

2023 EPIPHONE GUITAR DESIGN CONTEST

Exciting Opportunity For Youth Artists To Customize Epiphone Guitars With Original Artwork!

Dogwood Arts, the Songbirds Museum, and Songbirds Foundation are proud to announce the 2023 Epiphone Guitar Design Contest. The contest is open to all high school and middle school students living in East Tennessee. Several guitar designs created by youth artists will be selected for implementation and exhibition. The art guitars will be displayed at the Dogwood Arts Gallery in Knoxville, TN and at the Songbirds Guitar Museum, a one-of-a-kind guitar museum located in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The guitars will be auctioned to benefit Dogwood Arts' youth art programs & the Songbirds Foundation's Guitars for Kids initiative.

Winning designers will each receive \$50 for art supplies and complimentary tickets to Southern Skies Music Festival (May 20-21, 2023); additional cash prizes will be awarded to select artists at the exhibition reception.



HOW TO BE A GUITAR ARTIST

- Students create a unique design on the guitar template attached to this form (also available online).
- Students give the template and application form back to their art educator/guardian
- Art educators/guardians send the guitar designs and completed applications to Dogwood Arts by December 5, 2022.
 - Applications can be submitted online at <https://2023guitardesigncontest.artcall.org> with photos of the work or mailed directly to:
 - Dogwood Arts
ATTN: Emily Curran
123 W. Jackson Avenue
Knoxville, TN 37902
- Winning designs will be selected and notifications sent out by January 6, 2023
- Epiphone guitars will be delivered to art educators in mid-January 2023
- The Art Guitars need to be completed and returned to Dogwood Arts by Friday, March 10, 2023.
 - Dogwood Arts will coordinate retrieving guitars from art educators
- Online auction will be live from April 3 - May 26, 2023
- Guitars will be displayed at the Songbirds Guitar Museum (Chattanooga) during the month of April 2023.
- Guitars will be displayed in the Dogwood Arts Gallery (Knoxville) during the month of May 2023
 - An exhibition reception and awards ceremony will take place on Friday, May 5th at the Dogwood Arts Gallery from 5-8PM (Awards at 6PM)
 - Select guitars will also be on display at the Southern Skies Music Festival (May 20-21, 2023)
- Auction will conclude May 26, 2023

CONTEST REQUIREMENTS

- Students must be in Middle or High School
- Students must live or attend school in the Knoxville or Chattanooga, Tennessee region.
- Schools may establish a coordinator for this event, or a single art educator may apply on behalf of a student(s).
- Designs must be made on one of the provided guitar templates, also available at <https://www.dogwoodarts.com/youth-art-programs>
- Completed Application Form must be submitted with the guitar design
- Applications will not be accepted if the form is not signed by the student, parent, and/or educator.
- One guitar will be supplied to each winning designer*
 - *Keep in mind, the provided guitar may not be exactly the same shape as the provided template, so adjustments to the original design may have to be made*
- The design can cover the entire guitar (including the back) except its pick guard, head, and any Epiphone logos.
- The guitar hardware is not to be altered, and the finished guitar must remain functional.

Email Emily Curran at ecurran@dogwoodarts.com or call 865.637.4561 with any questions

Applications that are mailed to Dogwood Arts need to arrive by Monday, December 5, 2022 at 5PM. Online submissions will be accepted through 11:59PM on Monday, December 5, 2022.

If you submit the application form online, you DO NOT need to fill out and return the attached paper application.

STUDENT APPLICATION FOR GUITAR DESIGN CONTEST

Mail applications need to arrive to Dogwood Arts no later than 5PM on December 5, 2022 [123 W. Jackson Ave, Knoxville, TN 37902 | ATNN: Emily Curran]. Winning designers will be notified by January 6, 2023 and guitars will be delivered mid-January. Guitars must be completed and returned to Dogwood Arts by Friday, March 10, 2023.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Parents/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

EDUCATOR/SCHOOL INFORMATION

Educator Name: _____

School Name or Home School: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Cell: _____

RELEASE INFORMATION

I give permission for the Dogwood Arts & The Songbirds Foundation to display and use my artwork for promotional and educational materials. I fully understand that Dogwood Arts retains ownership of the guitar and it will be auctioned to benefit youth art programs and festival.

Student Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Dogwood Arts has a 67-year history of arts advocacy, environmental stewardship, and economic impact in East Tennessee. We produce 20 annual events and programs that help make Knoxville a great place to live, work and play. Winning guitars will be auctioned to benefit our youth art programs. For additional information about the Guitar Design Contest visit <https://www.dogwoodarts.com/youth-art-programs> or contact ecurran@dogwoodarts.com

The Songbirds Foundation shares the transformative experience of music in eastern Tennessee by delivering educational programming, preserving music history, hosting enriching events, and providing concrete resources to emerging artists. The new Songbirds consists of a new and improved venue plus a guitar-centric educational space with hands-on STEAM based exhibits for all ages, Chattanooga music history, and rotating exhibits featuring stories from pickers, producers, and players. For additional information about the Songbirds Foundation visit songbirdsfoundation.org.

GUITAR
TEMPLATE

STUDENT NAME _____
GRADE _____
EDUCATOR NAME _____
ARTWORK TITLE _____

