Hello artists and creators,

We'd like to thank you for your patience. The time for opening the creators alley registration is nigh! Starting March 31st we will begin accepting applications for Archon 48.

Any time you email the artist alley we will respond within 48 hours with at least a brief "thank you" if not a full response to your email. If you do not receive a response in that time you should assume that the email was lost in the spam filter and not seen by staff. You should then email the department again.

The primary mission of the Archon Artist Alley is to provide a space for our attendees to interact with art and the artists to enrich the convention experience while supporting creators.

We will be continuing this year to utilize a ranked choice system for choosing table space. With your application this year you will be asked to choose 3 table spaces that you would like to be placed at, ranking them 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. There is no guarantee of a spot, but applicants will be placed based on a point system that takes into account: the number of years an artist has attended the alley, timeliness of the application, and timeliness of fees paid. Additional spots will be held in reserve for new artists and special guests.

Applications will NOT be accepted before the March 31st date.

C. Tentative table assignments will be published at the beginning of June and the beginning of August, final table assignments will be published 3 weeks before the convention and any requests for changes to table spaces will not be considered beyond that time.

D. Due to circumstances in recent years, as table space is limited and demand is high, along with keeping our attendees experience in mind artists will be expected to <u>setup by 9pm</u> <u>Friday*</u> of the convention or you may forfeit your table space. Artists are also expected to utilize their space and excessive time away* from their table during the course of the convention may lead to that artist not be given table space the following year.

*This is not a hard rule and circumstances will vary however remember that this space is being offered to enrich the convention experience for our attendees.

Q&A: Fees and Refunds

A. The deadline for application fees is August 1st, applications submitted after this deadline

will have dues required within 72 hours of application acceptance. Exceptions will only be considered on case by case basis.

B. Outside of mitigating circumstances refunds of artist alley fees will **NOT** be accepted beyond September 1st and may take up to 30 days to fully process or up to 60 days if requested after September 1st. Such refund requests will be forwarded to the Archon Registration and Accounting Department.

Refund policy is subject to change based on the Archon financial policies and no guarantees can be made by the Artist Alley staff.

C. Artists will be able to pay via online portal via a link. Please do not attempt to pay these fees until your application has been accepted and approved.

NO checks, money orders, or cash will be handled by Artist Alley staff.

Payment via check will be handled by the Archon Registration Department and will delay your final table spot at the convention.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

--Applications should be emailed to <u>artistalley.archonstl@gmail.com</u> with the subject title "[Last Name], [First Name] Application Archon 48". This will greatly help in the processing of your application.

Sincerely,

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Archon St. Louis Creator's Alley