

Evolve Coaching 2026 Evening of Arts Open Call

For our return to the [Pittsburgh Opera](#) on **October 17th**, this year's [Evening of Arts](#) theme will be [Diwali](#), the Festival of Lights. Taking place on the darkest day of its lunar month, Diwali is a celebration of good, knowledge, prosperity, and light.

Traditions and meanings of Diwali vary, and we encourage creative interpretations of it as this year's theme. As you think about artwork submissions, consider one or more of the following:

- Who or what brings light into your life?
- What do you want to illuminate or honor?
- Where do you see victory and hope?
- What does it mean to create light in darkness?
- What does it mean to connect with an ancient story?
- How does it feel to gather with family or community?

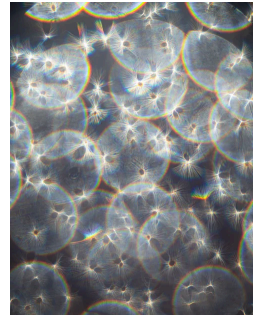
Below are some examples of artworks aligned with the theme:



[José Santiago Pérez](#)
[Second Portal \(Mother's
garden a generation
from now\)](#)



[Chitra Ganesh](#)
[we are the dust](#)



[Centa Schumacher](#)
[Asterisms](#)



[Kathryn Prentice](#)
[Friendship Quilt](#)

The deadline to [apply](#) is **June 30th**. Applicants may submit *up to* three pieces for consideration (not all will be selected). Selected pieces must be prepared with hardware for installation. If you are interested in *curating* the show, please complete the [curator application](#) by **May 31st**.

There will be an online information session on **April 2nd from 5-7pm**. To register, or for additional questions or support, please email Amanda Denham (amanda@evolve-coaching.org) and/or Lucy Zhang (lucy@evolve-coaching.org).