

FINE ARTS EXHIBITION



OHIO ARTIST EXHIBITION AND COMPETITION

ENTRY DEADLINE
JUNE 3 AT 1 PM

MONETARY AND IN-KIND AWARDS OFFERED



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State Fair

JULY 24 - AUGUST 4, 2024

2024 FINE ARTS STATEWIDE CALL FOR ENTRIES



DIVISION CATEGORIES:

Amateur 2D	Div. 5101
Amateur 3D	Div. 5102
Professional 2D	Div. 5103
Professional 3D	Div. 5104
On-Site Competitions	Div. 5105
-Plein Air Painting Competition	
-Mural Painting Competition	

PAINTING PERSPECTIVE:

Celebrating the diverse medium of painting, this juried exhibition invites artists who explore the vast possibilities of this rich medium. From traditional canvases to unconventional surfaces, this prospectus will showcase a variety of painting techniques, styles, and expressions. Works created using oils, acrylics, watercolors, mixed media, and other painting mediums are welcome.

NOTE: All artwork and media will be considered for entry in Professional and Amateur Divisions. To encourage and promote the painting perspective, specific awards have been designated to highlight this discipline.

NEW TINY ART SHOW:

For the first time ever, the Ohio State Fair will include a miniature “show within a show,” featuring Ohio themed artworks by accepted artists in the Fine Arts Exhibition. See page 6 for details.

IMPORTANT DATES:

June 3	Entry Deadline at 1 p.m. All entry information, payment and uploaded images must be received. No late entries after 1 p.m.
June 10	Accepted/declined notification sent via email.
June 14-15	Artwork delivery, 12 p.m. – 8 p.m. Cox Fine Arts Center
June 16	Artwork delivery 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Cox Fine Arts Center
July 19	Opening reception and Award Ceremony (invite only)*
July 24- Aug 4	Exhibition hours 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. (Aug 4 closes at 6 p.m.)
July 24 - July 26	On-site Plein Air Painting Competition
July 26	Awards for Plein Air Painting Competition at 6:30 p.m.
July 26-28	On-site Live Mural Painting Competition
Aug 4	Artwork Pickup, 8 – 9 p.m.; carry out only. No Fair entry 7-8 p.m.
Aug 5	Artwork pickup 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Aug 6	Artwork pickup 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

* The Opening Reception/Awards Ceremony is an invitation only event. Accepted artists will receive admission for themselves plus one additional adult. Accepted artists names will be added to a list to allow them plus one guest into the event. No hard copy invitations will be provided.

2024 FINE ARTS DIVISION AWARDS

Fine Arts Professional Division Awards

Best of Show	\$2,000
2nd Best of Show	\$1,400
3rd Best of Show	\$1,000
Juror's Choice (2 awards)	\$600 each

Plein Air Painting Competition Awards

Best of Show	\$500
2nd Best of Show	\$300
3rd Best of Show	\$100

Fine Arts Amateur Division Awards

Best of Show	\$1,000
2nd Best of Show	\$700
3rd Best of Show	\$500
Juror's Choice (2 awards)	\$400 each

Live Mural Painting Competition Awards

Best of Show	\$750
2nd Best of Show	\$500
3rd Best of Show	\$250

To support the Fine Arts at the Ohio State Fair, contact the Fine Arts Director, Flint Garrabrant, at f.garrabrant@expo.ohio.gov for information and supporter benefits.



ABOUT THE COX FINE ARTS CENTER

The Cox Fine Arts Center is an exhibition space housed in a 100-year-old historic building with character and charm. It features an abundance of natural light, providing a professional backdrop for artists and performers in the heart of Columbus, Ohio.

The 20,000+ square foot facility boasts ample wall space, including 11 movable walls standing at 10 feet tall. The gallery is designed to accommodate a diverse range of artworks, with open spaces allowing for the display of three-dimensional works in addition to 2D pieces. Outlets are available for works that require electricity, but we kindly request advance notice for proper installation. Well-lit wall-mounted display cases are available for smaller artworks in both Amateur and Professional Divisions.

The high ceilings contribute to the overall ambiance, providing beautiful natural lighting that complements the artistic creations on display. For added emphasis or specific highlighting, spotlights and interior lights are at your disposal.

While maintaining the authenticity of its historic roots, the Cox Fine Arts Center does not have central air heating or cooling and artists should take this into account when submitting works for display. However, we ensure the comfort of our guests and performers with strategically placed fans throughout the duration of the Ohio State Fair.



