

2017 IOWA STATE FAIR FINE ART EXHIBITION

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FINE ART CALENDAR

June 9	Deadline for submitting entries at https://iowastatefair.artcall.org/
June 23	Entrants notified of judges' decisions via email
July 7	Deadline for accepted entries to be delivered by mail to the Iowa State Fair
July 8	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Accepted entries to be delivered to the Cultural Center
August 5	9:00 a.m. - Artist's Conversation Session 1; 1:00 p.m. - Artist's Conversation Session 2 (Artist's Conversation Sessions open to adult entrants)
August 6	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Fine Art Reception and Award Ceremony (open to all entrants and their families) 3:00 p.m. - Presentation of Awards
August 10-19	9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. - Exhibition open to the public
August 20	9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Exhibition open to the public 7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - Entrants may claim work at the Cultural Center *
August 21	Noon to 6:00 p.m. - Entrants may claim work at the Cultural Center *

* Entrant must present receipt or proof of identity to claim work.

SUBMISSION OF WORK INTO THIS EXHIBITION INDICATES ACCEPTANCE OF ALL CONDITIONS IN THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE AT <https://iowastatefair.artcall.org/>

- One image per work is permitted. Three-dimensional work may be represented by two images from different angles.
- **ALL images must be in .jpg format and Windows compatible.**
- **All image files should be high resolution (300 dpi).**
- **The Ideal image size is 2700 px x 3600 px.**
- **Please Note: The failure to provide a high quality image will be taken into consideration by the judges when the piece is juried. It MAY be regarded as a probable negative factor. Entrants are encouraged to take photographs of their work (if two dimensional) prior to framing the work, and, if at all possible, in direct light.**

Images of submitted works become the property of the Iowa State Fair as a permanent record of the exhibition and for promotional use relating to the exhibition.

If an actual object does not "match" the digital image which has been accepted, (i.e. if the digital image has been manipulated for appearance) then the actual object will not be accepted for exhibition.

ELIGIBILITY RULES

For work to be considered for this exhibition, it must meet the following requirements:

- It must not have been previously exhibited in the Fine Art Exhibition at the Iowa State Fair.
- It must have been executed since 2015.
- It must be original. This means that the entrant has used his or her own ideas. Copies of work created by other artists or photographers must not be used in any way, including downloading, reproducing, duplicating in exact form the ideas, techniques, or subject matter of other artists or photographers.

General rules listed on the Iowa State Fair website also apply in this department.

PRESENTATION RULES

For work to be exhibited, it must meet these requirements:

- Be ready to display securely and safely. A sturdy wire must be attached to the back of the frame for hanging. We reserve the right to refuse work which has any of the following hanging devices: "sawtooth" hanging devices, cardboard backing materials with cardboard "cuts" for hanging, string, monofilament, scotch tape as a finishing material.
- Meet size limitations listed below:
 - Adult two dimensional work may not exceed 52 inches in either direction.
 - Adult three dimensional work may not be larger than 60 inches in any direction.
 - Adult three dimensional work must be mounted on a suitable base, or wired or have other hanging arrangements. Work may not be excessively heavy or fragile.
 - Junior, Youth and Children works may not exceed 30 inches in any direction.
- Surface finish and protection:
 - The work, if two dimensional and a pastel, or water color, or drawing or print must be framed, covered with glass or plexi-glass for protection. Acetate is not a suitable protection.
 - All media must be dry when submitted for exhibition.

TIPS FOR PREPARING ENTRIES

Tips for photographing artwork can be found here: <https://artcall.org/pages/tips-for-photographing-artwork-for-digital-submissions>

A video tutorial on how to enter can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/user/iastatefair/featured>

CATEGORIES BY AGE

Age needs to be **noted on all entry forms** along with name and address.

ADULT – persons age 19 and over, high school graduates regardless of age enter as adult (limit two entries)

YOUTH – persons age 14 to and including age 18 (limit two entries)

JUNIOR – persons age 9 to and including age 13 (limit two entries)

CHILDREN – persons age 3 to and including age 8 (limit one entry)

Please note: All work submitted by children between the ages of 3 and 8 will be displayed. However, due to space limitations these young entrants may submit only one piece of work.

ADULT CATEGORIES BY MEDIA

1. ACRYLIC/ TEMPERA

2. DRAWING - This category includes work rendered by hand with pencil, charcoal, ink or graphite. It does NOT include digitally enhanced images.

3. FIBER - Handwoven and/or hand decorated textiles are eligible. All articles must be handcrafted by the entrant only. The category includes weaving, fiber construction, batik, tie dying, knotting, appliqué and trapunto. Work must be accompanied by a label for identification and ready to hang or install.

4. GLASS - The definition of this category has been expanded to include but not to be limited to hand blown glass, mouth blown glass various forms of hot glass.

5. JEWELRY - This category seeks entries which have been created by artists with a desire to create new forms and designs of personal wear adornment. It can include assemblage (beading, repurposed materials and alternative non-metal construction) or it can include hand formed (cast, forged, carved, solder assembly, cold connection, handmade glass work and enamel). Hand formed pieces are best submitted to the Fine Art exhibition. Entrant is encouraged to submit a paragraph of the assemblage method used in creating their piece with their entry submission. Those pieces which involve assemblage may be submitted to the Creative Arts & Crafts exhibition.

6. MIXED MEDIA - This category calls for art work which is created with more than one media, the use of which produces a fine art product that conveys a sense of depth and width but involves no actual physical depth, other than that created by illusion. (If the product involves actual physical depth, it may be submitted as a sculpture.)

