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**THE GROUNDHOG SHOW POPPING UP AT TRUENORTH AKRON  
JUNE 14-16, 2024**

**Akron, OHIO (May 1, 2024)** — **The Groundhog Show**, founded in 2021 by Hope Hickman and Taylor Clapp, is an annual pop-up art exhibition celebrating northeast Ohio artists and creators. Over the past three years, it has become incredibly popular among artists and art enjoyers alike with significant participation from the LGBTQ+ community. Due to a significant increase in both participating artists and attendance, it was decided to move the Groundhog Show from Portage Lakes to downtown Akron in 2024. This move will allow for a huge uptick in visitors as it will run concurrently with the quarterly Akron ArtWalk event, ensuring our LGBTQ+ artists and allies can broaden their reach and impact. **This year's exhibition will be open Friday, June 14 through Sunday, June 16, and is hosted by Curated Storefront at TrueNorth Akron in and around the shipping containers**. Additional programming will include live music, live figure-drawing sessions, and an open mic night. Committed event partners include Summit Artspace, ArtsNow, Curated Storefront, TrueNorth Akron, Moo, Northside Marketplace, Jilly's Music Room, The Nightlight, Plexus LGBT + Allied Chamber of Commerce, and Dirty River Bikes. The Groundhog Show is presented by **Taylor Clapp**, the lead organizer of the exhibition, and is co-curated by **Nick Lee**. Awards will be selected by **Brandon Dean**.

The Groundhog Show is currently accepting artwork submissions from LGBTQ+ and ally artists of Northeast Ohio until Monday, May 27 at midnight. Artists may submit up to three pieces of art in one submission for \$13. To submit art and learn more, visit <https://www.clappforart.com/the-groundhog-show-2024>.

**Dates:**

Call for Art Deadline: Monday, May 27, Midnight – Submission fee \$13

Notification of Acceptance: Monday, June 3

Pop-up Exhibition Public Hours:

- Friday, June 14, 5-11 p.m.
- Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.
- Sunday, June 16, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.

**Programming:**

### **Friday, June 14, 2024**

- Opening Night Reception- 5:00 -11:00 p.m., concurrent with [Akron ArtWalk](#)
- Events and programming are free and open to the public
- 5:30 p.m. Showing of Documentary- *Orlando, My Political Biography*, Presented by [The Nightlight](#) at the Courtyard by Marriott (41 Furnace St, Akron, OH 44308 (seating first come, first served)
- DJ, Drag Performances (to be announced soon), and Live Music by Benny Lava and the Guavas
- Awards are announced at 9:30 p.m.

### **Saturday, June 15**

- 11:00 a.m. Showing of Documentary- *Orlando, My Political Biography*, Presented by [The Nightlight](#) at the Courtyard by Marriott (41 Furnace St, Akron, OH 44308 (seating first come, first served)
- 4:00 p.m. Showing of Documentary- *Orlando, My Political Biography*, Presented by [The Nightlight](#) at the Courtyard by Marriott (41 Furnace St, Akron, OH 44308 (seating first come, first served)
- Open Mic Night- hosted by [Jilly's Music Room](#) (111 N Main St. Akron, OH 44308) starting at 6:30 p.m. Open to all types of performing artists. Time slot sign up sheet opening soon via <https://www.clappforart.com/the-groundhog-show-2024>

### **Sunday, June 16**

- Live Figure Drawing Session- featuring queer performers artists hosted by Moo with the View at The Groundhog Show, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Bring your own art supplies.

For more information about The Groundhog Show, visit <https://www.clappforart.com/the-groundhog-show-2024>.

The goals of The Groundhog Show are to:

- Create an inclusive and safe environment for people to be inspired and showcase their work
- Have fun
- Affordable entry for artists
- Celebrate local artists at any stage in their careers

- Give an opportunity to network and build community
- Connect artists with galleries

**Special thank you to The Groundhog Show 2024's presenting sponsor Akron Pride Festival as well as our Groundhog level sponsors: Gay Community Endowment Fund, Harvey and Kim Nelson, The Richard and Alita Rogers Family Foundation, and Summit County Land Bank.**

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