

The Fine Arts Department of the Minnesota State Fair presents an annual art exhibition that is the result of a **JURIED COMPETITION**. Participation is open to all living residents of Minnesota, subject to the conditions and rules outlined in this document. **All entries are juried, and only the works accepted by the jurors will be displayed in the Fine Arts Center during the State Fair, August 24-September 4, 2017.**

Please read the ENTIRE rules and regulations before beginning the submission process.

Registration is required. Eligible artists must register their work and provide a digital image(s) online via the Minnesota State Fair website at www.mnstatefair.org. Registration must be completed online by 4:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, 2017. ALL changes to a registered item must be completed by 4:30 p.m. Monday, July 10, 2017. Prior to the deadline, artists may modify their registration by signing in to their existing account, making their changes and reconfirming the registration.

IMPORTANT: ENTRIES WILL NOT BE RECEIVED IF NOT REGISTERED.

AWARDS. Awards will be made in all classes to meritorious entries. Winners will be announced at Preview Night, Tuesday, August 22, in Twin Cities newspapers and on the Minnesota State Fair website. Please do not call the Fine Arts Center before that time for information on award winners. Total amount offered by the fair (all classes inclusive): \$10,000.

JURY PROCESS. This is a two-phase jury process. In **Phase 1**, jurors will first review submitted digital images to determine which works will be delivered for Phase 2. **Phase 2** will be an in-person jury review to determine the works to be accepted for the 2017 Fine Arts Exhibition at the Minnesota State Fair. Please take care in photographing your work. The jury will consist of recognized individuals in their respective media. All artists will be notified via email of the decisions of the jurors.

Phase 1 submission process: Each entrant is required to submit a digital image(s) of their work. Images should be in JPEG format. We recommend the shortest dimension of the submitted image be 1000 pixels. Artists **MUST** submit AT LEAST ONE DIGITAL IMAGE of the entry. Only one image is required, but entrants are allowed up to THREE total images to present the **ONE** work. If images of more than one work are submitted, entrant will be disqualified.

For three-dimensional art (generally classes 2, 6, 7) each image may be used to present a different view of the object in space.

For two-dimensional art (generally classes 1, 3, 4, 5, 8) the first image must be a full, frontal view, while the other two may be details of the work.

ELIGIBILITY. Original works by living residents of Minnesota **executed since January 1, 2015**. Work of students eligible only if executed without the help of the instructor. Work that has been accepted and shown in a previous Minnesota State Fair Fine Arts Exhibition is ineligible.

NUMBER OF WORKS. One work per artist. Suites, diptychs and works including multiple objects are not accepted unless they are mounted in a single frame, or on a common base or substrate.

SIZE. Works exceeding six (6) feet in any direction (including frame) are not accepted. Very heavy objects requiring special handling may be entered subject to approval of the Fine Arts Department.

ENTRY FEE. No entry fee will be charged for participation in this competition.

LIABILITY AND INSURANCE. Because of the enormous number of entries received at the fair, the cost of insuring all work entered is prohibitive. Therefore, insurance will **ONLY** be provided on the work **ACCEPTED** for the exhibition, coverage beginning with acceptance, subject to the limitations described below. All other artwork will not be insured. Experienced workers will be employed and every precaution will be taken, but the fair will not be responsible for loss or damage to unaccepted entries, including frames and mountings, no matter how they are caused, and all entries are submitted subject to this condition. The fair has an excellent record in the care and handling of works of art. However, it is suggested that artists insure work privately if they feel the need for such protection.

Insurance will be provided on all **accepted** entries at the valuation stated on the entry form. **Insurance valuation is one-half the amount of the sale price.** Coverage will not be in force until an entry is accepted for the exhibition. The fair reserves the right to refuse coverage on any exceptionally fragile or overpriced entry. Coverage will cease Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 7 p.m.

SALES. Any accepted work that the exhibitor chooses to list as FOR SALE will be sold, as displayed, through the Minnesota State Fair Foundation at a 20% commission. All accepted entries will remain on exhibit throughout the fair. ****Note:** Sale price includes frame, please price your work accordingly. Changes will not be made after registration closes July 10. A social security number or Tax ID is required on the registration form for pieces listed as 'for sale'.

PUBLICITY. The Minnesota State Fair reserves the right to photograph any work in the exhibition for educational, catalog, internet or publicity purposes.

DELIVERY OF WORK

The entries chosen for the second phase of the jury process must be delivered in person. **Entries that have been selected for Phase 2** will be received Saturday and Sunday, July 29 and 30, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Entries must be brought to the Fine Arts Center, corner of Randall and Cosgrove, Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Due to the fragility and/or size of many art pieces, no entries will be accepted via any type of delivery service. Artists with entries accepted for Phase 2 that are unable to bring their entries on the dates listed may bring them from Wednesday, July 19 through Thursday, July 27 for a **\$25 fee** due upon delivery, to the Competition Office, 1312 Cosgrove Street, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. ****NOTE:** If you choose to drop off your work early your work will **NOT** be insured and will be at risk of damage during storage and transportation of work to the Fine Arts Building.