7. OIL PAINTING

8. PASTELS - Includes both dry and oil based pastels.

9. POTTERY - Includes handmade earthenware, stoneware and porcelain. Delicately constructed work requiring more than normal careful handling should not be submitted.

10. ORIGINAL HAND PULLED PRINTS - This category refers to hand pulled prints in the traditional areas of printmaking such as relief printing, etching, intaglio, solarprints, monoprints, serigraphs. It does NOT refer to commercial reproduction processes such as the glicée print or computer enhanced prints.

11. SCULPTURE

12. WATERCOLOR

13. COLLABORATIVE WORK - This category calls for art work that is the result of two individuals collaborating to create one piece of artwork.

NOTIFICATION OF JURY RESULTS

An email will be sent to entrants after the jury process is complete. Notification of results can be expected on June 23. A list of entrants who have one or more works accepted for display will be posted on the Iowa State Fair website at www.iowastatefair.org prior to the Reception. Complete results, including prize awards, will be posted after the reception. The judges' decisions are final.

ACCEPTED ENTRIES

SUBMITTING ACCEPTED WORK BY MAIL (DUE JULY 7)

- Print receipt and attach to the **upper left corner on the back** of your artwork. If the work is three dimensional, attach receipt to the bottom of the object. (Receipt can be printed from *My Submissions* when logged on to <https://iowastatefair.artcall.org/>.)
- Include return postage in your package.
- Ship the accepted work with printed receipt attached to the following address **to be received by** Friday, July 7:
Iowa State Fair
Fine Art Exhibition
Administration Building
3000 East Grand Avenue
Des Moines IA 50317
- Shipped entries must be securely packed in reusable packages. MASKING TAPE SHOULD BE USED TO PROTECT GLASS FROM BREAKAGE IN TRANSIT. Work shipped in foam pellets or beads will not be accepted. Entries must be shipped prepaid. Crated entries will be returned to the entrant after September 1 if shipping costs are provided by the exhibitor.

SUBMITTING ACCEPTED WORK IN PERSON (DUE JULY 8)

- Print receipt and attach to the **upper left corner on the back** of your artwork. If the work is three dimensional, attach receipt to the bottom of the object. (Receipt can be printed from *My Submissions* when logged on to [https://iowastatefair.artcall.org/.](https://iowastatefair.artcall.org/))
- Deliver the work in person on Saturday, July 8 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to the **Cultural Center** on the Fairgrounds.

LIABILITY

The Management will use diligence to insure the safety of articles after their arrival and placement, but in no case will be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur before, during or after the Fair. This also applies to work **NOT PICKED UP** on Monday, August 21 between stated hours.

AWARDS AND JUDGING

A panel of three judges will jury the work for the Fine Art Exhibition. Each has been selected for their broad range of competency and knowledge about the artwork being done in today's world of art. The first step in selecting the work for the 2017 Fine Art Exhibition will be done via electronic submissions. All submitted work will be reviewed by each judge working independently. All work in the Iowa State Fair Fine Art Competition is juried on the basis of the work alone. Adult entries are juried with other pieces in the same media category initially. The criteria of effective composition, skillful use of the media, and evocative power are kept in mind.

Selection of prize winners will occur from the physical pieces after they have been delivered to the Cultural Center.

Prize values listed below will be fulfilled with cash and/or merchandise of equal value.

In the Adult category the following prizes will be offered:

- \$1000 Best of Show

In each of 13 media areas for Adults the following three prizes will be offered:

- \$125 First Prize
- \$75 Second prize
- \$50 Third prize

In the Youth category the following five prizes will be offered:

- \$100 First prize
- \$75 Second Prize
- \$50 Third Prize
- \$25 Fourth prize
- \$25 Fifth Prize

In the Junior category the following five trophies will be given:

- First Prize
- Second Prize
- Third Prize
- Fourth Prize
- Fifth Prize

RETURN OF WORK

To claim a work of art submitted to this exhibition, the claimant must present their receipt. A designated substitute individual may claim work for the entrant if that person presents both the receipt and a proper form of identification with photo id, such as a drivers' license.

NO WORK can be picked up during the exhibition so that the integrity of the show remains intact.

WORK can be claimed at the **Cultural Center** on **Sunday, August 20 between 7:15 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.** However admission will be charged at the gate since other Fair activities continue on the Fairgrounds during these hours. Gate admission (\$6) will be charged until 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 20. No entry after 9:00 p.m.

WORK can also be claimed at the **Cultural Center** on **Monday, August 21 between Noon and 6:00 p.m.** Note: at both times the entrant, or his/her designated representative, must provide proof of identity to claim the artwork.

As an alternative beginning on Wednesday, August 23 and until Friday, September 1, entries can be picked up in the **Administration Building**. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on weekdays and 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday August 26 and Sunday August 27. (Please note: Entries will **not** be available for pick up on Tuesday, August 22.) After Friday, September 1, all unclaimed entries become the property of the Iowa State Fair and will be deposited as necessary.

ARTIST'S CONVERSATION

On Saturday, August 5 we invite Fine Art entrants to a sneak preview of the show and an opportunity to have a conversation with experienced and knowledgeable artists who have received some acclaim for their work. These guest artists are not the judges; therefore, their opinions about the show will be bias-free and objective. The emphasis will be on the art work in this year's State Fair Exhibit. The Artists Conversation is open to adult Fine Art entrants. More information will be sent to entrants in June.