Dear Art Instructor,

The annual Art on the Square and High School Art Competition will be held May 17, 18, 19, 2019.

Once again Art on the Square has been rated one of the Best Fine Arts Show in the Country for 2018. You won’t want to miss all the art, music, demonstrations, and dance activities as well as the variety of food, drink and other entertainment that will be available all weekend. From an applicant pool of over 1000 professional artists, the chosen 100 artists will be coming from across the USA and many countries to display and sell their works.

The High School Art Competition will again be presented with over $5000.00 in monetary prizes. Last year the response to the high school competition was tremendous with over 250 works of art displayed and judged. Please read the information enclosed for further details and instructions.

I have enclosed an application for your students and the rules and requirements sheet. Make more copies as needed. Additional applications can be downloaded from our website artonthesquare.com. Please feel free to invite other high school teachers and their students to participate if they have not received an invitation from us. Applications will be accepted until the deadline of May 1. The show will still be in the Mathis, Marifian, and Richter Law Firm building same as last year. We are looking forward to working with you and your students. If you have any questions please contact one of us at the numbers provided below.

**WHAT:** The Art on the Square High School Art Competition

**WHEN:** May 17, 18, 19, 2019

**WHERE:** Mathis, Marifian, and Richter Bldg. (formerly Bank of America)  
23 Public Square, Belleville, IL

Thank you for participating!

Sincerely,

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2019 Art on the Square
High School Art Competition

Rules and Details

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WHERE: Mathis, Marifian and Richter Building, 23 Public Square, Belleville, IL
WHAT: The Art on the Square High School Art Competition with over $5000.00 in prizes. High schools in central and southern Illinois are eligible to enter student artwork in one of the largest high school competitions associated with a profession art fair.

PRIZES:
Art on the Square High School Art Competition:
- Best of Show: $500.00 and trophy
- Awards of Excellence (4): $200.00
- Awards of Merit (8): $100.00
- Mayor Eckert’s Choice Award: $175.00
- Illinois American Sponsorship Award: $100.00 and trophy
- St. Clair County Historical Society Award: $50.00
- Gateway East Artist’s Guild: $50.00
- People’s Choice Awards (4): $50.00
- Belleville Jaycees Awards (3): $125.00
- St. Clair County Awards: $300.00, $150.00 & $50.00 (St. Clair County residents only)
- Art on the Square Committee Award: $100.00
- Belleville Kiwanis Awards: $100.00, $75.00, $50.00
- Artists Choice Awards (10): $50.00
- Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority: $50.00
- Evelyn Juanita Ettinger Memorial Fiber Award: $300.00
- George Gasparich Ceramic Award: $50.00
- Portraiture Award: $50.00
- Whimsy Award: $50.00

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY:
1. Students must be enrolled in high school and age 19 or under.
2. Two-dimensional pieces must be framed under glass or Plexiglas with wire suitable for hanging, or matted and framed using Swiss Clips and Plexiglas with wire suitable for hanging. Swiss Clips are available at most art or frame stores. Weak or dangerous hanging devices will disqualify the artwork. Canvases should have painted edges or simple frames.
3. Wet artwork will not be hung and will be disqualified.
4. Two-dimensional pieces including framing must be no larger than 36” X 40”. Three-dimensional pieces must be stable and weigh less than 50 lbs.
5. Three-dimensional pieces that are hung must fit two-dimensional size and not weigh more than five pounds.
6. Student name, title, media, size, school, and student phone number must be attached to the back of each piece of art (see form on application).
7. NO ENTRY MAY BE CHANGED AFTER MAY 1.
8. This is a family event and images should be suitable for the general public. Art on the Square reserves the right to remove objectionable images.
9. Make sure all work meets the requirements of the competition.
10. **Incomplete or illegible entry forms will disqualify the artwork from entry and hanging.** Please fill out entry forms neatly and completely.
11. **Copying of someone else's artwork will disqualify the entry.**
12. **Only one entry per student and maximum of 25 per teacher**

**IMPORTANT: TO AVOID DAMAGE TO ART WORK FRAMES THEY SHOULD BE WRAPPED AND 3-D PIECES SHOULD BE CUSHIONED IN BOXES. WE CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE.**

**TIMELINE FOR ENTRY**

**May 1:** Entry forms must be received by **May 1** at
George Gasparich
506 Pepperwood Court
O'Fallon, IL 62269

**Delivery of artwork:**

**May 10-14** during regular business hours at:
- Ben’s Crafts and Floral (Customer Service), 112 E. Main St., Belleville 277-8473
- Pottery Hollow, 25 Junction Dr. Suite B, Glen Carbon 656-5200
  - Please support our delivery sponsors.

**May 16 Wednesday,** 11am to 4:00 pm. At:
Mathis, Marifian and Richter Bldg., 23 Public Square, Belleville, IL.
Parking is available in the back off “A” street.

**Awards presentation**

**May 19 Sunday** at 2 pm under the main stage tent on the square. Attendance is not necessary to win competition awards.

**Pickup of artwork:**

**May 19 Sunday:** Artwork must be picked up between 4 and 5 pm Sunday May 19 at the Mathis, Marifian and Richter Building.

For the sake of the show, please do not remove artwork before 4 pm. on Sunday.

**ATTENTION TEACHERS! PLEASE!**

1). Entries are limited to 25 per teacher, and one per student.
2). Entries cannot be changed after May 1.
3). We need **signature releases** and **initials** on the entry form, from the students, for themselves and their art work; from parents for the student; and from you the teacher, to be able to enter and so we can put pictures of the winners and their teachers on the Art on the Square website and publications.
4). At the awards ceremony we ask that the teachers accompany the winning student on stage to accept their award and for a photo opportunity. We know how much an art teacher contributes to the success of their students and would like to honor the teachers also.

**Teachers should help their students COMPLETELY and NEATLY fill out the application form.** Labels, awards, publicity, etc. will be made from the application. **Please check that hanging devises are workable and well attached. We cannot be responsible for damaged artwork because of poor framing or hanging devices.**
Title of artwork: _________________________________________________________________

Student Name: ________________________________________ Age: ______ Grade: ________


School: __________________________________Teacher: ______________________________

Teacher Phone: ___________________________ Teacher E-mail: ______________________

School Phone: ________________________ Student Phone: _________________________

Student Address, City, Zip: __________________________________County: ______________

ART INSTRUCTOR AFFIRMATION: I affirm the above student is enrolled as a student at the high school listed. I also affirm this student’s artwork to be of sufficient merit to represent his/her high school. I further affirm this artwork represents the student’s artistic skill and was executed solely by the student and has not copied someone’s artwork.

My name, likeness and school affiliation may be used by AOS High School Exhibit publications and website for advertising and promotional purposes. Please initial: yes ______ or no ______.

Instructor signature: ______________________________ Date: __________

STUDENT AFFIRMATION: I affirm I am a full time student at the high school listed above. I also affirm this artwork was executed solely by me and has not been copied.

My name, likeness, artwork, and school affiliation may be used by AOS High School Exhibit publications and website for advertising and promotional purposes. Please initial: yes ______ or no ______.

If no, I give permission to use images of my artwork only. Please initial: yes ______ or no ______.

Student signature: ______________________________ Date: __________

PARENTAL APPROVAL: I give permission for my child to participate in the Art on the Square High School Art Competition.

Parent signature: ______________________________ Date: __________

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ATTACH TO THE BACK OF YOUR ARTWORK BEFORE DELIVERY

Student’s Name: ____________________________ Media: __________________

Title: ____________________________ Teacher: ____________________________

School: ____________________________ Student Phone No. ____________________________