

## 2024 EPIPHONE GUITAR DESIGN CONTEST

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

Dogwood Arts is proud to announce the 2024 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. The guitars will be auctioned to benefit Dogwood Arts' youth art programs.

**Winning designers will each receive \$50 for art supplies and complimentary tickets to Southern Skies Music Festival (May 11, 2024); 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 **February 14, 2024.**
  - Applications can be submitted online at <https://guitardesigncontest24.paperform.co> with photos of the work or mailed directly to:
    - Dogwood Arts  
ATTN: Raina Nief  
123 W. Jackson Avenue  
Knoxville, TN 37902
- Winning designs will be selected and notifications sent out by February 23, 2024
- Epiphone guitars will be delivered to art educators by the end of February
- The Art Guitars need to be completed and returned to Dogwood Arts by Friday, April 19th, 2024.
  - Dogwood Arts will coordinate retrieving guitars from art educators. Guitars can be dropped off at the Dogwood Arts Office at 123 W. Jackson Ave, Knoxville, TN 37902
- Online auction will be live from May 3 - May 31, 2024
- Guitars will be displayed in the Dogwood Arts Gallery (Knoxville) May 3 - May 30, 2024
  - An exhibition reception and awards ceremony will take place on Friday, May 3rd at the Dogwood Arts Gallery from 5-8 PM (Awards at 6 PM)
  - Select guitars will also be on display at the Southern Skies Music Festival (May 11, 2024)
- Auction will conclude May 30, 2024

# CONTEST REQUIREMENTS

- Students must be in Middle or High School
- Students must live or attend school in the Knoxville, 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 pic guard, head, and any Epiphone logos.
- The guitar hardware is not to be altered, and the finished guitar must remain functional.

**Email Raina Nief at [raina@dogwoodarts.com](mailto:raina@dogwoodarts.com) or call 865.637.4561 with any questions**

Applications that are mailed to Dogwood Arts need to arrive by **Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 5 PM.**  
Online submissions will be accepted through 11:59 PM on Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

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



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## Dogwood Arts 2024 Epiphone Guitar Design Contest

Please complete this form to accompany any physical submissions (via mail, drop-off, etc).

If applying through the online application, there is no need to complete this form.

Complete one sheet per school.

**NO HANDWRITTEN FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

### EDUCATOR/SCHOOL INFORMATION

Educator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name or Home School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### RELEASE INFORMATION

I give permission for the Dogwood Arts to display and use my students' 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.

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 [raina@dogwoodarts.com](mailto:raina@dogwoodarts.com)

## STUDENT INFORMATION (Fill out one per submission)

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Artwork Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Medium (That would be used on the guitar): \_\_\_\_\_

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