

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Minute Masterpieces

***Fine Art Presented in Partnership with the
Miniature Art Society of Florida***

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Urbanscapes by Alberto Chailosky

November 2, 2025 – January 17, 2026

MINUTE MASTERPIECES brings miniature fine art paintings by artists of the Miniature Art Society of Florida to the Ft. Myers region for the first time in that organization's history.

The exhibition will take place in Tribby Arts Center. Opened in 2021, the Tribby is a 44,000-square-foot cultural hub with art galleries; a 400-seat performing arts hall; arts library; and art, music, and literary studios. Located on the 700-acre campus of the Shell Point Retirement Community, home of 2,500 residents, the Tribby is minutes from Sanibel Island.

MINUTE MASTERPIECES will be displayed in the Tribby's first-floor, staffed Shell Point Gallery, open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am – 3 pm. For this exhibition, the Tribby will display 100 miniature paintings in a single line around the gallery walls. To add three-dimensional interest, the exhibition will include engaging "urbanscapes" by sculptor Al Chailosky (www.alchailosky.com). Exhibition enhancements will include magnifying glasses distributed to all visitors and a significant promotion and advertising effort.

WHO MAY APPLY

The opportunity to display in MINUTE MASTERPIECES is open to all miniatures artists living in the continental United States. Eligible works include those that have been accepted into any past MASF (preferred), MPSGS, or CPA juried exhibition as well as miniature works that have never been juried into one of these three miniature art society exhibitions.

For MINUTE MASTERPIECES, artists are invited to submit up to five original works.

ARTWORK SELECTION

Tribby curator Marge Lee will select at least one and up to all five submissions in order to achieve the goal of 100 paintings. While the display 100 paintings is the exhibition goal at the minimum, Ms. Lee reserves the right to include more than 100 paintings if she feels doing so will enhance the exhibition.

PRICING and COMMISSION

Tribby Arts Center will collect a sales commission of 40% of the sales price for any sold work; artists should reflect the 40% commission in their pricing. The Tribby will remit 10% of that commission to the MASF at the conclusion of the exhibition.

There is no required pricing limit, nor is there a limit on the number of “Not for Sale” works that any artist may display. Payment is by check to the consigning artist within 30 days following the end of the month the art/item(s) are sold.

ENTRY FEES and LIABILITY

There is no entry fee to participate in this exhibition, but artists who ship their works are asked to pay for shipping costs to and from the exhibition.

All entries submitted in accordance with this Call for Entries will receive the utmost care in handling and security precautions. However, Tribby Arts Center assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to works while in transit or in the custody of the Tribby in connection with or during the exhibition. The sending of work in response to this Call constitutes an agreement on the part of the artist to this and all conditions in this Call and in the Tribby Arts Center Exhibition Agreement.

HOW TO ENTER and NOTIFICATION

- In the Application, list every artwork you wish to enter and include all required information. In addition, the Application requests a website address or short biographical summary for possible use in interpretive materials.
- Upload an image of every artwork you are submitting. Images of sufficient quality (300 dpi) may be published in the exhibition gallery guide.
- **Complete all the above by 3 p.m. on August 15.** Artists will be notified by email on August 29 regarding how many and which artworks will be displayed in MINUTE MASTERPIECES.

FRAMING

The Shell Point Gallery of Tribby Arts Center has slatwall; all paintings must have hanging wires. When pulled taut towards the top of the frame, the center of the wire should be at least ½” below the top of the frame in order to hide the hook.

DELIVERY OF YOUR WORK

Shipped artworks must be received in the Tribby between 9 am Tuesday October 21 and 3 pm on Saturday October 25.

- Shipped work should be wrapped in a padded envelope or bubble wrap and placed into a sturdy carton that lacks any old addresses, bar codes, or other markings that could confuse delivery. The carton must be suitable for return shipping. The name MIINUTE MASTERPIECE should be included somewhere on the package.
- Artworks must include packaging with prepaid shipping, a prepaid shipping label, or a check for return shipping. Each work should include an identifying label with the artist’s name and title of the work on the back.
- Those who wish to personally deliver their work, which Tribby highly recommends if possible, may do so between 10 am and 3 pm on Saturday, October 25.
- The address for both shipping and delivery is:

Tribby Arts Center at Shell Point
17281 On Par Blvd
Ft Myers, FL 33908

- If the shipper requires a telephone number:

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RETRIEVAL OF WORK

- Artworks will be repackaged and shipped to artists, using the artist-provided packaging, immediately following the closing of the exhibition.
- Those who wish to personally retrieve their work may do so between 3 pm and 5 pm on January 17, 2026, or between 10 am to 3 pm January 19.

OPENING FESTIVITIES

A complimentary **Opening Reception** will take place from **5 to 7 pm on Saturday, November 1**, prior to a ticketed performance (TBA) in the Tribby's Connie Brown Hall. Artists will be informed when tickets go on sale for the performance. This evening marks the opening of the Season of Tribby Arts Center, and more than 400 people will be in attendance.

On **Opening Day, Sunday November 2**, should a sufficient number of artists indicate their interest in such an event, the Tribby will host a **complimentary Artists' Preview Continental Breakfast & Preview** in the Tribby lobby from 8:30 to 10 a.m., before the exhibition opens to the public at 10 a.m. Artists may alternatively wish to enjoy a **Brunch honoring MINUTE MASTERPIECES** from 10:30 to 2 pm that same day in the beautiful Vue restaurant, located 2 minutes from the Tribby and overlooking the golf course. Brunch cost and reservation information will be announced at a later date.

For questions related to submitting your online application:

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For questions related to the exhibition or your artwork:

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