commercially manufactured components as a primary design element (for example, jewelry made with commercially produced chainmail or pre-made pendants).
- Items featuring traditional holiday imagery or tropes, such as Santa Claus, reindeer, Christmas trees, or similar motifs.

CATEGORIES

Aromatherapy/Botanicals
Book Arts
Ceramics
Clothing / Wearable Art
Drawing
Fiber / Leather Art
Home Furnishings
Glass

Jewelry / Beadwork / Metalsmithing
Mixed Media
Painting
Photography
Printmaking
Sculpture
Wood
Novelty

DISPLAY & MARKETING

- Small, creative item-description tags are encouraged and may be included with your work.
- Business cards and other promotional or marketing materials will not be accepted or displayed.
- TCD staff are available to consult with artists on the size, media, and presentation or attachment of tags and other elements. TCD produces inventory barcode stickers, which are placed on the bottom or back of objects whenever possible—preferably on an artist-made hang tag. Barcode stickers will never be placed directly on jewelry, fiber works, or the front of two-dimensional artwork.
- TCD staff curate the CoSHOP display using items from each artist's inventory. Some items may be held in back stock, and displays may be moved or adjusted regularly to refresh the presentation and accommodate new inventory. TCD reserves the right to make these adjustments as needed.
- The CoSHOP is promoted through multiple channels, including on-site signage, the TCD website, a biweekly e-blast to approximately 3,200 subscribers, and social media. CoSHOP products are also promoted through online calendars and event platforms, as well as the Dayton Arcade's **Holly Days**, December 9–11, 2026, which is expected to draw approximately 6,000 visitors.

CONSIGNMENT PROCESS

Consignment is an arrangement in which an artist or artisan retains ownership of their work while authorizing The Contemporary Dayton (TCD) to display and offer the work for sale. Ownership remains with the artist or artisan until the item is sold to the final purchaser.

Sales & Consignment Fee

- Artists and artisans should price their work to encourage sales, make items accessible as gifts, and offer a range of price points. **Individual items should not be priced above \$300.**
- Artists and artisans receive **60% of the retail sale price** of each item sold.
- Payments are issued **monthly by check and mailed to the artist or artisan.**

REQUIREMENTS AND PRODUCT INFORMATION FOR ACCEPTED ITEMS

Artwork does not need to be framed or matted to be submitted, although framed or matted presentation is welcome. All artwork must be finished and ready for display or sale.

- **Wall-hung artwork:** May be framed or gallery-wrapped. Framed work should be appropriately presented and ready to hang. Maximum size is **16 × 20 inches**, or **320 square inches**, including the frame.
- **Unframed 2D artwork:** Artwork intended for rack display must be **protected with a clear plastic sleeve, and clearly priced.**
- **3D artwork:** Pottery, sculpture, ceramics, glass, and similar works should not exceed **10 × 10 × 10 inches.**
- **Larger 3D work:** Larger pieces may be considered on a case-by-case basis, depending on their design, display requirements, and price point.
- **Pottery & ceramics:** Items intended for food use should be clearly labeled with applicable microwave, oven, and food-safety information.
- **Wearable art:** Items should include fiber or fabric content and cleaning or care instructions.

INVENTORY ROTATION & CONSIGNMENT PERIOD

- To keep the CoSHOP selection fresh and provide opportunities for new artists and inventory, consignment periods will not exceed **three (3) months.**
- TCD staff will contact artists if additional inventory is requested or if an extension of the consignment period is being considered.

INSURANCE & DELIVERY

- Artwork and merchandise are covered by TCD's insurance while on TCD premises, subject to the terms and limitations of TCD's insurance policy.
- Delivery of inventory to TCD, including any shipping, transportation, or other transit costs, is the responsibility of the artist or artisan.
- All inventory will be inspected at check-in. Damaged, incomplete, or otherwise unsuitable items will not be accepted.

TERMINATION

Either The Contemporary Dayton or the artist or artisan may terminate the consignment arrangement at any time by providing written notice to the other party.

Within **30 days of receiving notice of termination**, TCD will settle any outstanding amounts owed to the artist or artisan and return all unsold inventory.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete the online **Product Submission Form** at www.codayton.org/shop, OR submit images and product information by email to cking@codayton.org
2. Submit JPEG images of proposed items
 - up to 5 images of items of the same media (for example, 5 handblown glass vases)
 - Up to 10 individual products may be submitted. Exceptions may be made for smaller items such as ornaments and jewelry.

QUESTIONS?

Call us at 937/224.3822 or via email at cking@codayton.org