RELEASE OF WORK

NON-ACCEPTED work must be picked up **Saturday or Sunday, August 5 and 6, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. from the Fine Arts Center.** These items are not insured.

ACCEPTED work must be picked up from the Fine Arts Center on **Tuesday or Wednesday, September 5 and 6, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.** Responsibility for safekeeping of all such entries **expires** at 7 p.m., September 6 ("expiration").

If artists are unable to pick up work during the established pick-up dates and times, arrangements to do so must be made by calling the Competition Department **AFTER** September 7, 2017. **\$25 fee due upon pick up.** Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at (651) 288-4417. **NOTE:** Your work will **NOT** be insured after "expiration" and will be at risk of damage during transportation and storage. All entries must be **picked up by December 31, 2017** at 4:30 p.m. **AFTER** such date, the Fair reserves the right to destroy or dispose of non-claimed items at its discretion. Each person who enters an item at the fair does so on the condition and with the understanding that he or she forfeits any and all legal rights and claims to his or her entered item that is not picked up by the deadlines described in this section.

IMPORTANT DATES - 2016

July 10 - Monday: Registration deadline - 4:30 p.m.

July 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 - Phase 1: jurors will first review submitted digital images to determine which works will be delivered for **Phase 2.** ****all artists will be notified via email of the decisions of the jurors July 17 or 18.***

July 29 and 30 - Saturday and Sunday: Phase 2 entries received, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. During Phase 2 an in-person jury will review at the Fine Arts Center at the Minnesota State Fair. The **Phase 2** review will determine the works to be accepted for the 2017 Fine Arts Exhibition.

August 5 and 6 - Saturday and Sunday: Phase 2 non-accepted work released, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. from the Fine Arts Center. ****all Phase 2 artists will be notified via email of the decisions of the jurors August 2 or 3.***

August 22 - Tuesday: FIRST GLANCE EVENT, 5-6:30 p.m. The Minnesota State Fair Foundation 501(c)(3) invites artists, friends, family, and art enthusiasts to support the future of the arts at the Minnesota State Fair. This is your chance to get a first glance at the selected works for this year's exhibition. Tickets \$40/per person. RSVP at www.msffoundation.org or call (651) 288-4323 by August 15. Light refreshments will be served. Please refer to map and instructions on next page for directions on entering the fairgrounds.

August 22 - Tuesday: PREVIEW NIGHT, 7-9:30 p.m. Participating and non-exhibiting artists and their friends are cordially invited to attend the Minnesota State Fair Artists' Preview. Please refer to map and instructions on next page for directions on entering the fairgrounds.

August 24 - September 4 - Minnesota State Fair Fine Arts Show, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

September 5 and 6 - Tuesday and Wednesday: Accepted work released from the Fine Arts Center, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

SUBMISSION OF WORK INDICATES ACCEPTANCE OF ALL CONDITIONS AND RULES LISTED-

The fair reserves the right to change the classification of an entry if the juror or staff feels it belongs in a different class, or to remove an entry from competition if it is not in compliance with fair rules or conditions. Work requiring more than normal careful handling is not eligible.

DIGITAL PROCESS. As digital technology continues to expand and influence the way many artists work, not simply photographers, acceptance of these entries is expanded to all classes. Please note that this applies to the finished work itself, not the process of entering the submission. For instance, digitally photographing an oil painting for submission does not constitute 'digital process'. However, if an oil painting includes a digitally printed photo as a collage element, that does constitute an element of 'digital process'. During registration, for identification purposes and to insure we are best serving our participants, entrants will be asked to indicate if the submitted work includes digital process, and to describe that element.

CLASSES

1. **OIL / ACRYLIC / MIXED MEDIA:** Must be properly framed for protection of the work and safe handling. Gallery wrapped works will not be accepted. Oil paintings must be dry. REMOVE ALL HARDWARE AND WIRES FROM THE BACK OF THE FRAME.
2. **SCULPTURE:** All plaster sculpture must have a permanent base. Bas-reliefs (no plaster) must have a secure ring at the top. Sculpture with a base must be firmly attached to the base.
3. **WATERCOLOR / GOUACHE / CASEIN / TEMPERA:** Must be properly framed and covered with glass or Plexiglas. It is recommended that work larger than 30" x 36" be covered with Plexiglas. REMOVE ALL HARDWARE AND WIRES FROM THE BACK OF THE FRAME.
4. **DRAWINGS / PASTEL:** See above, same rules as for Class 3.
5. **PRINTS:** See above, same rules as for Class 3. No prints of work in other media.
6. **CERAMICS / GLASS:** Delicately constructed work requiring more than normal careful handling is not eligible. Plaster objects not acceptable. Tile works - single tile or multiple tiles mounted on a single platform must include their own suspension system.
7. **TEXTILES / FIBERS:** Hand-made and/or hand-decorated items are eligible.
8. **PHOTOGRAPHY:** Color or black and white. Traditional presentations must be framed and covered with glass or Plexiglas. Non-traditional presentations must also be framed, but not necessarily covered with glass or Plexiglas. REMOVE ALL HARDWARE AND WIRES FROM THE BACK OF THE FRAME.

RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

SPECIAL RULES

1. Entries in Classes 1, 3, 4, 5, and 8 must be properly framed. For the protection of your work as well as that of others, frame should extend beyond the surface of the work. Because of the volume of entries we handle, work must be stored during adjudication resting frame against frame. ALL HARDWARE AND WIRES MUST BE REMOVED from the back (including metal frames). Bracket and string framing systems are not accepted.
2. Unusually shaped pieces that require hanging must have appropriate hanging devices attached or included (Classes 2, 6, and 7).
3. Excessively fragile works and pieces larger than six (6) feet in any direction (including frame) are not accepted. Very heavy objects requiring special handling may be entered subject to approval of the Fine Arts Department.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **The Minnesota State Fair Fine Arts competition requires registration of entries.** Please read the entire entry form.
2. **Phase 2** entries will be received Saturday and Sunday, July 29 and 30, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Entries must be brought to the Fine Arts Center, corner of Randall and Cosgrove, Minnesota State Fairgrounds.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to security and safety concerns, please note the procedures for the release of **ACCEPTED** work from the Fine Arts Center and **PREVIEW NIGHT**. We appreciate your cooperation and adherence to the requirements as we work to maintain a safe and secure environment for all our guests.

FIRST GLANCE EVENT AND PREVIEW NIGHT

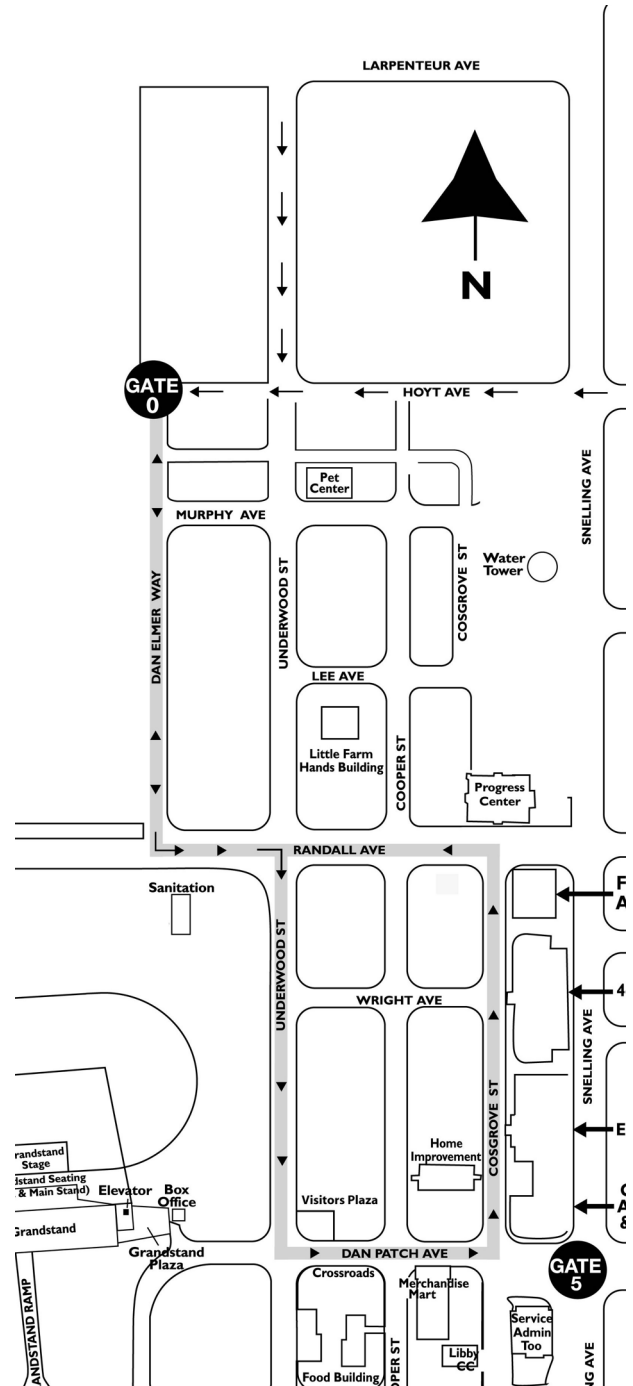
All vehicles will be required to enter the grounds through **GATE 0**, located on the north end of the fairgrounds. You may access this gate via Underwood, with access off Larpenteur Avenue or via Hoyt Avenue with Access off Snelling Avenue. Individual inspections may occur at this location. SEE MAP TO THE RIGHT.

PICK-UP OF ARTWORK

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If artists are unable to pick up work from the Fine Arts Center during the established times, arrangements to do so must be made with the Competition Office **AFTER** September 7, 2017 by calling (651) 288-4417.

There WILL be a fee of \$25 applied at time of late pickup for those picking up artwork AFTER established pick-up dates.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Fine Arts Center telephone (July 28-September 6)

(651) 642-2301

Competition Office telephone

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