Above: 2023 Professional Best of Show
Evie Zimmer,
Wonderlust

Left: 2023 Amateur Best of Show
Rachel Mentzer,
Golden Eagles



General Notes

- Artist must be 17 years of age or older and a current Ohio resident to be eligible for entry and acceptance.
- Unlimited Entries. Processing fees and entry fees will not be refunded if artwork is not accepted.
- Fine Arts Director will make the final decision regarding proper artwork condition and placement.
- The Ohio Expo Center and State Fair do not offer insurance for artworks in the exhibition. Artists assume all liability.
- The Cox Fine Arts Center is not climate controlled, and is well lit with open doors and lots of natural light. Please keep this in mind when preparing your artwork for display.
- The Opening Reception/Awards Ceremony is an invitation only event. Accepted artists will receive admission for two adults. Accepted artists names will be added to a list to allow them plus one guest into the event. There will not be hard copy invitations.
- Please refer to the Arts General Information and Guidelines and specific division notes for important information.

Judging Guidelines

Each of the following will be considered equally:

- Shape and Form
- Workmanship
- Decorative Value Construction
- Finish and Presentation

Uploaded Image Specifications

- Artwork must be photographed on a solid background. Avoid distracting backgrounds and poor lighting.
- Artist name must NOT appear on uploaded images to ensure a blind jury.
- Uploaded image size requirements: 1024 x 768 pixels or smaller (width x height) – less than 8 MB and saved as a JPEG, GIF, BMP or PNG formats only. This ensures the photo is of high quality, but will also upload correctly.
- If your total image file size is greater than 8 MB, you will need to use a photo editing program or website to “re-size the photo image”. Free programs available: Microsoft Image Resizer, Microsoft Photo Editor, Picasa, Irfanview, Photoscape and others. The website tinywow 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).
- Time-based, video, virtual reality, augmented reality, or similar work will need submitted as a video link in the description of the artwork. Double check that the links work before uploading your entries.

For Professional and Amateur Entries

Division 5101 and 5103 - 2-Dimensional (UPLOAD ONLY ONE IMAGE)

Division 5102 and 5104 - Installation/Sculpture (UPLOAD UP TO 2 IMAGES)

Image(s) must be named after the title of the work it represents

Entry Instructions (Be sure you have refreshed your browser to the 2024 Ohio State Fair website)

- You must create a new account for your entries every year.
- Enter Online and follow instructions.
- During the entry process, you have the option to include one or two galleries (space is limited) representing your work. This information will be printed on the tag displayed by all accepted artwork.
- If you include a middle name, it must be inserted in the first name field following your first name and a comma (i.e. Sandy, Lynn).
- You can process only one entry at a time. You must submit digital image(s) 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 view what you uploaded and make changes up to the deadline. If entering two photos for a 3D entry, make sure both photos are matched with the same Title and WEN #. Click “Next” button to upload photos for multiple entries and proceed as described above for each entry.
- If returning to your account (prior to 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” to view and check the files you have uploaded (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 3, 2024 at 1 p.m.
- Refer entry questions to Entry Dept. b.prince@expo.ohio.gov or 614-644-4052.

A valid email 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

Delivery to Cox Fine Arts Center:

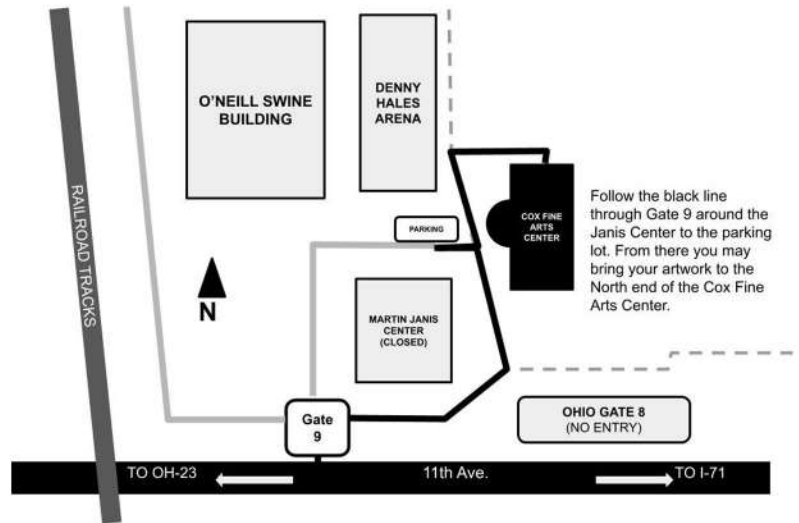
June 14-15, 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

June 16, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Delivery drop-off and shipping address
for accepted artwork:

Attn: Special Events Department
Ohio State Fair Cox Fine Arts Center
717 East 17th Avenue
Columbus, OH 43211-2698

You must enter grounds from 11th Ave. (Gate 9)
and drive around the Martin Janis Center to the
Cox Fine Arts Center. Signs will direct you.



