Austin Area Arts is proud to offer a new program to encourage more diverse exhibitors at the event. The Emerging Artists tent on the festival grounds will feature artists who identify as a member of one or more equity populations and face barriers to exhibiting at the Austin ArtWorks Festival. With grant support, the artists were mentored and equipped to exhibit, gain experience, meet customers, network with peer artists, and build relationships with Austin Area Arts.

In addition to potential sales at the event, the artists will gain a résumé credential and knowledge of exhibiting at festivals. This year’s Emerging Artists Mentor is Katie Stromlund.

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