ARTISTS WANTED FOR 52nd CLOTHESLINE FESTIVAL
Long-Running Fine Art and Crafts Festival Expands Territory

ROCHESTER, NY — Applications are now being accepted for the M&T Bank Clothesline Festival, which takes place Saturday and Sunday, September 6 and 7 on the grounds of the Memorial Art Gallery. The annual juried event is Rochester’s largest and longest-running fine art and crafts festival and the Gallery’s biggest fund-raiser.

This year, Clothesline will showcase an expanded 53-county region. Artists living in these counties are newly eligible: Albany, Clinton, Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Greene, Hamilton, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Montgomery, Orange, Otsego, Putnam, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Sullivan, St. Lawrence, Ulster, Warren and Washington.

As in past years, artists are also eligible from these western New York counties: Allegany, Broome, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua, Chemung, Chenango, Cortland, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Madison, Monroe, Niagara, Oneida, Onondaga, Ontario, Orleans, Oswego, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tioga, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates.

Jurying will remain open until August 1, or until all spaces are filled. For availability updates visit http://mag.rochester.edu/clothesline.

How to apply
To receive an application, call the Memorial Art Gallery Events Office at 585-276-8950, or email clothesline@mag.rochester.edu. A downloadable application is also available at http://mag.rochester.edu/clothesline.

No applications will be accepted by email.

About Clothesline
In 1957, 101 exhibitors and 2,000 bargain hunters braved the wind and rain of Hurricane Audrey at the Memorial Art Gallery’s first Clothesline Festival. From these inauspicious beginnings, Clothesline has grown into a major community happening, spilling over the Gallery’s 17-acre campus and showcasing artists from a 53-county region of upstate New York. Today, hundreds of artists from around the region participate. In recent years, the two-day Festival has attracted an average of 20,000 visitors.
In addition to the best of New York state’s fine arts and crafts, Clothesline offers music and dance performances live from the soundstage, food and drink from local vendors, artist demonstrations, and Paint Pen supervised art activities for children.

Each year sees the addition of more festivals, but Clothesline remains a favorite with artists. Because the Gallery charges admission and screens the work of the exhibitors, serious shoppers are more in evidence than at other festivals. The event remains popular with the visitors, too. For the past three years they have voted it Best Art Show in City Newspaper’s “Best Of Rochester” edition.

About the Memorial Art Gallery
The Memorial Art Gallery is considered one of the finest regional art museums in the country. Its permanent collection of 11,000 works spans 50 centuries of world art and includes important works by Monet, Cézanne, Matisse, Homer and Cassatt. The Gallery was founded in 1913 by Emily Sibley Watson as a memorial to her son, architect James Averell. Given in trust to the University of Rochester, the Gallery is one of the few university-affiliated art museums in the country that also serves as a public art museum. The Gallery is supported primarily by its membership, with additional support from the Gallery’s endowment, earned income, the University of Rochester, and public funds from Monroe County and the New York State Council on the Arts. To learn more visit http://mag.rochester.edu.

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Clothesline is the Gallery’s biggest fund-raiser—all artists’ entry fees and public admission fees help support collections, exhibitions and programs. And again this year, these dollars will go even further thanks to underwriting by M&T Bank for an unprecedented 15th straight year.

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