



CALL FOR ART

Pride: Who Am I?

Submissions open through April 30, 2024
Exhibition on display June 7th - June 30th, 2024

Presented by

The Bunker, The Gala Pride & Diversity Center, and SLO County Arts

In celebration of PRIDE, The Bunker invites people of all ages to submit art inspired by their Story of Self for the ***Pride: Who Am I?*** art show. The exhibit will take place in June in celebration of Pride.

In 2023, The Pride Center & The Bunker produced a photographic exhibit - *We Are Family* - which showcased the diverse makeup of LGBTQ+ families living on the Central Coast. The exhibit was a photographic series depicting eight families on the Central Coast of California who represent our LGBTQ+ community. Created as a response to the surge in anti-LGBTQ+ legislation in 2023, including hundreds of state bills limiting the rights of LGBTQ+ people, an alarming increase in threats and violence against LGBTQ+ people, and direct attacks on family-friendly queer events and spaces, this project showcased the diversity, beauty, joy, love, and connection in our LGBTQ+ families here on the Central Coast. Portraits provided a window into families that belong here, thrive here, and are glorious in exactly who they are.

In 2024, we are seeking artists from the LGBTQ+ community working in two- and three- dimensional fine art media to express who they are. Focused on the artists' present Story of Self, *Who Am I?* allows room for artists to move outside of the labels that qualify them as members of queer spaces, and represent themselves fully, focusing on whichever aspects of themselves they are called to show in their artwork.

One work of art will be selected as the featured piece for the event. The selected piece will be featured on all promotional and marketing materials. The featured artist will receive a stipend and recognition at the opening reception.

The logo for 'THE BUNKER SAN LUIS OBISPO' is set against a teal rectangular background. The word 'THE' is written vertically in a small, black, sans-serif font on the left side. 'BUNKER' is written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font in the center. Below 'BUNKER', the words 'SAN LUIS OBISPO' are written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font, spaced out across the width of the teal box.

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Who Am I? will be hosted by The Bunker. Nestled in San Luis Obispo’s “LoBro neighborhood”, The Bunker is a fresh addition to the city’s cultural landscape. With its 800–square foot gallery space, this innovative venue beckons both art enthusiasts and the local community. Conveniently located where the train tracks intersect Orcutt Road, accessibility by bike or foot enhances its inclusivity. Beyond its contemporary gallery showcasing diverse artworks, The Bunker SLO stands as a versatile mixed–use space. Embracing a spirit of openness, the venue eagerly welcomes events and workshops of all kinds, providing a dynamic platform for creativity and community engagement in the heart of San Luis Obispo.

GUIDELINES

- Artists must identify within the LGBTQ+ community.
- Artists may submit up to three (3) works.
- Original works in any two- or three-dimensional fine art medium.
- Three dimensional art **MUST** be able to hang on the wall.
- Works must not exceed 30 lbs.
- Works must not exceed dimensions of 6’ by 6’.
- Works must be ready to hang (professionally framed/wired or gallery wrapped with painted sides).
- All works must be made available for sale.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

- There are no entry fees to apply.
- Submit an application at the link or QR code below.
- Please title each file name with the artist’s first name, last name, dimensions, and title of work, separated with an underscore.
 - Example: Joan_Smith_20x30_untitled.jpg
- Applicants interested in being considered as the featured artist must opt in on the electronic application.
 - Featured artist applicants are required to submit an artist statement, work description, and media release for marketing purposes.
- All applicants are encouraged to submit an artist statement, but not required.

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JURY CRITERIA

- Excellence and skill in the execution of works
- Compelling and thoughtful artist statement that broadens audience perspective of the exhibition theme, *Who Am I?*
- High level of commitment to the process and creation of artwork.
- Clear, professional quality digital images of the artwork.

SALES

- The Bunker SLO collects a 25% commission on all sales, and participating artists receive a 75% commission.

TRANSPORTATION

- If chosen for the show, artists are responsible for safe delivery to and timely pickup of work from The Bunker, located at 810 Orcutt Road, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. Drop off and pickup appointments will be announced upon selection.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All applications are due by April 30th, 2024.
- Art featured at the gallery will be selected through a jury process.
- Jury process will be conducted by representatives of The Gala Pride and Diversity Center, The Bunker, and SLO County Arts Council.

CONTACT

If you have any questions regarding this show, please contact Laura Albers at lauraalbers2010@gmail.com or 805-457-3533.

APPLY HERE:

<https://form.jotform.com/240635730227048>

