



Dear High School Art Educator;

The Omaha Summer Art Festival's 15th 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^h from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday June 27th, from 12 - 5 p.m.

Artwork created by students in grades 9 -12 will be displayed at the Artists' Cooperative Gallery, 405 S. 11th Street. We are pleased to welcome back the Artists' Cooperative Gallery as a partner in promoting art education in our community. It is an honor for 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 4th floor of the W. Dale Clark Library, 215 South 15th Street.

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 allow for the display of a variety of the 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 26 at 10:30 a.m. A panel of jurors will select a Best of show, 2nd Place, 3rd Place and 10 Merit Award winners from all submitted work. Cash awards will be presented to each winner. In addition, Senior Scholarships will be awarded to participating artists based on the originality, creativity and technical merit of the 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 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: 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 High School artwork MUST be picked up at the Artists' Cooperative Gallery during one of the following dates/times:

- Sunday, June 27 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. or
- Monday, June 28 from 9 a.m. to noon.

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 as we notify award winners remind them of the recognition 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 Omaha Summer Arts 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. 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 699-4760 or contact Event Coordinator Ashley McNabney at amcnabney@vgagroup.com or by telephone at 345-5401.

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

Sincerely,

Cathy Witt
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Young Artist Exhibition

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Enclosures