

Welcome Back!

Dear Art Instructor,

The annual **Art on the Square** and **High School Art Competition** will be held **May 13, 14, 15, 2022**. We are so **thrilled to do this again and we hope you are too**.

Once again Art on the Square has been rated one of the **Best Fine Arts Show in the Country**. 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 (maybe, we need to get back to our sponsors) in monetary prizes. Student response to the high school competition is always 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. Mailed or hand delivered applications will be accepted until the deadline of **May 1**. We are unable to accept applications over the internet currently. 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 me at the numbers provided below.

WHAT: The Art on the Square High School Art Competition

WHEN: May 13, 14, 15, 2022

WHERE: Mathis, Marifian, and Richter Building
23 Public Square, Belleville, IL

Thank you for participating!

Sincerely,

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2022 Art on the Square High School Art Competition



Rules and Details

WHEN: May 13, 14, 15, 2022

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 professional 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'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
- George Gasparich Ceramic Award: \$50.00
- Jeanne Aguirre Portraiture Award: \$50.00
- Jeanne Aguirre Whimsy Award: \$50.00
- Bill Evans Memorial Award: \$400.00

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 15 per teacher**

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

TIMELINE FOR ENTRY

Entry forms:

May 1 Entry forms must be received by or before May 1 at

George Gasparich
506 Pepperwood Court
O'Fallon, IL 62269
Entries cannot be emailed.

Delivery of artwork:

May 7-10 Friday through Tuesday during regular business hours at:

Ben's Crafts and Floral (Customer Service), 112 E. Main St., Belleville 277-8473

Open: 10am-5pm Mon.-Fri. Closed Sunday

Pottery Hollow, 25 Junction Dr. Suite B, Glen Carbon 656-5200

Open: 10am-7pm Mon.-Sat. 10am-6pm Sun.

- **Please support our delivery sponsors.**

May 11 Wednesday, 11am to 4:00 pm. At:

Mathis, Marifian and Richter Building 23 Public Square, Belleville, IL.

Parking is available in the back off "A" street.

Awards presentation

May 15 Sunday at 2 pm outside at the main entrance of the Mathis, Marifian, Richter building.

Attendance is not necessary to win competition awards.

Pickup of artwork:

May 15 Sunday: Artwork must be picked up between 4 and 5 pm Sunday at the

Mathis, Marifian and Richter Building. Please no early removal.

ATTENTION TEACHERS! PLEASE!

- 1). **Entry forms must be received by May 1. Email entries cannot be accepted.**
- 2). We need **signature releases** on the entry form, from the students, from parents for the student; and from you the teacher, to be able to enter.
- 3). 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 devices are workable and well attached. We cannot be responsible for damaged artwork because of poor framing or hanging devices.**

ART ON THE SQUARE HIGH SCHOOL ART COMPETITION APPLICATION

Send to: George Gasparich 506 Pepperwood Court, O'Fallon, IL 62269

Must be received by May 1. Email entries are not acceptable.

PRINT NEATLY ONLY ONE ENTRY PER STUDENT PLEASE READ RULES

Entries cannot be changed after May 1. Unreadable entries will cause disqualification.

Title of artwork: (limit to 30 spaces) _____

Student Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Media: _____ 2-D: _____ 3-D: _____ Dimensions: H: _____ W: _____ D: _____

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.

Instructor signature: _____ **Date:** _____

STUDENT AFFIRMATION: I affirm I am a fulltime student at the high school listed above. I also affirm this artwork was executed solely by me and has not been copied. I have read the rules and am aware that this application must be received at the above address on or before May 1 and that artwork must remain at the show until 4:00 Sunday.

Student signature: _____ **Date:** _____

PARENTAL APPROVAL: I give permission for my child to participate in the Art on the Square High School Art Competition and that artwork must remain at the show until 4:00 Sunday.

Parent signature: _____ **Date:** _____

***** CUT ON LINE *****

ATTACH THIS FORM TO THE BACK OF YOUR ARTWORK BEFORE DELIVERY

Student's Name: _____ Media: _____

Title: _____ Teacher: _____

School: _____ Student Phone No. _____

ART WORK CANNOT BE REMOVED BEFORE 4:00 PM SUNDAY