

Dear Artists,

The Stormy Weather Arts Festival (SWAF) Committee invites creative and engaging teaching artists to submit proposals to lead workshops during the **Stormy Weather Arts Festival on November 6, 7, & 8, 2026**.

Our Purpose:

Stormy Weather Arts Festival exists to support the Cannon Beach Community, offering unique cultural arts and educational experiences in partnership with artists and local businesses. We strive to create meaningful connections between our coastal community, travelers, and the arts community — building experiences that inspire creativity, collaboration, and discovery.

SWAF has grown through the passion and generosity of artists who bring energy, curiosity, and connection to our town. We deeply value the artists who have helped make SWAF a success over the years and warmly encourage past participants to apply again. At the same time, we are committed to offering new experiences to our annual festival guests, and we strongly encourage the submission of fresh and innovative workshop ideas.

Workshop Proposal Details:

- Proposal Deadline: **May 15, 2026** *This early deadline allows for successful marketing; no submissions past this deadline will be considered. If you missed this year's deadline, we would love to consider your proposal for SWAF 2027
- Tentative Jury Decision Date: **May 28, 2026**
- Artists may submit **up to three (3) workshop proposals**
- The **SWAF Committee will serve as the jury**, selecting teaching artists based on creativity, feasibility, and alignment with festival goals
- The committee plans to book **5–7 artist-led workshops**, depending on scheduling and venue availability

Artist Compensation & Festival Support:

If selected, SWAF will pay artists **70% of net ticket sales** from their workshop. SWAF will cover the cost of space and provide advertising support, including promotion through web, print, and social media channels. Artists should include a proposed **retail ticket price**, keeping in mind the 70/30 split.

Festival Vision & Venues:

The goal of SWAF is to celebrate art while highlighting local businesses throughout town. Workshops may take place in a variety of spaces — including galleries, community venues, and participating local businesses — creating opportunities for artists and visitors to explore the community in meaningful ways.

Application Requirements:

- Photos of a completed project
- One or more process photos that show how participants will engage with the work
- Proposed retail ticket price

- Please note on your application if you have a tie to a local art gallery. This is not required, but it is a feature we would love to highlight in our marketing when applicable.

Workshop Needs & Logistics:

To help us plan successful workshop spaces, please outline your needs clearly in your proposal, including:

- Number of electrical outlets required
- Tables, chairs, or wall space are needed
- Access to water (if applicable)
- Garbage or recycling needs
- Ventilation considerations
- Space requirements or ideal room layout
- Any additional equipment or special accommodations

Artists are allowed **30 minutes for set-up** and **30 minutes for clean-up**. If additional time is needed, please clearly note this in your application. Set-up and clean-up are the responsibility of the artist; however, if you have special needs — such as close parking for loading and unloading — the SWAF team is happy to assist with planning logistics to help ensure a successful event.

This is a fantastic opportunity to market yourself with high-visibility promotion at an established **39-year-running arts festival** in one of the most iconic art towns on the West Coast. We welcome proposals that inspire discovery, creativity, and connection, and we look forward to seeing what you imagine for this year's festival.

Submission & Contact:

Please forward proposals and images to **Ginger, SWAF Chair**, at art@cannonbeach.org
Feel free to reach out by email with any questions you may have — we are happy to help.

Warmly,

The Stormy Weather Arts Festival Committee