

HOLIDAY ART COMPETITION RULES & REQUIREMENTS

The Holiday Committee, the organizers of the Holiday Art Competition, is a sub-committee of Celebrate Frederick Inc., which is a non-profit, non-partisan and non-political organization. It does not promote any individual, business, social, commercial or political purpose. Celebrate Frederick Inc. is a dynamic organization comprised of City staff, volunteers and the corporate community who offer free and low-cost events that showcase Frederick through the arts. Celebrate Frederick Inc. and its sub-committees are an independent organization.

I. Concept

- A.** The theme for the competition is a secular celebration of "The Holidays in Historic Frederick."
- B.** The artwork should be a way for people unfamiliar with Frederick to have an idea of the winter wonderland that awaits locals and tourists during the winter months.
- C.** The selected artwork, or portions of the artwork, will be used by Celebrate Frederick in several "The Holidays" promotional pieces for the upcoming year. The finished product may include additional logos and/or copy added by Celebrate Frederick as needed.

II. Authority of the Committee

- A.** *The Holiday Art Competition Sub-Committee reserves the right to refuse any artwork upon arrival, which does not, for whatever reason, adhere to the entry requirements of the Sub-Committee as stated below.*
- B.** Artists agree to abide by all entry requirements and decisions of The Holiday Art Competition Sub-Committee. Any misrepresentation or failure to abide by the Sub-Committee requirements is grounds for removal from the competition. Decision by the Sub-Committee is final and not subject to review by any other body.
- C.** No artist will be allowed to enter the competition that did not meet the registration deadline or fails to provide approval confirmation to The Holiday Art Competition Sub-Committee at the scheduled artwork submission dates.
- D.** The Holiday Committee will retain exclusive commercial rights for two (2) years for the production of posters featuring the artwork and for five (5) for any other promotional pieces. Details will be arranged with the winning artist.

III. Registration & Entry Fee

- A.** All registrations must be postmarked by, or turned in to the Office of Special Events, 121 North Bentz Street, Frederick, MD 21701 by 4 PM on Friday, November 2nd, 2018.
- B.** Registrations must be submitted complete with entry fee.
- C.** No late registrations will be accepted.
- D.** A non-refundable entry fee of \$15 per piece of work is required for entry into the competition.
- E.** Credit card payments via PayPal, cash, check or money orders accepted. Checks can be made payable to "Celebrate Frederick, Inc."
- F.** NOTE! Artwork is not due upon registration. Delivery of artwork is addressed below in section V.

IV. Award and Recognition

- A.** Judges' Choice - A prize of \$1,000 will be awarded to the winning artist the night of the Holiday Art Competition. The chosen artwork, or segments of it, will be utilized in the upcoming year's promotional campaign for "The Holidays in Historic Frederick". The artist will be given credit wherever the artwork is utilized. Judges' Choice is based on artistic merit, ease of reproduction, exemplification of theme, and adherence to rules.
- B.** Barbara Maghan People's Choice – A certificate will be awarded to the winning artist the night of the Holiday Art Competition as selected by popular vote the evening of the reception.
- C.** Judges' Special Award - Judges may elect to honor an artist with a Judges' Special Award certificate recognizing exceptional artistic merit.

V. Display & Pickup

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- A. Pieces will be exhibited at The Delaplaine Visual Arts Center from Wednesday, November 28th through Friday, December 28th, 2018.
- B. All pieces will be insured while on the premises of The Delaplaine Visual Arts Center for the sale price minus commission or if Not for Sale (NFS), the stated insured value.
- C. All pieces must be picked up on Wednesday, January 2nd or Thursday, January 3rd from 10 AM - 4:30 PM. Any other pick up arrangements must be made prior by contacting Sydney Dexter at 301-698-0656 ext. 108 or sdexter@delaplaine.org.

