

# Inspired

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## Exhibition

The Monterey Bay Metal Arts Guild is now accepting submissions for its annual winter exhibition, hosted by **ZFolio Gallery** in beautiful downtown Monterey, California.

Each year, this highly anticipated show brings together exceptional metal and jewelry artists from across the region to explore a new and inspiring theme. This winter's exhibition will showcase innovative interpretations of the theme **Inspired**, highlighting the creativity and technical skill of our local metals community.

## Theme

Through intimate works in metal, artists are encouraged to showcase how inspiration is transformed into form, function, and expression. What moves you to make? How does your subject matter — the ideas, motifs, or emotions you return to — shape your artistic voice? Whether representational or abstract, narrative or experimental, this exhibition is a celebration of the creative impulse and the many paths it takes.

Through intimate, jewelry-scale work, this exhibition will showcase the diverse and deeply personal ways artists interpret inspiration — transforming metal into objects of meaning, beauty, and storytelling.

## Instructions

All jewelry must be for sale, **new to ZFolio Gallery**, and **preferably primarily in silver or gold**, with minor inclusions of gemstones, stones, or other materials allowed. All artwork must be jewelry-scale and able to fit within the gallery's secure display cases. The exhibition is **not juried**, **no photos are required to submit**, and **ZFolio retains a 50% commission on all sales**.

# Submission Procedure

All registration for Inspired must be completed through the **MBMAG website**:

[Register Here](#) — space is limited to the first 25 members, so don't wait!

To participate, complete online registration by **November 10, 2025**. A separate email with the artwork submission form will be sent closer to the deadline. That form will collect your piece's title, dimensions, medium, and retail price, and must be completed by the same date.

If you'd like your work considered for the exhibition postcard or other promotions, submit a high-quality image (300 dpi, JPEG) by **October 27, 2025**. Please photograph your piece on a solid, neutral background (white, black, or gray preferred) to make editing easier and ensure it stands out.

## **Optional: Artist Statement & Bio**

We encourage you to submit a short artist statement and bio to accompany your work. These help connect your audience to your creative vision and may be displayed at ZFolio Gallery or used in promotional materials.

- **Artist Statement:** Share what inspires your work — your process, materials, symbolism, or meaning behind the piece.
- **Artist Bio:** Tell us a bit about yourself — background, education, exhibitions, or other highlights of your artistic journey.

*To upload images, artist statements, and bios, refer to your registration confirmation email or visit the **MBMAG website**.*

# Shipping Artwork

- Shipped artwork must arrive at least **72 hours before the drop-off date** (by Nov. 20).
- Artists are responsible for all shipping costs (both directions).
- Include a **prepaid return shipping label** inside the package.
- Request the shipping address and provide tracking info by emailing the exhibitions team.
- **Insurance is strongly recommended.** MBMAG and ZFolio are not responsible for loss or damage in transit.

# Entry Fees

**\$25** for a maximum of 3 pieces, 50% of sales retained by ZFolio, and limited to the 1st 25 members who register. **The entry fee is non-refundable**

# Important Dates

- Deadline for Registration: Nov. 10, 2025 (1st 25 to apply)
- Final Day to Submit Artwork Details: Nov. 10, 2025
- Deadline to Submit Images considered for marketing: Oct. 27, 2025
- Drop-Off Dates: **\*email exhibitions team for alternative arrangements**  
Nov. 23 - 1:00 to 3:00pm at The Farm Bakery - 6790 Soquel Dr, Aptos  
Nov. 24 - 11:00am at ZFolio Gallery - 750 Cannery Row, Monterey
- Exhibition Dates: Nov. 28 - Jan 4, 2026
- Opening Reception: Nov 30, 2025 - 4:00 to 6:00pm
- Pick-Up Dates: **\*email exhibitions team for alternative arrangements**  
Jan. 5 - 11:00am at ZFolio Gallery - 750 Cannery Row, Monterey  
Jan. 11 - 1:00 to 3:00pm at The Farm Bakery - 6790 Soquel Dr, Aptos

**Questions?** Please visit the exhibition [webpage](#). After logging into your guild account, scroll to the bottom of the page to find the exhibition team's contact email address.