

OPEN CALL

THE RIVER OF GRASS

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

EXHIBITION DATES: MARCH 14 – MAY 10, 2026

LOCATION: HOLLYWOOD ART AND CULTURE CENTER

The Fiber Artists Miami Association (FAMA) is accepting proposals for the *River of Grass* exhibition until September 15, 2025.

Exhibition Concept

***The River of Grass* is an immersive fiber exhibition that transforms the Main Gallery of the Hollywood Art and Culture Center into a living landscape of fiber and imagination.**

Floor to ceiling, towering vertical looms will form a maze of passageways and threshold-like openings, inviting visitors to wander through an environment where art blurs with experience.

This collaborative installation will feature artists from FAMA, and Red Threads Studios, all interpreting *The River of Grass*—a tribute to the flowing waters, ecosystems, and cultural heritage of our Florida Everglades, inspired by Marjorie Stoneman Douglas' book by the same title.

Weavings may be completed in advance and installed pre-opening, while others will evolve on-site during the exhibition, allowing the public to observe, ask questions, and experience the transformation from fiber to textile in real time.

****The looms will be provided and installed for the artists.**

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MATERIALS & APPROACH

For this exhibition, artists are encouraged to use ethical fiber sourcing and sustainable-focused practices, using eco-friendly, locally relevant natural fibers, plant-based pigments (e.g., avocado seeds, hibiscus, Spanish moss), or live-harvested materials. These tactile, place-based choices will connect each work to the textures, colors, and cultural narratives of South Florida's environment. FAMA will provide Installation support and technical assistance.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to FAMA member artists working in weaving or related textile-based practices. Artists must be willing to work with large-scale vertical loom installations.

Experience with public engagement and process-based work is encouraged. New work only or repurposed works to fit the theme and scale.

Publicity and promotion through FAMA networks and the Art and Culture Center. Artists are encouraged to promote on their social media.

TO APPLY- (TRY TO SEND ALL INFORMATION IN ONE EMAIL)

Please submit the following by September 15, 2025

- A proposal with drawings of your vision for the experimental woven panels suspended within floor-to-ceiling loom structures.
- Artist statement relating to work (max 250 words)
- Proposal outlining your concept and approach (max 500 words)
- Required Visuals: Concept sketches (hand-drawn or digital) or Technical drawings showing dimensions and scale. Ceiling Height is 121-124 inches (width of the looms tba on website).
- Label all Images with titles, dimensions, and medium used for the drawing/rendering.
- Provide Multiple Views (front, side, top-down, context within space).
- CV or resume (PDF)

Send all materials to: fiberartmiamiassociation@gmail.com/

Subject on Email: River of Grass Proposal

JOIN US IN WEAVING AN IMMERSIVE, PLACE-ROOTED EXPERIENCE THAT HONORS THE EVERGLADES AND CELEBRATES THE ARTISTRY OF FIBER.

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TIMELINE

- Provide a proposal submission drawing, sketches by September 15, 2025
- Adjudication & Proposal Notifications to Artists: end of Sept., Juried by Jodi Sypher and invited jurors
- Artists' Signed Contracts: October 20, 2025
- If accepted, the deadline for digital submissions is January 1, 2026
- Installation in situ at Hollywood Art and Culture Center: TBA
- Exhibition Dates: March 14-May 10, 2026
- Opening Saturday, March 14, 2026 5 pm to 8 pm



View of the Main Gallery Hollywood Art and Culture Center