



# THE WESTMORELAND MUSEUM of AMERICAN ART

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## Art on Tap: Creative Couture

Request for Proposals

*Friday, September 25, 2026 · 6–9pm*

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**Submission Deadline: Monday, July 20, 2026**

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Notification of Acceptance: August 3, 2026

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**Submit to:**

[ddiandrea@thewestmoreland.org](mailto:ddiandrea@thewestmoreland.org)

CC: [scrapwerx1@gmail.com](mailto:scrapwerx1@gmail.com)

## Dear Designer,

We're excited to invite you to participate in Art on Tap: Creative Couture at The Westmoreland Museum of American Art — an evening celebrating sustainable fashion and wearable art. Join us on Friday, September 25, from 6–9pm for a night of creativity, community, and style.

**New This Year:** *In addition to being exhibited during Art on Tap: Creative Couture, accepted garments will remain on display in the Museum galleries throughout the weekend (September 26 & 27) for visitors to discover and enjoy.*

Art on Tap operates as an 'open roam' experience, inviting guests to meander through the Museum at their own pace. Designers are encouraged to stand with their work, share their creative process, and connect with guests throughout the night.

This is a wonderful opportunity to gain meaningful exposure, connect with fellow creatives, and see your work celebrated in a beautiful museum setting. Each accepted designer will receive 4 complimentary event tickets, each including a drink token redeemable during the event.

## DISPLAY AND EVENT DETAILS

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- Garments will be exhibited during Art on Tap (9/25, 6pm–9pm) and remain on display throughout the weekend (September 25–27).
- Designers must provide their own mannequin or model form.
- Designers are responsible for load in, set up, and load out of their garments.
- Designers are highly encouraged to stand with their designs during the event.
- Remarks will be given during the event to recognize participating designers.
- Artist images and statements will be featured in a slideshow during the event.

### Garment Load In & Install

- Garment install will occur from **3pm–5:30pm on Friday, September 25.**
- Artists must complete set up and install of their garments **by 5:30pm.**
- All garments must be displayed on mannequins/dress forms provided by the artist.
- Designers can load in through either the Museum's main entrance or Park Street entrance.
- Designers are responsible for load in and setup of their own garments.
- Designers will receive assigned set-up locations in advance of the load-in date.

### Garment Pick Up & Load Out

- Designers can load out through either the Museum's main entrance or Park Street entrance.

#### Primary Pick Up:

Sunday, September 27 · 5pm–7pm

#### Secondary Pick Up:

Monday, September 28 · 8am–5pm

Designers picking up on Monday must notify Dante DiAndrea ([ddiandrea@thewestmoreland.org](mailto:ddiandrea@thewestmoreland.org)) in advance with their planned arrival time, as the Museum will be closed to the public that day.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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All submitted garments must:

- Be a wearable garment
- Connect in some fashion to the design inspiration prompt below
- Contain no profanity, nor political, religious, or sexual content
- Be safe — no liquids, biological materials, combustibles, or hazardous materials
- Be displayed on a mannequin(s) provided by the designer

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**Design Inspiration:** *Through the mindful use or reuse of materials, designers are invited to present sustainable fashion designs that speak to our relationship with the environment, tracing the common thread that connects fashion to the landscapes that surround us.*

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## HOW TO SUBMIT

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Please submit each of the following items via email by **Monday, July 20:**

- Images of up to 3 eligible wearable garments
- Confirmation that you can provide a mannequin/dress form for all submitted garments
- A short bio (max 150 words)
- An artist statement (max 200 words)
- Artist headshot image file
- Link to your social media platform or website

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### Email Your Submission to Dante DiAndrea

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*Feel free to contact Dante with any questions before the July 20th deadline.*

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