

Introduction to Exhibition

Theme: Hibiki: The Sound of Laughter

Exhibition Time: November 25, 2026 10AM—November 29, 2026, 4PM

Introduction to the theme:

Happiness is a primal, universal form of expression. The sound of laughter connects us with the world in the purest way, and through its echoes, a proof of joy. When was the last time you experienced an irresistible sense of joy, and in what kind of environment? Was it paired with an overwhelming sense of cuteness from your pets, the peace of hearing the wind dance through the trees, or the relief of drinking an ice-cold can of pop in the summer? Laughs are often short-lived, but it has the power to linger between our relationships, transforming the way we interact with our environment, our memories.

For this exhibition, we want to collect the moments that made you laugh. Instead of absurd comedy, we want to find the pure, unironic moments that truly give you happiness—light, transparent, unguarded happiness.

For this call for submission, we welcome works from a variety of mediums, including but not limited to: painting, calligraphy, ceramics, sculpture, photography, etc. For digital works and photographic works, please make physical prints for exhibition. For video and short films, please prepare your own monitor and power supply.

We wish to create a clash of different artistic expressions, and we hope that our artists will practice unrestrained creativity regarding the “the sound of laughter.”

***Note: unfortunately, we cannot accept artworks containing fresh flowers and degradable materials.**

Prompts for inspiration:

1. A childish expression:

express yourself as if you're a child. No abstractions, no performance, happiness for happiness' sake. Your art could be a documentation of children/animals, the playground moments, or your own childhood memories.

2. An infectious expression:

laughter is infectious. It doesn't stay within one person, instead, it transforms itself into a choir, filling the room up with echoes of happiness. Make something that transfers your own laughter to the audience.

3. Everyday fortunes:

not the happiness that comes from a spotlight, but one which arrives with the afternoon sun, the walk back home after school, ice cream in the summer, the exposed belly of your cat, the heartfelt late-night conversations...all the moments which make us "live" instead of "survive," the happiness that comes from small fortunes.

4. Transparent and light:

the sound of laughter sets a tone to its environment, an abstract mood-setter, but not so different from the lighting of a room. Use your art to explore the idea of laughter as sound.

5. After laughter:

after the laughter subsides, what lingers? A lasting happiness, or the emptiness and melancholy that follow the release of dopamine? Let happiness flow, and use your art to record its arrival and departure.

The above are simply provided for inspiration. We welcome many more interpretations and creative expressions.