



ARTS MARKET



Submission Guidelines

MAC Arts Markets 2025 - 26

OUR MARKETS

MAC's Arts Markets offer a diverse selection of some of the best work from designer-makers in Birmingham, the West Midlands and beyond.



With a track record for presenting high-quality work across a range of crafts, Midlands Arts Centre is an established market destination for the public, collectors, galleries and retailers to buy and commission the very best in unique crafts, direct from the maker.

In 2024 we welcomed over 10,000 visitors across our four Christmas Markets. Our Seasonal Markets regularly attract upwards of 4,000 visitors.

This year's Christmas events will be held across our Ground Floor Foyer areas and Bar.





KEY INFORMATION

- We will be holding markets on:
Sat 29 November 2025
Sun 30 November 2025
Sat 6 December 2025
Sun 7 December 2025
+ Seasonal markets on select Sundays throughout 2026
- Applications are now open, and will close on **Sunday 20 July**.
To apply, [click here to complete our online application form](#) and send a selection of images (including stall setup) to ArtsMarket@macbirmingham.co.uk
- All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by **Wednesday 6 August**.
- Successful applicants are eligible for Christmas 2025 and any seasonal markets we hold on Sundays throughout 2026.

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MAC is proud to host unique markets exhibiting the very best of local artistic work and handmade crafts.

We present a variety of work reflecting our wider Visual Arts and Learning programmes; applications are welcomed from independent designer-makers working in painting/print, textiles, jewellery, ceramics, glass, wood, and mixed media.

Stalls must sell their own, handmade work, with no “bought-in” products. We do not feature food, drink, cosmetics or aromatics at our markets.

We welcome and encourage applications from emerging and established artists and makers, including those who are underrepresented within the arts sector.

Applications are reviewed by a panel formed of members of MAC's Arts Team, and stall layouts are carefully curated to produce a varied, engaging experience for visitors.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



How do I apply?

[Click here to complete our online application form](#), then send to up 15 images of your work to ArtsMarket@macbirmingham.co.uk

Is there a fee to participate?

Yes. Christmas market stalls are priced at £70 per day. Seasonal markets stalls are £37.50 per date. These fees support the running of our Arts Markets and contribute to every element of MAC's mission to make the arts an inclusive and important part of people's lives.

What does the market day schedule look like?

Stallholders can access MAC to set up from 8am. Market opening times are 10am — 5pm.

What will MAC provide?

We provide all stalls with a trestle table and chair. Tables measure 180x70cm, 73cm high. Access to power can also be provided if requested in advance.

What press and marketing will MAC undertake?

We work with stallholders to produce a range of digital assets. We include listings in our printed brochures, on prominent screens around our foyer, and also often in local publications and magazines.

Do I need insurance?

We encourage stallholders to take out public liability insurance, but do not need you to provide evidence of this. Stallholders take responsibility for all stock items and personal belongings on site.

For all other queries, please email ArtsMarket@macbirmingham.co.uk