If you plan to ship your work, use the above address. If you plan to hand deliver artwork, see map above for drop off location and directions. The artist is responsible for all shipping costs and in-transit insurance. Shipped artwork must be sent prepaid and in a substantial reusable container. Special shipping instructions and prepaid shipping label must accompany each piece of delivered artwork if it is to be shipped back to artist after Fair. The Ohio State Fair will not be responsible for an insufficient prepaid shipping label, will not pay any difference and cannot ship via Fed Ex or UPS to a PO box.

AMATEUR & PROFESSIONAL DIVISION NOTES

- Must be an Ohio resident and 17 years of age or older.
- Unlimited entries.
- Awards will not be announced until the Awards Ceremony. After the Awards Ceremony they will be posted online.
- Only original artwork may be entered. Reproductions, copies, or work that has been created through the instruction of another artist are ineligible.
- Artwork must have been completed in the last four years and must be visibly dated (suggested on the back).
- Artwork previously shown in this exhibition may not be re-entered.
- Instructions to print entry tags will be emailed 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 pickup. Artwork will not be released without it!
- Entries will be judged from uploaded digital images. Artist names not allowed on images.
- Accepted artists will have the opportunity to provide an art specific social media account that will be made available during the fair. This includes but is not limited to websites for your artwork, Instagram, Facebook, or Twitter. Links may be checked for family friendly content, and the Ohio Expo Center reserves the right to remove any links provided.

“AMATEUR” DEFINITION

Does not meet the professional criteria.
New to and/or not yet skilled in a particular medium.
Engage in the creation of arts as a hobby.
If you have won multiple awards in this category, we encourage you to enter as a professional.

“PROFESSIONAL” DEFINITION

You have previously been accepted into the professional division at the Cox Fine Arts Center.
You have been juried into at least 3 exhibitions at the Ohio State Fair or other professional venues (galleries, juried exhibitions, etc.)

NOTE: “CAN I ENTER BOTH AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL DIVISIONS?”

No, you may only enter as an amateur or a professional, but not both.

Artists who may consider themselves as a professional in one medium but an amateur in another must still enter only one of the two categories. Once you enter and are accepted into the professional division, your status will remain professional even if you enter a new medium in this exhibition in the future.



ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS

- Hanging work must be wired and ready to display (saw-tooth hangers and clip frames will not be accepted).
- Hanging work may not exceed 8'x 8' or 100 lbs.
- Any artworks with special hanging requirements should be dropped off with necessary hardware, detailed instructions and/or the artist will be present during hanging at the discretion of the Fine Arts Director.
- Installation/Sculpture style art pieces may not exceed 10'x10'x17' and must be installed by the artist after arranging a time with the Fine Arts Director.
- Glass or Plexiglass must be used over water media, drawings, prints, photographs and 2D mixed media artworks.
- Pushpins, T-pins, or other similar hanging methods are not allowed as methods of display for artwork.
- Artist must obtain approval by the Fine Arts Director for any deviations to these limitations.
- Ceramic work MUST be handmade. No commercial molds.
- Artwork must be family-friendly and without profanity or obscene language. The Ohio Expo Center reserves the right to disqualify any artworks violating these criteria.
- Accepted installation works or video art must include all necessary installation components (extension cords, monitors, speakers, hanging/mounting/display solutions, etc.). Accepted Installation artists are encouraged to install their own pieces between June 14-18. Please coordinate with the Fine Arts Director, Flint Garrabrant, f.garrabrant@expo.ohio.gov.
- All artwork submitted to this exhibition must be an original artwork. Giclee prints or reproductions of original works will NOT be accepted into the exhibition.
- Entries should primarily showcase an artist's skills, personal craftsmanship, and distinct artistic voice. The use of AI in the creative process is acceptable only as a supporting element or part of an artist's workflow, and must be disclosed in the medium description. Failing to disclose the use of AI as a medium, or mislabeling or misrepresenting any medium, may result in disqualification. Artwork suspected to have been created solely using AI tools may also result in disqualification.

FEES, SALES, AND COMMISSION

Entry Fees:

Amateur Division	\$10 Processing Fee plus \$5/entry
Professional Division	\$10 Processing Fee plus \$10/entry
Plein Air Painting Competition	\$10 Processing Fee plus \$40 entry (includes 2 works)
Live Mural Painting Competition	No Fee, juried artists will receive a \$100 stipend

Selling Your Art:

The Ohio State Fair provides artists an opportunity to sell their work during the exhibition.

The Ohio State Fair receives a 30% commission on all artwork sold. Please take this into account when pricing your artwork.

