



April 10, 2008

Dear High School Art Educator;

The Omaha Summer Art Festival's 13<sup>th</sup> annual *Young Artist Exhibition* is rapidly approaching! It is always a pleasure to display the amazing talent of students in the Omaha area schools. The participation and response to this annual exhibit has remained strong with more than 40 schools and 1,500-plus visitors each year. The dates for this year's Exhibition are Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup>, from 12 - 5 p.m.

***NEW THIS YEAR!! Artwork created by students in grades 9 -12 will be displayed at the Artists' Cooperative Gallery, 405 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street.*** We are pleased to welcome the Artists' Cooperative Gallery as a partner in promoting art education in our community. It will be an honor for the high school students to have their work displayed among some of the finest professional talent from the metropolitan Omaha area. The Young Artist Exhibition will also feature artwork created by students in grades 6 – 8 with their work displayed on the main floor of the W. Dale Clark Library in the Michael Phipps Gallery, 215 South 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

***This year, each Art Educator may submit a maximum of ten (10) pieces of work for inclusion in the Exhibition.*** This limit will help maintain the high artistic value of the Exhibition, yet should allow for the display of a variety of the young talent inside our schools.

***A special Awards Brunch will be held at the Artists' Cooperative Gallery for high schools students, friends, family and educators on Saturday, June 28 at 10:30 a.m.*** A panel of jurors will select a Best of show, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place and 10 Merit Award winners from all submitted work. Cash awards will be presented to each winner. In addition, three Senior Scholarships will be awarded to participating seniors based on the originality, creativity and technical merit of their submitted work. All winners will be notified.

The Omaha Summer Arts Festival's Young Artist Exhibition offers several special opportunities for students, including:

- *Young Artist-In-Action:* High School students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their talents as they draw, paint, sculpt, weave, etc. during the Exhibition. *If you have an interested student(s), please contact Cathy Witt Tichauer as soon as possible to sign-up.*
- *Artwork Sale:* All students will have the opportunity to sell their artwork during the Exhibition. *Interested students must contact Cathy Witt Tichauer to get more information.*
- *Gallery Framing and Showcasing:* This is a huge hit every year! Local galleries will be randomly selecting work to frame and showcase during and after the Exhibition.

**ARTWORK DELIVERY AND PICK-UP:** Once again there will be no art pick up at school. We kindly ask you to deliver ALL artwork to the **W. Dale Clark Library** (main front desk) during one of the following dates/times:

- Wednesday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.;
- Thursday, May 22 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and,
- Friday, May 23 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Please contact us directly if accommodating these specific dates and times will prohibit your students from participating in the Exhibition. All artwork delivered to the library will be placed in secure storage until the Exhibition.

***All High School artwork MUST be picked up at the Artists' Cooperative Gallery during one of the following dates/times:***

- Sunday, June 29 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.;
- Monday, June 30 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and,
- Tuesday, July 1 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Enclosed you will find the following registration materials.

1. *Reply Card* – This should be returned no later than May 16<sup>th</sup>, as we will need to plan appropriately for storage and exhibit space. *You may fax the card to Cathy Witt Tichauer at (402) 342-4114.*
2. *Exhibition Entry Guidelines* – Explains the mission of the Young Artist Exhibition as well as eligibility, participation requirements and general information.
3. *Exhibition Loan Agreement* – Please make three (3) copies for each piece of work submitted.
4. *Exhibit Labels* – Every Piece of artwork submitted for the exhibit **MUST** have a label attached to the lower right hand corner ready for display.
5. *School Entry Roster* – Please list the names, grade, phone number and/or e-mail of each student submitting work for Exhibition. This will assist in contacting the artists to notify winners and remind them of the Awards Brunch.

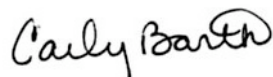
We are anxiously awaiting your response and hopeful you will be able to participate in one of the most unique exhibits of its kind in our community – a wonderful combination of public, private, parochial and community organization art and education. With the festival taking place just outside the Exhibition, we will be celebrating the students' artwork within the same few blocks of some of the most respected artists in the country.

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*Thanks again for all your hard work throughout the year and remember – YOU are the one that makes the difference and makes our show a huge success each and every year!*

If you have any further questions or need additional information, please contact Young Artist Exhibition Coordinator Cathy Witt Tichauer at 699-4760 or contact Event Coordinator Carly Barth at [cbarth@vgagroup.com](mailto:cbarth@vgagroup.com) or by telephone at 341-5881.

Thank you for your time and dedication to the arts and education,



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Enclosures