

# MYSTIC MUSEUM OF ART

## **Mission**

The mission of the *Young At Art* (YAA) exhibition is to showcase the creativity of children by giving them the opportunity to hang their works in a museum setting and view the work of their contemporaries. Our goal is to broaden students' perspectives on the creative process and inform the community about how teachers use art to advance learning. The YAA Exhibition supports the Mystic Museum of Art's (MMoA) commitment to education and to the enrichment of children's lives.

## **Entry Rules**

The following guidelines must be followed. Entries that do not follow these guidelines will *not* be accepted for installation at the Museum.

### **1. Eligible participants:**

- a. Eligible participants are all young people between the ages of 0-18 who either reside or attend school in New London County or Westerly, RI.

### **2. Entry limit:**

- a. A student may enter an artwork as an individual, with their parents' or guardians' permission. An individual may submit one work.
- b. Teachers entering student artwork are limited to **10 pieces of student artwork** per teacher, per school.
  - i. If the same teacher is the art instructor for more than one grade category, the teacher may submit up to 10 works for each grade category they instruct (not each grade). For example, the same teacher may submit 10 works by their elementary school student, 10 works by their middle school students, and 10 works by their high school students.
- c. Group projects are allowed. Group projects may consist of 10 or fewer works that were created by multiple students. **There is no restriction on the number of students who may contribute to a group project.** Group projects that consist of more than 10 artworks will not be accepted. *Group projects count toward the total number of works teachers are able to submit per school.*
  - i. *Example. 40 students work on one mural. The mural is a group project and is eligible for entry.*

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## 3. Entry restrictions:

- a. **Two-dimensional media:** All media accepted. All two-dimensional works must either be on mounting board or matboard. Overall size of entry, including matboard, must not exceed 48" in either direction. Charcoal and pastel works must be sprayed with fixative. Hook Velcro (the scratchy side of the Velcro - not the soft fuzzy side) must be placed on each corner of the back of matboard or mounting board for installation. Place enough Velcro to support the weight of the artwork.
- b. **Three-dimensional media:** Carved, cast or assembled works accepted. Work must not exceed 48" in height and 36" x 36" in width and depth. Maximum weight must not exceed 30 pounds.
- c. **Unacceptable entries:** MMoA cannot accept art requiring electricity or art that includes living plants, animals, or perishable food. MMoA reserved the right to eliminate any art work for exhibition.

## 4. Receiving & Installation of Artwork:

- a. There is no pre-registration required for this year's YAA.
- b. Artworks must be delivered to MMoA on **Sunday, March 11, 2018** or **Monday, March 12** between **11am and 5pm**.
- c. No entries will be accepted after 5pm on Monday, March 12. Requests to drop off work early cannot be accommodated.
- d. Artwork will be displayed in galleries according to age group. We cannot guarantee that pieces from the same school will be displayed together
- e. Work that does not meet requirements as described in the previous sections will not be displayed.
- f. No work may be moved, altered, or removed during the exhibition.
- g. Submission of entry gives the sponsors and MMoA the right to reproduce and publish slides and photographs of artwork.
- h. While the utmost care will be taken in handling all works, MMoA and its directors or agents are not responsible for any damage to submitted artworks.

## 5. Entry Forms and Labels:

- a. Each artwork must be accompanied by a completed, typed entry form.

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- b. Receipt: on this section of the entry form, fill in only the name and school. A volunteer at receiving will sign and date the receipt, and give it to you during drop-off of artwork. You will need to present your receipt to claim your work during the pick-up hours at the end of the exhibition.
- c. **Labels must be typed** using the provided templates. Please leave the “No.\_\_\_\_” category blank as a volunteer will fill this field in at receiving. Labels should be printed on plain, white copier paper. Labels will be attached to works at receiving.
- d. Use the appropriate label for each grade category. Grade categories are divided as follows:
  - i. High School                      Grades 9-12
  - ii. Middle School                    Grades 5-8
  - iii. Elementary School            Grades 4 and under
- e. Please indicate a price only if you are interested in selling your artwork; indicate price or type NFS (Not For Sale). Students receive 100% of sales.
  - i. If a work is for sale, the parent’s/guardian’s home address must be provided for the commission check mailing.
  - ii. Labels where price is left blank will be considered NFS.

## **Awards**

First prize winners in both 2-D and 3-D categories and in each of three grade categories, Elementary, Middle, and High School, will be awarded gift certificates which may be applied toward a studio class of their choosing at MMoA. Ribbons and certificates will be awarded for Second Prize, Third Prize, Honorable Mention, Group Project and the Lil Maxwell Award for Creativity in each category.

## **Pick Up**

Artwork must be picked up **on Sunday, April 15 or Monday April 16 from 11am-5pm**. Unclaimed work left past June 30<sup>th</sup> will be disposed of at the Museum’s discretion. Early pick up is not allowed.

## **Exhibition and Opening Reception**

The Opening Reception will be held Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm at MMoA. Awards will be given at 2pm. Students are encouraged to invite family and friends, and to carpool, as parking is limited. The exhibition runs March 16 – April 14, 2018. Public gallery hours are 11am-5pm Tuesday – Sunday.