VI. Entry Requirements - READ CAREFULLY

- A. Origin of Work
 - 1. All artwork must be original in design and personal execution.
 - 2. Prints must be original and hand pulled.
 - 3. No digital prints will be accepted.
 - 4. All pieces must be unpublished commercially. This does not prohibit artists from sharing images of their pieces on their personal social media accounts.
- B. Theme & Color
 - 1. The artwork should reflect the theme of "Holidays in Historic Frederick."
Key ideas to consider: fun, downtown, winter, happy, snow, light.
 - 2. The artwork should incorporate recognizable symbols of Frederick. Imagery to consider featuring include, but are not limited to: architectural highlights of the city, such as the Carillon, Schifferstadt, the Clustered Spires; people having fun in a winter or snowy depiction of Patrick Street, East Street, or Market Street; the Carroll Creek Linear Park; carolers, carriage rides, candlelight, camaraderie.
 - 3. **Imagery to avoid:** specific religious symbols, symbols or imagery strongly or uniquely associated with one particular faith, endorsements of specific downtown businesses (e.g. prominent display of a business name). *While these may not be refused from the display and sale, they will not be considered suitable to the theme and will NOT be eligible for the grand prize.*
 - 4. The work should be able to be reproduced in black and white.
- C. Media, Size and Orientation
 - 1. MEDIA: All two dimensional works in any non-digital media (paintings, drawings, hand-pulled prints, etchings, collage, photography) are acceptable.
 - 2. SIZE: The piece must be a minimum of 18" x 24" and no larger than 36" x 48".
 - 3. ORIENTATION: Vertical (portrait) orientations are preferred for ease of reproduction and graphic needs. Horizontal (landscape) orientations will not be refused but, if chosen as winner, may be cropped and altered to fit a vertical orientation.
- D. Entry Submission
 - 1. Approved original artwork is to be hand delivered to The Delaplaine Visual Arts Center at 40 S. Carroll Street in Frederick, MD on the dates:
 - a) Thursday, November 15th, 10 AM - 4:30 PM OR
 - b) Friday, November 16th, 10 AM - 4:30 PM
 - 2. Artwork may also be shipped to The Delaplaine to arrive by Nov 16th. Shipped work arriving after Nov 16th will not be included.
 - 3. All work must be **DRY** and finished at time of entry.
 - 4. All work must be **framed and wired to a professional standard, delivered ready to hang**. NO SAWTOOTH HANGERS; they do not work with the Delaplaine's professional hanging system. Wire should be affixed to the frame using D-ring or strap hangers in one smooth line. Please make sure that the picture hanging wire used is an appropriate strength for the weight of your work. Framed work should be secured using offset clips + screws (works on canvas), or using points (flat works with backing board). **ABSOLUTELY NO TAPE, DUCT TAPE, MASKING TAPE, OR OTHER UNSTABLE METHODS FOR SECURING WORK TO ITS FRAME.**
 - 5. Work may be refused because of framing.

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6. Unframed work may be presented with finished, painted gallery-wrapped edges. Unframed work must be wired for hanging.
7. Work may be refused because it is wet. Unexpectedly wet paintings can be damaged during handling. Allow sufficient drying time for oil paints before the submission deadline.
8. Label each work in the top-right hand corner with the following information:
 - a) Artist Name
 - b) Title
 - c) Medium
 - d) Sale Price or Not for Sale (NFS) indication with insurance value
 - e) Preferred Phone Number
 - f) Email address

VII. Sale of Work

- A. In the event the piece is sold while being exhibited by the Committee at The Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, the Artist shall receive the following:
 1. Delaplaine Members - Eighty percent (80%) of sale price; The Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center shall receive ten percent (10%) of the sale price, and the Holiday Committee shall receive ten percent (10%) of the sale price.
 2. Non-Members - Seventy percent (70%) of sale price; The Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center shall receive fifteen percent (15%) of the sale price, and the Holiday Committee shall receive fifteen percent (15%) of the sale price.
- B. The artist is not required to offer work for sale. Please indicate preference on the registration form.
- C. In the event the piece is not sold, the artist retains ownership of original work.

- VIII. Judges – The competition will be judged by three (3) judges. Judges are to be determined at a later date.