



Dear Art Educator:

The Omaha Summer Art Festival's 14th 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 27th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday June 28th, from 12 - 5 p.m.

Artwork created by students in grades 6 - 8 will be displayed on the main floor of the W. Dale Clark Library in the Michael Phipps Gallery, 215 South 15th Street. We are also pleased to announce that the Artists' Cooperative Gallery will once again host a display of artwork created by senior high students in grades 9 – 12. We are excited to partner with the Artists' Co-Op in promoting art education in our community and feel the senior high exhibition will be an honor with student work displayed among some of the finest professional talent from the metropolitan Omaha area. Also, we are hopeful the senior high exhibition will provide a goal for our middle school students to continue to pursue their love of art.

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 Reception will be held in the Café area of the W. Dale Clark Library for elementary and middle school students, friends, family and educators on Sunday, June 28 at 3 p.m. A raffle of art supplies and prizes as well as cake and punch will be offered to celebrate the students' hard work and outstanding achievement. This is also an opportunity for art educators to collect the artwork unless otherwise specified with Cathy Witt Tichauer.

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

- ***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:*** Local galleries will be randomly selecting work to frame and showcase during and after the Exhibition.

ARTWORK DELIVERY AND PICK-UP: 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 20 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.;
- Thursday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and,
- Friday, May 22 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 Elementary and Middle School artwork MUST be picked up at the W. Dale Clark Library during one of the following dates/times:

- Sunday, June 28 from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.;
- Monday, June 29 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and,
- Tuesday, June 30 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Enclosed you will find the following registration materials.

1. *Exhibition Entry Guidelines* – Explains the mission of the Young Artist Exhibition as well as eligibility, participation requirements and general information.
2. *Exhibition Loan Agreement* – Please make three (3) copies for each piece of work submitted.
3. *Exhibit Labels* – Every Piece of artwork submitted for the exhibit **MUST** have a label attached to the lower right hand corner ready for display.
4. *School Entry Roster* – Please list the names, grade, phone number and/or e-mail of each student submitting work for Exhibition. This will assist us contacting the artists to remind them of the special Reception.

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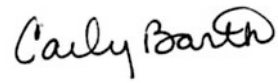
Thanks again for all your hard work throughout the year and remember – YOU are the one that makes the difference and makes our show a huge success each and every year!

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 or by telephone at 345-5401.

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



Cathy Witt Tichauer
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Young Artist Exhibition



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Enclosures