



Dear Art Educator:

The Omaha Summer Art Festival's 15<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 and times for this year's Exhibition are Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup>, from 12 - 5 p.m.

***Artwork created by students in grades 6 - 8 will be displayed on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the W. Dale Clark Library (Art and Literature Floors), 215 South 15<sup>th</sup> Street.*** Artwork created by senior high students in grades 9 – 12 will once again be displayed at the Artists' Cooperative Gallery. We are hopeful the senior high exhibition, held at a professional artists gallery, will provide an incentive and serve as 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 Recognition 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 27 at 3 p.m.*** A raffle of art supplies and prizes as well as cookies and lemonade will be offered to celebrate the students' hard work and outstanding achievement. This is also an opportunity for art educators to collect their artwork unless otherwise specified with Cathy Witt.

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 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:** 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 19 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.;
- Thursday, May 20 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and,
- Friday, May 21 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. Unfortunately, we are unable to pick-up artwork from individual schools for inclusion in the Exhibition.

***All Elementary and Middle School artwork MUST be picked up from the W. Dale Clark Library during one of the following dates/times:***

- Sunday, June 27 from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.;
- Monday, June 28 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and,
- Tuesday, June 29 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 in contacting the student artists to remind them of the recognition 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 Omaha Summer Arts Festival taking place just outside the Exhibition, we will be celebrating the students' artwork within the same few blocks as some of the most respected artists in the country.

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*Thanks again for all your hard work throughout the year. We know that 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 at (402) 699-4760 or contact Event Coordinator Ashley McNabney at [amcnabney@vgagroup.com](mailto:amcnabney@vgagroup.com) or by telephone at (402) 345-5401.

Thanks, again, for your time and dedication to the arts and education.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures