

2023 OHIO STATE FAIR YOUTH ARTS EXHIBITION

A Juried Art Exhibition for 1st – 12th Grade Ohio Youth

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The Ohio State Fair Youth Arts Exhibition is an annual showcase of the artistic talent and creativity of Ohio's youth. The exhibition is a highly anticipated event that attracts artists from all over the state, ranging in age from 5 to 18 years old. The exhibition features a diverse array of art forms, including painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, and mixed media.

This exhibition is an opportunity for young artists to display their work in a professional setting and to receive recognition for their artistic achievements. The exhibition is judged by a panel of experienced artists and educators who award prizes and recognition for outstanding works of art.

The Ohio State Fair Youth Arts Exhibition is a celebration of creativity, imagination, and passion for the arts, and it continues to inspire and support the next generation of Ohio's artists.

Entry Deadline: June 21, 2023, at 1 p.m.

Delivery Dates: July 13-15

Kasich Hall B

Elementary School (1st-4th Grade) Div. #2101

Middle School (5th-8th Grade) Div. #2102

High School (9th-12th Grade) Div. #2103

OHIO STATE FAIR LINKS

[Fine Arts](#)

[Creative Arts](#)

[Youth Arts](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

June 21	Entry deadline at 1 p.m. All online entry information, payment and uploaded images must be received.
June 30	Acceptance/Non-acceptance notices will be emailed to artists.
July 11	Shipped entries postmarked deadline. If entries are received past July 18, we cannot guarantee placement in the exhibit.
July 13-14	Artwork Drop Off 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Kasich Hall.
July 15	Artwork Drop Off 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Kasich Hall.
August 6	Youth Arts Award Ceremony 4 – 5 p.m. Kasich Hall. Art will be released for pickup after the ceremony from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
August 7	Artwork Pickup 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

ELIGIBILITY

- You are not required to win at a county fair to enter the Ohio State Fair.
- Open to Ohio youth 1st -12th Grade. Enter the level for the completed grade for the school year 2022-2023.
- Artists must reside in the state of Ohio to be eligible.

FEES

- There is a Youth Arts processing fee of \$5 plus \$1 per entry (no limit).
- Payment by credit card required at time of entry (MC, VISA and Discover).
- Artist processing fees and entry fees will not be refunded.

ENTRY GUIDELINES

- Family-friendly work only will be accepted and is at the Ohio State Fair's discretion.
- Items entered for exhibition must be your original work (no kits, coloring pages or paint by number).
- Licensed and copyrighted images are not considered original works and will be disqualified if entered.
- Items previously exhibited in the Youth Arts exhibit will not be accepted.
- Entry must be created in the student's current grade level (division) completed for the 2022-2023 school year and have been completed in the past two years.
- All work is juried. Jurors' decisions are final.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Accepted mediums include, but not limited to, abstract, acrylic, ceramics, charcoal, collage, mixed media, oil painting, original cartoon (comic character), painting (tempera, watercolor), pastels, pen/ink, pencil, photography and sculpture.
- Elementary and Middle School framed hanging work may not exceed 36"x 36" or 10 lbs.
- High School framed hanging work may not exceed 48"x 48" or 20 lbs.
- Sculpture style art pieces may not exceed 3'x 3' x 6'.
- Wet and/or incomplete work will not be accepted.
- All 2D work must be framed and fitted with hanging devices. Framing is a part of the presentation of your work and is judged accordingly. Poster Frames, using matting for frames, or loose paper will not be accepted.
- Accepted artworks with special hanging requirements need to provide detailed instructions and supplies for display.
- Exhibits (charcoal, pastels, acrylics, pen/ink, pencil, sketch b/w or color, watercolors, etc.) must be covered with protective wrap, glass, or Plexiglass to maintain the integrity of the piece.
- Instructions to print off your own entry tags will be e-mailed to you upon acceptance. Print two tags for each entry accepted into the exhibit; attach one entry tag to the upper right back corner of 2D work, or to the bottom/side of 3D work. The second tag will be required at pick-up. Artwork will not be released without it!
- A waiver will be signed at time of delivery acknowledging accepted artwork MUST remain on exhibit through end of Fair, August 6 at 5 p.m.
- Please refer to the [Arts General Information and Guidelines](#) and specific division notes for important information.

UPLOAD IMAGE SPECIFICATIONS

- Artwork must be photographed on a solid background.
- One photo shot permitted for each piece entered.
- Image(s) must be named after the title of the work it represents.
- Artist name must NOT appear on uploaded images. Place tape over name for photos entered.
- Uploaded image size requirements: 1024 x 768 pixels or smaller (width x height) - less than 8MB and saved as a JPEG, GIF, BMP or PNG formats only.
- If your total image file size is greater than 8 MB, you will need to use a photo editing program to “re-size the photo image”.
- Free programs available: Microsoft Image Resizer, Microsoft Photo Editor, Picasa, IrfanView, Photoscape and others. The website [tinywow](http://tinywow.com) also has free resizing and image and video editing tools to help you meet the criteria.
- Your images must be RGB color format; CMYK files will not upload properly.
- It may be helpful to move entry images to your desktop before beginning the process (for ease in uploading).

ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

Be sure you have updated your browser to the 2023 Ohio State Fair website

- First time users may find it helpful to review the [“Online Entry Tutorial”](#).
- You must create a new account for your entries every year.
- Each youth must have an individual account for their entries.
- [Enter Online](#) and follow instructions.
- You can process only one entry at a time. Remember to submit one digital image for each entry at time of registration. **You must pay for entry before the image upload button appears.** Click “Press for Instructions” button at top center of screen for instructional video.
- **When uploading your images**, make sure you click the flashing “Press Upload when ready”. A thumbnail image appears before you click this flashing text, and the word “preview” remains on top of your image until your photo is uploaded successfully. When the upload is complete, you can now view what you uploaded and make changes up to deadline.
- **If returning to your account (prior to the deadline) as a previously registered artist:** Use the log-in info you created and confirm that the screen says “Hello (your name)” in the right-hand corner. Then click on “Past Transactions” and re-check your uploaded files (one title/Wen#/Image(s)). Sessions expire after 20 minutes of inactivity; “save to the cart” if you plan on leaving your computer for more than 20 minutes. All uploads saved to cart must be confirmed as final entry by June 21 at 1 p.m.
- Refer entry questions to Entry Dept. b.prince@expo.ohio.gov or 614-644-4052.
- A valid e-mail address is crucial for future communications, including acceptance/non-acceptance notifications and entry confirmation. Please check spam/junk mail if you haven’t received expected notifications.

DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS

Deliver all artwork to the Creative/Youth Arts Center located in Kasich Hall on the following dates/times. Please enter at designated area and follow signs and instructions.

Friday, July 13 11am-7pm
Saturday, July 14 11am-7pm
Sunday, July 15 11am-4pm

Kasich Hall is located off of 17th Ave.

Refer to the map here for the location of Kasich Hall for artwork pickup/drop-off.

Additional directions will be provided upon acceptance of entries.



SHIPPING ARTWORK

- Exhibits may be shipped prepaid and addressed to:
Ohio State Fair
Admin. Building/Special Events
717 East 17th Ave.
Columbus, OH 43211-2698
- Shipped exhibits should arrive between July 11-18 in a substantial reusable container and should include a list of articles submitted, exhibitor's name and address and entry tags.
- Shipping instructions and a prepaid, preaddressed return label (for return mailing) **MUST** accompany the above shipment if the Ohio State Fair is requested to ship the item back to the exhibitor. Items will not be shipped back without receiving a prepaid return label.
- The artist is responsible for all shipping costs and in-transit insurance.
- Items being returned cannot be delivered to a PO Box.

