



# West Chelsea Artists

**Open Studios™** May 16-17, 2026

**FRIEZE NYC Edition - Artist's Studios Tour: 12-6 p.m.**

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **West Chelsea Artists Open Studios 2026 Returns — Inviting Artists to Participate and the Public to Experience NYC's Premier Artists' Studios Tour**

**New York, NY. April 1, 2026** — The West Chelsea Artists Open Studios announces its 2026 Call for Artists, inviting painters, sculptors, photographers, and multidisciplinary artists to participate in one of New York City's most dynamic and direct engagements between artists and the public.

Taking place Saturday and Sunday, May 16–17, 2026, from 12:00 to 6:00 PM, with a Preview Exhibition Opening Reception on Friday, May 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, the event will open studios throughout the West Chelsea arts district—offering rare access inside the working environments of contemporary artists.

At the same time, the event stands as a major public-facing cultural moment, welcoming collectors, curators, and the broader public to experience art where it is created.

### **CALL FOR ARTISTS — NOW OPEN**

Artists working in West Chelsea are invited to open their studios and present current work to a wide audience of art professionals and the public.

#### **Participation offers:**

- Direct engagement with collectors and curators
- Opportunity to sell work directly from the studio
- Visibility within New York's peak spring art season
- Inclusion in event listings, maps, and promotional outreach

**Sign-Up Opens: Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

Participation information at [www.westchelseaartists.com](http://www.westchelseaartists.com)

## **A RARE PUBLIC EXPERIENCE INSIDE NYC ARTISTS' STUDIOS**

The West Chelsea Artists Open Studios offers a unique opportunity for the public to step inside the creative spaces that define one of the world's leading contemporary art districts.

Visitors will:

- Meet artists in their working studios
- Experience works in progress and newly completed pieces
- Engage in direct conversation about artistic process and ideas
- Purchase artworks directly from artists, without gallery markup

Set within the internationally recognized West Chelsea art gallery district, the event coincides with New York's spring art season, when art fairs, galleries, and collectors converge on the neighborhood—making it a key cultural destination for the city.

## **A COMMUNITY-DRIVEN ART EVENT**

Organized by artist Scotto Mycklebust, and the Public Art Squad Projects, the West Chelsea Artists Open Studios reflects the strength and diversity of the artist community that continues to shape the identity of West Chelsea as a global center for contemporary art.

"This event creates a rare opportunity— a direct bridge between artists and the public," says Mycklebust. "It opens the studio door—literally—and invites people into the process, the conversation, and the experience of art as it's being made."

## **EVENT DETAILS**

### **West Chelsea Artists Open Studios 2026**

**Dates:** Saturday–Sunday, May 16–17, 2026

**Hours:** 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

**Location:** WCAOS Information Center  
West Chelsea Building, 526 West 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Lobby

**Preview Exhibition:** Saturday–Sunday, May 16–17, 2026

**Opening Reception:** Friday, May 15, 2026, 6:00–8:00 PM

**Location:** West Chelsea Building, Gallery 202  
West Chelsea Building, 508-516 West 26<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

**MEDIA CONTACT: Scotto Mycklebust: [scotto@scottomycklebust.com](mailto:scotto@scottomycklebust.com), 917 697-0962**