

**Join in the *Conceal/Reveal* Installation  
Open Call at the Providence Art Club**



All Rhode Islanders are invited to submit their most creative interpretations of face masks for an installation in the Art Club's highly visible Dodge House Gallery on Thomas Street. This is an opportunity for our community to celebrate art and encourage our neighbors to wear masks but also to find hope in creativity during this difficult time. Three top prizes will be awarded! Please read this call in full for all the details and contact Gallery Manager Michael Rose at [michael@providenceartclub.org](mailto:michael@providenceartclub.org) with any questions.

**What can you put on a “surgical mask” that makes it your own?**

A-n-y-t-h-i-n-g that works for you. An original work of art created for this exhibit, a section of a previously created artwork, or even simply a reproduction of a favorite photo; your pet, grandkids, or even your boat, "old Gert." All imagery used on the masks must just be the property of the artist. No copyrighted, third party images are allowed.

We've designed a simple downloadable template to be used as the foundation for your "mask". These will be non-functional artworks in the shape of masks. Please **do not** use a manufactured mask or a homemade cloth mask. And no bandanas, please. Works that incorporate real personal protective equipment will not be accepted. If you have extra PPE, please donate it to local frontline workers who are in need – do not use it in artworks.

All entries must follow the official template. However, you can embellish your mask if you wish, like the St. Bernard above, as long as you stay within these size parameters; **12" h, 11" w, 6" d. Weight cannot exceed 2 lbs.**

You may print your own mask or cut out a mask from a material of your choice using our template.

## **Making your own mask**

Make it in whatever medium you choose. Want to do an oil or acrylic painted mask? Use our template to cut out a piece of canvas. The same goes for watercolor or pastel paper. If your media is best protected with fixative, please do that. Got another idea for a whole different medium? Again, your imagination is the limit. Want to adorn your mask with a Groucho nose or alien antenna? Go for it, as long as it doesn't exceed the above size and weight limits. Digital images of personal artwork or even a favorite family photo can be used as well. Creators of all ages are welcome.

If you are printing the template yourself, simply transfer the shape to your surface of choice canvas, watercolor paper, or pastel paper. For collage, use the paper of your choice, but be mindful that you'll be bending the paper slightly after your artwork is created to form the dimension around the nose, so you may need to re-glue a few things. Contact Michael at [michael@providenceartclub.org](mailto:michael@providenceartclub.org) if you have any questions.

When completed, please be sure to label the back with your name, title, medium, and full contact information. Masks will have special backing a faux ear loops added by PAC staff and volunteers,

## **Due date**

Completed masks must be mailed or delivered to the Club at 11 Thomas Street, Providence, RI. Hours for drop-off delivery are **Monday, July 13 – Thursday, July 16 from 12 – 2pm** each day. Artists are also welcome to mail in their masks care of Gallery Manager Michael Rose, Providence Art Club, 11 Thomas Street, Providence, RI 02903. If you are mailing your mask, please mail it flat so it does not get damaged. We anticipate the show running for at least two weeks at the end of July and beginning of August. More details on exact dates will be available once we have an idea of how many participants will be involved. Please indicate your interest in participating using [this form](#).

## **Awards**

Three non-monetary awards will be offered (Best in Show, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place). Winning masks will be printed and available for sale, with all proceeds going to the Artist Relief Fund. Each winning artist will receive a free printed version of their mask, too! Awards will be decided by online voting, more details will be available soon.

## **Installation**

The organizing committee and gallery staff will handle installation. The Club is currently entertaining possibilities to make this a traveling exhibition. Should this

show travel we would like to retain your submission and share it again. More details on this aspect of the exhibition will be available soon.

**Important details:**

- This project is open to all residents of Rhode Island, limit one mask per participant. No submissions will be for sale.
- Participants must follow the official template provided by the Club.
- Size limitations beyond the mask itself are maximum 12" h, 11" w, 6" d
- Submissions may not weigh more than 2lbs
- Each mask will have a backing added by members of the Club staff, please note this may result in structural changes.
- PAC retains the right to use images of all submitted masks for press and promotional purposes.
- Because we anticipate this show traveling, masks will likely not be returned.

The Providence Art Club reserves the right to jury this exhibition based on space and to deny works that utilize third party copyrighted images, contain offensive material, or otherwise do not meet its community standards or installation guidelines.

**Any questions?**

Email Michael at [michael@providenceartclub.org](mailto:michael@providenceartclub.org)



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