PICKUP PROCEDURES

- Artists attending the award ceremony can pick up their entries on Sunday, August 6 after the ceremony between the hours of 5 – 6 p.m. or Monday, August 7 from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Artwork not picked up by 8 p.m. on August 7 will be disposed of by Fair Management.
- If an artist/parent/guardian requests that someone else pick up his/her items, a letter of authorization and claim tag are required.
- A staff member will escort only the artist/parent/guardian to designated areas to collect entered items.
- When items are collected, the artist/parent/guardian is required to sign and date the release sheet (confirming that all entries have been picked up).

DIVISION 2101 – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Div. 2101 (1st – 4th Grade)

Division Notes:

Jurors will choose up to 6 pieces of juried and accepted work to be considered for an Award of Excellence. These pieces will receive a Jurors Choice Ribbon. Additional awards will be chosen by individuals or organizations sponsoring the award.

Class	Award		
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
All Mediums Award of Excellence (selected from Jurors Choice Ribbon Winners)	\$75	\$50	\$25
Nationwide Children's Hospital People's Choice Award		\$100	
Clintonville Arts Guild Award		\$100	
Juror's Choice	Ribbon & Blick Supply Package		
Blick Art Supplies Gift Card Award	\$35	\$30	\$20
BareClay Studios Award		\$300 Gift Card	

DIVISION 2102 – MIDDLE SCHOOL

Div. 2102 (5th – 8th Grade)

Division Notes:

Jurors will choose up to 6 pieces of juried and accepted work to be considered for an Award of Excellence. These pieces will receive a Jurors Choice Ribbon. Additional awards will be chosen by individuals or organizations sponsoring the award.

Class	Award		
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
All Mediums Award of Excellence (selected from Jurors Choice Ribbon Winners)	\$100	\$75	\$50
Nationwide Children's Hospital People's Choice Award		\$150	
Clintonville Arts Guild Award		\$150	
Juror's Choice	Ribbon & Blick Supply Package		
Blick Art Supplies Gift Card Award	\$75	\$50	\$25
BareClay Studios Award		\$300 Gift Card	

If you are age 11 or older, consider this...

Creative Arts competitions are open to youth 11 years of age or older (unless division states otherwise). Check out the competitions available in the [Creative Arts Divisions](#) that offer specific youth award categories!

Division 2103 – High School

Div. 2103 (9th – 12th Grade)

Division Notes:

Jurors will choose up to 6 pieces of juried and accepted work to be considered for an Award of Excellence. These pieces will receive a Jurors Choice Ribbon. Additional awards will be chosen by individuals or organizations sponsoring the award.

Class	Award		
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
All Mediums Award of Excellence (selected from Jurors Choice Ribbon Winners)	\$125	\$100	\$75
Nationwide Children’s Hospital People’s Choice Award		\$250	
Clintonville Arts Guild Award		\$250	
Juror’s Choice	Ribbon & Blick Supply Package		
Blick Art Supplies Gift Card Award	\$125	\$75	\$50
BareClay Studios Award		\$300 Gift Card	
Phoenix Rising Printmaking Cooperative Award		\$100 for a printed work	
* Eligibility for the Phoenix Rising Printmaking Cooperative Award: All traditional fine-art printmaking methods including relief, woodcut, intaglio, lithography, screen-print, monoprint & collagraph. Art must be hand-pulled & created using at least one traditional method. Computer generated/digital art "prints" are NOT eligible.			

ALL DIVISION AWARDS

Class

Award

Columbus Museum of Art Award

One-year family membership to the Columbus Museum of Art

Art Me Party Award

\$300 gift certificate good for any event

*Note for Award Winners: You will be mailed tickets for entry to the Ohio State Fair so that you may attend the closing reception on Sunday, August 6, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

General parking is free, but is first come, first serve.

If you are age 17 or older, consider this...

You are also eligible to enter the Ohio State Fair [Fine Arts Exhibition](#) and on-site competitions **as well** as the [Creative Arts Competitions](#) and live events.

If the same piece of artwork is **accepted into MULTIPLE** art divisions, artist will need to select the division of choice to exhibit **the accepted** work. Processing and entry fees will not be refunded.

