



DOGWOOD ARTS  
**SYNERGY**  
**ART EXHIBITION**

## Dogwood Arts Synergy Exhibition 2024 (STUDENT Prospectus)

**The Synergy Exhibition** was developed to provide a forum for student artists and art educators to display their work and compete for awards. The juried art that is selected will be exhibited at the Clayton Center for the Arts from March 6 - 28, 2024. NEW THIS YEAR: Based on survey feedback, we are opening the Synergy Student Exhibition application to allow up to 10 student artwork applications PER ART EDUCATOR (no more than two per student) for review.

*-Complementary framing of accepted student work by ExpressFrame.-*

A Closing Reception and Awards Ceremony will be held at the Clayton Center for the Arts (502 East Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, TN 37804) on Thursday, March 28th from 5:30PM-7:30PM.

**Awards will be presented at 6:30pm.** All artists, their families and friends are encouraged and invited to attend this wonderful celebration.

### Calendar

- **October 10, 2023:** Application Open
- **November 29, 2023:** Application Deadline
- **December 8, 2023:** Notification of Acceptance Date
- **January 29 - February 2, 2024:** Student artwork delivered or shipped to ExpressFrame [Store Hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Saturday 10am-5pm] Knox County Teachers may also drop off/ship student work to Heather Casteel's Office for framing by January 25th.
- **March 4, 2024:** (8am - 5pm) Student 3D Work Drop-Off Date at the Clayton Center for the Arts
  - *Please contact Dogwood Arts to arrange alternative drop accommodations if necessary.*
- **March 5, 2024:** Exhibition Installation
- **March 6 - 28, 2024:** Exhibition Open (Monday - Friday 9AM-6PM)
- **March 28, 2024:** Closing Reception, 5:30pm-7:30pm at Clayton Center for the Arts
- **March 28, 2024:** Artwork is picked up by artists/educators at end of Closing Reception

### Awards:

Students:

- Best In Show Student - \$200
- First Place in Grade Levels K-12 (13 total) - \$50 Cash Each

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### **GUIDELINES & REQUIREMENTS**

Open to all student artists in grades K-12 in the East Tennessee region [living in the Eastern Time Zone of Tennessee]. Teachers should select up to a total of ten entries to submit in the juried competition.

Submit only work completed within the last school year. Entries must be original works in the following categories: Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, Ceramics, Photography, Computer Graphics, Mixed-Media,

and Printmaking. The maximum allowed size is 22" X 28". Weight is not to exceed 50 lbs. Student artwork does not need matting before submitting an application. 3-D works should be sturdy and stable or otherwise secured to a base. The juror reserves the right to disqualify any work not suitably presented.

As per instructions from the framer all 2-D student artwork may be submitted without frames or mats. This will make it simpler for the gallery to prepare the selected pieces for exhibition (frames will become the property of the student artists at the conclusion of the exhibition, compliments of ExpressFrame).

## **AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

Several scholarship offerings to accredited Colleges of Fine Art will be awarded to high school students –more information concerning the institutions and amounts will be announced at the awards ceremony. Awards include one Best-of-Show Award and First Place awards for each grade level as designated by the juror(s), whose decision is final.

- Best of Show receives \$200 for the student and \$100 for the teacher
- First Place in Grades K-12 receive \$50 for one student in each grade level
- Awarded works may be used in Dogwood Arts publicity materials
- Complimentary custom framing of student's artwork by ExpressFrame

## **APPLICATION**

Entries are limited to four artworks per art educator (10 for student work, 2 for personal work). Choosing to sell your artwork is strictly optional and does not affect the adjudication process. Diptychs and triptychs are considered one work.

- **NEW THIS YEAR:** Based on survey feedback, we are opening the Synergy Student Exhibition application to allow up to 10 student artwork applications PER ART EDUCATOR (no more than two per student). Art Educators may also submit 2 pieces of their own work for consideration in the Educator Exhibition. Educators will be able to edit their application by logging into their account through November 29th, 2023.

\*12 submissions does not ensure 12 accepted works\*

## **Shipment & Delivery of Work**

Works may be shipped or delivered to ExpressFrame for framing [119 N. Cedar Bluff Road in the Commons Shopping Center, Knoxville] between January 29 - February 2, 2024. Knox County Teachers may also drop off/ship student work to Heather Casteel's Office for framing by January 25th. 3D work to be dropped off at Clayton Center for the Arts on March 4th, 2024 8am-5pm.

## **Return of Work**

Exhibited work **must be picked up** at the Clayton Center for the Arts following the awards ceremony on Thursday, March 28th.

**LIABILITY**

Receipt of the completed application form constitutes your agreement with all conditions established in the prospectus. Consent to reproduce works photographically for promotional purposes is assumed to be granted unless stated otherwise. Care will be taken when handling the works. The artist does not hold Dogwood Arts or its partners responsible for damage or loss that may occur in connection with the Synergy Art Exhibition.

**JUROR & SELECTION: TBD****SALES**

Students may sell their work during the exhibition period. However, the work must remain on site for the duration of the exhibition. Every effort is made to promote sales. All sales are handled by Dogwood Arts. There is no commission split for student artwork. Work is NOT required to be for sale.

**QUESTIONS?**

Please contact Raina Nief at [raina@dogwoodarts.com](mailto:raina@dogwoodarts.com) or by phone at 865-637-4561 (or) Synergy Chairperson Jim Dodson at [jdodson@ortn.edu](mailto:jdodson@ortn.edu) if you should have additional questions.