

Up Stairs call for proposals 2027

City Art Depot is a conservation picture framing workshop and gallery representing artists working in a variety of media.

City Art is pleased to present an open call for proposals for our 2027 Up Stairs gallery programme. This second space is located upstairs at City Art Depot, 96 Disraeli Street, Sydenham, Ōtautahi Christchurch, New Zealand. This gallery presents an opportunity for an artist-led approach to exhibiting new work for sale. Openings will run parallel with our regular programme in our main City Art Depot gallery space.

This part of our workshop has been developed over the 37 years City Art Depot has been in business, from an artist studio to a dedicated workshop gesso and stretcher bar manufacturing space to, over the last decade, a gallery exhibiting works in stock by artists represented by City Art Depot. Following on from a successful first year of programming in the Up Stairs space we are excited to once again open up this space for new exhibitions.

City Art Depot encourages New Zealand-based students, recent graduates and established artists to submit proposals for shows from 2027 onwards. We will not consider proposals for exhibitions that have been previously exhibited in New Zealand. Proposals from previous exhibitors are welcomed. Exhibitions will run for 4 weeks.

Submission Requirements:

Deadline: 11:59pm Monday 2 November 2026.

All submissions must be emailed to cameron@cityart.co.nz with the subject title 'Proposal: (your full name)'.

Submissions must include the following:

1. Cover sheet with artist name/s, telephone number, physical address, email address and any preferred date/s for exhibition.
2. Brief artist C.V and outline of proposed works.
To include: short bio, recent projects/exhibitions and links to any other online support material (e.g. website, reviews, etc.). The premise for the work to be shown and any insight into your practice. Specifications of work (e.g. dimensions, medium and how many works). Any requirements regarding installation, hanging placement of work, use of technical equipment, etc.
3. Images: Jpeg or PDF format preferable.

You will receive an email confirmation upon submission. Artists will be notified regarding the success or otherwise of their proposal no later than 3 weeks after proposal deadline. If your application is unsuccessful you are most welcome to resubmit at our next call for proposals.

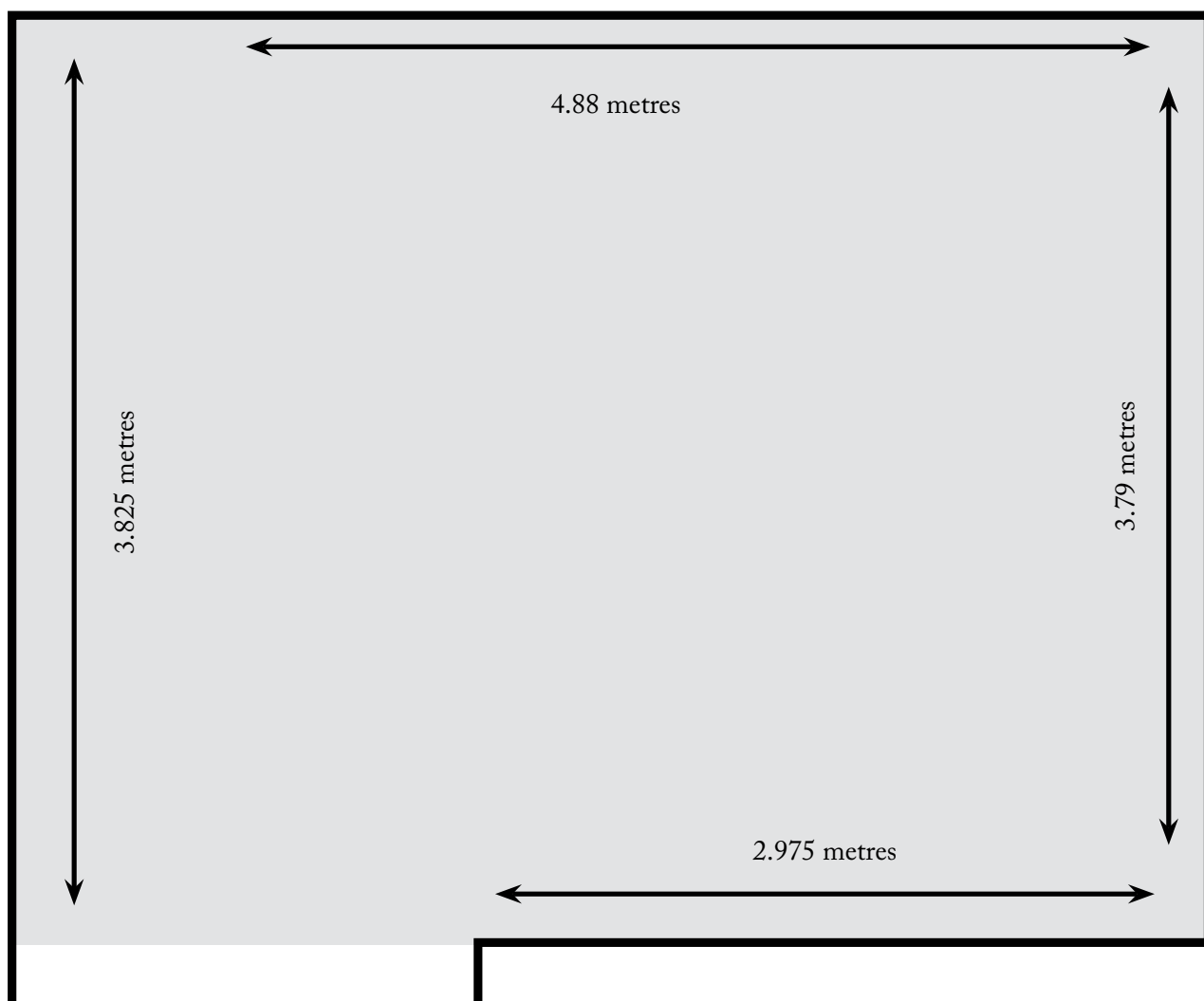
If you have any queries regarding your proposal, please email
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Exhibitions Manager
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Gallery wall height approx 3 metres

Walls are painted gib lined with plywood

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