Past Patron Purchase Preview:

Past patrons at the Ohio State Fair Fine Arts Exhibition are given the opportunity to purchase artwork for their collections in advance of the exhibition. A placard will be placed by any artwork sold during this event to credit the Patron of the Arts. Invitations to this event will be sent via email in advance of the Patron Preview Event.

TINY ART SHOW

First ever "Show within a show" for Ohio-themed artworks at the Cox Fine Arts Center!

- Entry Fee: None.
- One artwork may be submitted after acceptance into the Fine Arts Exhibition.
- Accepted artists may submit one additional artwork via Google form, which will be emailed out to artists after acceptance into the Fine Arts Exhibition.
- Theme Requirement: Artwork must align with the "Ohio" theme
- Size: Artwork should measure no larger than 6 inches on each side (6" x 6" x 6")
- Accepted Mediums: all mediums accepted. Artwork must meet display criteria of the Fine Arts Exhibition.
- Price Limit: Must not exceed \$250 (this includes the 30% commission)
- Drop-off Dates: Accepted work may be dropped off during Fine Arts Exhibition drop-off times along with accepted artworks for the Fine Arts Exhibition.
- Artwork must be family-friendly.
- Ohio Expo Center Staff may decline any artworks deemed not meeting exhibition requirements. Staff decision on acceptance and display criteria is final.



Div. 5105 Plein Air Painting Competition

Entry Deadline: June 3, 1 p.m.

Competition Dates: July 24-26

Awards: July 26 at 6:30 p.m., Cox Fine Arts Center

Fees: \$10 processing plus \$40 Entry Fee (includes 2 entries, loading pass, and tickets for 3 days)

Competition Notes:

- Must be an Ohio resident and 17 years of age or older.
- Dates: July 24-26 (\$50 fee includes Fair admission for three days of painting if entered by deadline of June 3).

There are no opportunities to enter after the deadline of June 3.

- There are no rain dates. Come prepared for the weather.
- Indoor painting is permitted (ask about limitations at check-in).
- Artist check-in: 9 a.m.-10 a.m. at the Cox Fine Arts Center on Wednesday, July 24 or first day of painting.
- Artists may enter up to two paintings for judging.
- Artwork to be judged must be turned in at the north entrance of the Cox Fine Arts Center before 5 p.m. on Friday, July 26. Artists must not be present during judging, but are welcome to stay during the awards.
- Judging begins at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 26 and awards are presented at 6:30 p.m.
- Artist will be provided a "working artist" sign to place in the area they select to work in.
- Canvas/painting surface must be checked and stamped as "blank" by Fine Arts staff during check-in. Un-stamped paintings may not be considered for the competition.
- Canvas cannot exceed 30" on the longest side (framing/mats included).
- Canvas must be wired and ready to hang. An area for preparing artwork for judging will be provided.
- Artists must supply their own materials and supplies.
- Artists should be prepared to carry their own materials on site. Ohio Expo Center staff are unable to assist.
- Photographs may not be used for reference, to remain in keeping with the spirit of plein air.

Div. 5105 Live Mural Painting Competition

Entry Deadline: June 3, 1 p.m.

Competition Dates: July 26 – July 28 (9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Friday & Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday)

Awards: July 28 at 6 p.m., Cox Fine Arts Center

Fees: No Fee. Juried Artists will be given a \$100 stipend.

Competition Notes:

- Must be an Ohio resident and 17 years of age or older.
 - Competition has space for 10 juried entries.
 - Murals designs submitted for jury into this live competition should meet the theme of "Ohio." Designs not meeting this theme may not be considered.
 - Images of prior works will be submitted through a Google Form when the submissions are open in April. All entries should also include a sketch of the mural design intended for this competition.
 - Murals will be painted on freestanding 4'x8' primed wood panel.
 - Team entries of up to two artists are allowed. Only 1 artist should sign up, but note there will be a team.
 - Only 1 entry per artist or team will be accepted.
 - Artists must finish their artwork before 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 28.
 - Artist check-in: 9 a.m.-10 a.m. at the Cox Fine Arts Center on Friday, July 26 or Saturday, July 27
 - Artists should use paints resistant to the outdoor elements. No rain dates or indoor painting are permitted.
 - Working space allotted to each mural is 10'x10'. This includes space for materials. Stanchions will surround the competition area. Storage will be available indoors when artists are not at work.
 - The Ohio Expo Center will supply a sink for running water, the wooden panel, and a tarp to prevent stain or damage to the ground beneath the competition site. Artists must provide all other materials needed for their entry.
 - If desired, artist may supply their own tarp and method to secure tarp to protect their work in the event of rain.
- The Ohio Expositions Center is not responsible for these materials.