

## **2026 Gallery Themes for the Alpharetta Arts Center**

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### ***From the Artist's Studio: Alexi Torres***

**March 4 – April 18**

Originally from Bermeja, Cuba, Alexi Torres is an award-winning, Atlanta-based artist who discusses the relationship between nature and man in a contemporary context emphasizing the interconnectedness of all living things. Torres taps into collective memory with playful themes and ironic juxtapositions relevant to the contemporary experience. He has exhibited internationally, across the nation, and locally in the Atlanta Metropolitan area. His collection at the Alpharetta Arts Center will include a variety of media and genres.

**Reception: Friday, March 13, 5:30-7:30 PM**

### ***Power of the Print!***

**April 22 – June 6**

The saying might be that “print is dead” but printmaking is certainly alive and well in Alpharetta, Georgia! This exhibition is looking to showcase the best of traditional printmaking from the region and beyond. Do you love the sound of rolling out ink? The touch of a fine sheet of paper? The feeling of carving wood or linoleum? The smell of a fresh can of ink? Or the joy of pulling up the paper for that first print from a new block? Then this might be the show for you!

Only traditional printmaking processes will be accepted. No digital reproductions, giclee prints, AI art, or otherwise. Exclusively, hand pulled traditional analog prints. Examples of acceptable processes include: woodcut, linocut, screen-printing, lithography, intaglio, collagraph, monoprinting, letterpress, book arts and papermaking.

**Deadline for entries: March 25**

**Reception: Friday, April 24, 5-7 PM**

### ***Life, Liberty, and Happiness***

**June 10 – August 15**

As our nation approaches its 250th anniversary of our Declaration of Independence, we celebrate our history. Covering two national holidays, artists are invited to express their interpretations, experiences, and reflections of our collective journey. All media welcome.

**Deadline for entries: May 13**

**Reception: Friday, June 12, 5-7 PM**

### ***Voces del Corazón – Art from the Soul***

**August 19 – October 17**

The Alpharetta Arts Center proudly calls artists to share their creations in Voces del Corazón, a juried exhibition dedicated to amplifying heartfelt stories, memories, and visions rooted deeply within the Hispanic and Latino experience. Through art, we express what words often cannot: emotions, traditions, dreams, and truths. We welcome submissions in all styles and media, from traditional to contemporary, that reflect personal journeys, emotional authenticity, cultural pride, and the powerful voices at the core of our community. Share your artwork and join us in honoring the spirit and soul of Hispanic heritage.

**Deadline for entries: July 22**

**Reception: Friday, August 21, 5-7 PM**

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### **Paint the Town 2026 (Competition: October 20 – 24,) Exhibition: October 24 – November 14**

Arts Alpharetta hosts its annual Paint the Town event — a fabulous plein air painting competition. This 5-day competition begins on October 20 as artists paint around town all week. The event culminates on Saturday, October 24 with an evening awards ceremony and reception at the Alpharetta Arts Center that evening. Exhibition remains on display through November 14.

Watch the artists in action at well-known locations throughout Alpharetta including downtown as well as City parks, gardens and more. Multiple opportunities to purchase original art created on site during the event and exhibition. Proceeds from the event will directly fund Arts Alpharetta initiatives: the ongoing public art program, Art in Parks, and Take Out Art which supplies free art kits to school children in our community. Visit [www.artsalpharetta.org/paint-the-town-2026](http://www.artsalpharetta.org/paint-the-town-2026) to register and learn more.

**Deadline to enter Paint the Town competition: September 30**

**Reception: October 24, 5-7 pm**

### **Artists' Holiday Market **November 20 and 21, 2026****

Arts Alpharetta is hosting its annual Holiday Artists Market again inside the Alpharetta Arts Center. Give Art for this Holiday Season! Artists submit entries for a market or festival set up displaying and selling original small works, no larger than 16 inches in any dimension to participate in the seasonal retail opportunity. Community members will enjoy this indoor shopping experience in the Arts Center Gallery for “cash/card-and-carry” purchasing.

Deadline for entries: October 14, 2026

**VIP Preview: November 20 4-6 PM (invitation only)    Open to Public: November 21, 10AM - 4:30PM**

### **Wonder **November 24, 2026 – January 9, 2027****

As the year draws to a close and the winter season whispers of magic, we find ourselves seeking moments that spark awe and enchantment. *Wonder* is an exhibition that invites artists to capture this sense of seasonal beauty—where shimmering light, quiet reflection, and the joy of discovery come alive. We welcome works that celebrate the extraordinary hidden within the everyday, evoking the mystery, warmth, and wonder that make this time of year so special.

**Deadline for entries: October 21**

**Reception: Friday, December 4, 5-7PM**