



DATE: October 9, 2008

TO: West Tennessee Middle and High School Art Teachers and Principals

FROM: Tennessee Art Education Association and the
West Tennessee Regional Art Center

RE: West Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibition
February 1, 2009 - March 31, 2009



The Tennessee Art Education Association is pleased to announce its partnership with the West Tennessee Regional Art Center in presenting the *1st Annual West Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibition*, featuring artwork created by West Tennessee middle and high school students. This competition offers students the opportunity to display their talents

and be honored for their accomplishments in a professional art museum environment. The student art exhibition provides an excellent competitive arena for young artists.

The *1st Annual West Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibition* is open to students in grades 6-12, attending public, private, or home schools in East Tennessee. No more than one (1) entry per student may be entered in the competition. **All media will be eligible. Only individual artwork will be accepted, no collaboration pieces.**

There will be an awards ceremony from 2-4pm on Sunday, February 1, at the West Tennessee Regional Art Center. Artists participating in the exhibition, their families, friends, school personnel, and other guests are invited.

If you have questions please call the West Tennessee Regional Art Center at 731-784-1787 or send an e-mail to wtrac@aeneas.net.



**Tennessee Art Education Association
and
West Tennessee Regional Art Center
present the
1st Annual West Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibition
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Teachers

Instructors may select up to 15 works for submission to the competition. Only one entry per student may be entered.

Categories

Ceramic, Drawing, Digital Imagery, Mixed Media, Painting, Computer Graphics, Sculpture, Traditional Photography, and Printmaking.

Works Eligible

All media will be eligible. Do not submit any work copied from published photographs, magazines, book illustrations, or other artwork.

- All entries must be the original work of the student and not copies of another artist's work.
- Two-dimensional works may not exceed 4 feet in any direction.
- Sculptures should not exceed 4 feet in any direction; weight limit is 50 pounds. Sculptures must be individually boxed.
- Artwork completed in current or previous school year is eligible.

Presentation Form

- Pictures must be matted or backed with foamcore or cardboard and shrink wrapped.
- Mats should be white, cream, or black.
- Framed pieces must come with wire hangers on the back.
- All pastels and charcoals must be sprayed.
- Do not use glass. Glass is excluded from the exhibition for reasons of safety.
- Ceramics must be properly fired.
- All entries must be sturdy enough to withstand normal handling and display.

The Student Art Exhibition Committee and the staff of the West Tennessee Regional Art Center assume no responsibility for the loss or damage to entries.

Artists Eligible

The competition is open to students, grades 6-12, attending public, private, or home schools in West Tennessee.

Location

The West Tennessee Regional Art Center is located at 1200 Main Street in Humboldt, Tennessee. A map is available on the museum's website, www.wtrac.tn.org. Click on "Visit" and select "Directions" from the list on the left side of the page.

Entries and Entry Form

No more than 1 entry per artist may be entered in the competition. Teachers, please submit the highest quality artwork. The number of entries submitted **MAY NOT EXCEED 15 ENTRIES PER TEACHER.** The student must sign each work entered. Students and their teachers must attest to its originality. If there is doubt as to the originality, the teacher should NOT submit it. **All entries must be eligible for the Best-Of-Show Purchase Award for which the artist receives the cash award.**

Entry forms are available for download from the website of the West Tennessee Regional Art Center, www.wtrac.tn.org. Please fill out one entry form per submission. Have the original entry form ready to submit at intake. Attach a copy to the back of the artwork. Teachers are to retain a copy for their records. **Please print.**

Awards and Prizes

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| Best-Of-Show Purchase Award | \$500 |
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Awards will be given to the best of each of the following categories:

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| Best Painting | \$50 |
| Best Sculpture | \$50 |
| Best Computer Graphic | \$50 |
| Best Drawing | \$50 |
| Best Traditional Photograph | \$50 |
| Best Ceramic | \$50 |
| Best Digital Imagery | \$50 |
| Best Print | \$50 |
| Best Mixed Media | \$50 |

Prizes will also be given for each grade level for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

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| First Prize | Gift Certificate |
| Second Prize | Gift Certificate |
| Third Prize | Gift Certificate |
| Three Honorable Mentions per grade | |

Every student juried into the exhibition will receive a certificate of participation.

The teacher of the student awarded Best-Of-Show will receive a \$100 gift certificate.

Scholarship sponsors for the West Tennessee show will include: Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA), Memphis College of Art, and Watkins College of Art, Design & Film.

Judging

Selections for entry must be made in the schools. Entries violating any of the rules will be automatically disqualified before judging. A jury will make the final selection of works to be exhibited and of awards. Those entering will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance of their entries. Judging will be by grade levels: 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th.

Preparation

Please write any special instructions on the entry form.

Delivery and Pick-Up

Please enter through WTRAC's main entrance. The address is 1200 Main Street, Humboldt, TN 38343. You may park in front of the museum or in the public parking lot on 12th (next to First United Methodist Church).

After the exhibition closes, artwork **MUST BE PICKED UP** by teacher or their designated representative.



Dates to Remember:

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| Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009 | Intake of Art | 10am-6pm |
| Friday, Jan. 23, 2009 | Intake of Art | 10am-4pm |
| Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009 | Intake of Art | 10am-1pm |
| Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009 | Judging | |
| Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009 | Acceptance Notices sent via email | |

(Please do not call the museum.)

Memphis Teachers can drop off on January 22 and 23 and pick up works on February 3 and 4 during operating hours in main lobby of the Memphis College of Art.

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| Monday, February 2, 2009 | Pick up "Not Accepted Art" | 10am-4pm |
| Tuesday, February 3, 2009 | Pick up "Not Accepted Art" | 10am-4pm |

February 1, 2009 - March 31, 2009

Art Exhibition

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| Sunday, February 8, 2009 | Receptions/Awards Presentation | 2pm-4pm |
| Friday, April 3, 2009 | Pick up artwork | 10am-4pm |
| Saturday, April 4, 2009 | Pick up artwork | 10am-1pm |

Memphis teachers can pick up work on Friday, April 3 during operating hours in the main lobby of the Memphis College of Art or on Saturday, April 4 between 10am and 1pm in the main lobby of the Memphis College of Art.

Please make arrangements to pick-up all artwork by April 4, 2009. No exceptions.

West Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibition Entry Form

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parents(s)/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____

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

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

TEACHER/SCHOOL INFORMATION

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

School's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Teacher's E-mail
(required): _____

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry Title: _____

Category: _____

RELEASE INFORMATION

I give permission for the West Tennessee Regional Art Center to display my art and to use it in any promotional materials created for the *West Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibition*. **I understand that all entries must be eligible for the Best-Of-Show Purchase Award for which the artist receives the cash award.** I fully understand that the West Tennessee Regional Art Center and the Student Art Exhibition Committee will take reasonable care of entries and that I must reclaim my work by the date requested. I understand that the West Tennessee Regional Art Center will assume no liability for lost or damaged work.

Student's Signature

Date

Teacher's Signature

Date