JURORS



Alicia Jean Vanderelli was born in Los Angeles California and was raised in Panama City, Florida. After graduating high school in 1993, Vanderelli left the small beach community in search of one that provided both the comforts of a small town and with the diversity of a city. In 2003, she settled in Columbus Ohio. Alicia obtained a Bachelors of Fine Arts with a concentration in oil painting in 2008 from the Columbus College of Art and Design, graduating Magna Cum Laude.

Late 2011, Alicia began painting out of the 400 West Rich facility in Columbus, Ohio. In 2014, Alicia began converting 218 McDowell Street, into an alternative gallery space for local artists and a personal studio space to create her own work. The Vanderelli Room, located within the Franklinton Arts District, is a multipurpose space used for networking with professional artists, housing a variety of art shows and performances, rental for private parties and events, and as an environment conducive to facilitate a holistic art educational and developmental experience for teen artists with and without autism and other physical and mental diagnosis.

The Vanderelli Room art gallery has become a catalyst for Alicia Jean Vanderelli's vision. A vision of a community united through arts and education. A community that enables individuals to reach their potential through self-expression and exploration.

www.thevanderelleroom.com



Ronald Tardino is an artist and art educator from Columbus, Ohio. He graduated from the Columbus College of Art and Design as an Illustration and Graphic Design major in 1971, and from Ohio State University with a graduate degree in Drawing and Painting in 1976. He has worked as a practicing artist and an educator of young artists for over 50 years.

Tardino has worked professionally as a photographer, painter, illustrator, and designer. He spent over four decades teaching at the Columbus College of Art and Design, where he began as a full-time professor in 1971 until his retirement in 2016. During his time there he served as the Dean of Illustration and Photography for 5 years and the Dean of Illustration for 8. He has served as liaison for Disney Studios, American Greetings, and Hallmark Cards internship programs during his time there.

Tardino has been involved with the CCAD Alumni Association as a member of the Board of Directors, taught Saturday Morning Art Classes for high school students in drawing, sculpture, and Portfolio development. His dedication to teaching earned him several Honorable Mentions in News Digest for Teaching and awards from the Columbus City Council.

Tardino also started an Art Explorer Post in the Explorer's Division of the Boy Scouts of America in 1997, which he taught and ran until 2016. Tardino continues to contribute to the art community of central Ohio through this Program.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ExploreArtPost/>



Sarah Barr Sarah Barr is the Executive Director of Wild Goose Creative, a non-profit arts organization in Columbus, Ohio. She holds both a BA in Studio Art and Master in Art Education. She has extensive experience in the nonprofit world and is an advocate of the Columbus arts community.

Joining Wild Goose Creative in August 2022, Sarah has expanded and deepened the on-going free public arts programming, initiated an Artist in Residency, and has increased attendance and collaborative partnerships throughout Central Ohio. Sarah holds a deep belief that when artists thrive, communities thrive.

Prior to coming to Wild Goose Creative, Sarah successfully led multiple capital campaigns transforming abandoned historic theaters into cultural arts centers in rural communities across Ohio.

Sarah is passionate about advocating for artists, and providing accessible gateways for local residents to experience arts in their own neighborhoods.

<https://www.wildgoosecreative.com/>

2023 SUPPORTERS

\$4,589 Total in Awards

Many thanks to our generous supporters who help create this opportunity for young artists of Ohio.

PLATINUM LEVEL SUPPORTERS



BareClay Studios

<https://www.bareclay.com/>



Friends of the Cultural Arts Center

<https://www.culturalartscenteronline.org/support/the-friends/>



Nationwide Children's Hospital

<https://www.nationwidechildrens.org>

GOLD LEVEL SUPPORTERS



Blick Art Materials

<https://www.dickblick.com/>



Clintonville Arts Guild

<https://clintonvilleartsguild.org/>

SILVER LEVEL SUPPORTERS

Art Me Party

Peggy R. McConnell Arts Center

Phoenix Rising Printmaking Cooperative

BRONZE LEVEL SUPPORTER

Columbus Museum of Art