

2024 Rules and Requirements for the Festival of the Arts Regional Arts Competition and Exhibition

The Festival Regional Arts Committee has decided to continue In-Person jurying for 2024. **NO On-Line jurying this year.**

If you can, please upload an image of your entries for our online catalog. If you can't we will have a photo booth set up to take one at drop off.

All entries listed for sale upon entry shall be available for sale through Festival only through the term of the show.

Entries must be delivered to the rear door of John S. Hyatt and Associates, 1765 Alpine Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, on Thursday, April 25, from Noon to 5:00 pm, Friday, April 26 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm, or on Saturday, April 27, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be signs to guide you through the parking lot to the correct door.

Jurying will be held following the submission and you will be notified of Acceptance or Non-Acceptance via email by midnight on April 29, Non-Accepted works will be available for pick-up at the same location as they were dropped off on Thursday, May 2, from Noon to 5:00 pm, Friday, May 3, From 4:00 to 6:00 pm, and Saturday, May 4, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Underwritten by the Daniel and Pamella DeVos Foundation

Even though entries will be juried in-person this year, we are still requiring photographs of all works to be submitted. We will have a photo booth set up and we will take photos of your works at no charge. Those photos will be used on our website as a reference for Art Sales like they were last year through the Festivalgr.org Website.

Selected works will be in DeVos Place Skywalk from May 12, through June 15. Award winners will then be displayed at Lowell Arts, from July 6 to August 10, 2024. There will be a reception at LowellArts on July 14. All works selected will also be on display on the Festivalgr.org website.

Eligibility

- **Residency:** Residents of Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kent, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, and Ottawa Counties are eligible.
- **Age:** There is no age limit.
- **All entries must have been completed in the years 2022, 2023, AND 2024 and must not have shown in any previous Festival of the Arts juried exhibition.**

Categories will include 2-D - (Painting, Drawing, Prints), 3-D, Photography, and, Illustration, including Comic Art, Anime, and Graphic Novels, Digital Photomontage, & Digital Art. Change to Photography eligibility. We will no longer accept metal photographs that are not framed. Metal prints may still be entered, but they MUST be framed and ready for hanging. Sub-categories eligible for Awards this year will be **Grand River Art, Sixth Street Bridge Art and Miniature Art.**

Grand River Art must be an image of or representative of the Grand River. Sixth Street Bridge Art must represent the Sixth Street Bridge. All media are welcome. Each Grand River Art or Sixth Street Bridge entry counts toward the three entries you are allowed.

All miniatures must be framed to 5" x 7" for 2-dimensional entries, and less than 4" x 4" x 8" including a base for 3-Dimensional Entries.

There will also be a **Special Award for Comic Book** art.

Crop Marks will print 50 copies of the winning comic book or graphic novel. Artists must submit 6 pages of their book, mounted on a single board, for jurying, as one entry. The award winner will be selected from the entries that are selected for the Exhibition. The printed page size will be 6 5/8" x 10 1/8" and the books will include up to 36 pages including covers and editorials, printed in full color or grayscale. This award cannot be converted to a cash prize.

The total value of Awards for the Regional Arts Competition was over \$13,000 last year.

Jurors and their bios will be posted on the Festivalgr.org website.

Requirements for entered pieces

- For 2024, each person is allowed up to **three (3) entries**.
- **Entry Fees: \$25 for one piece, \$40 for 2 pieces, \$50 for 3 pieces**
- Entry fees are **nonrefundable**.
- Diptychs and Triptychs - for the purposes of this competition the definition will be: a set of respectively two or three associated works intended to be visually linked together. This is not a category that allows several disparate pieces to be entered as one piece.

For Delivery

- Two-dimensional works cannot be larger than **54" high by 54" wide**.
- Three-dimensional works cannot be larger than **36" x 36" by 72" tall**. The height must include any dolly or cart as both will have to fit through the doors and must be made safe for handling by two volunteers.
- Paint, glue, and other finishes **MUST BE DRY**.

Hanging and installation:

- All work on paper or those that are matted or mounted **must be framed** and have D-rings on the upper two corners for hanging using the DeVos Place hanging system. No map pins, magnets, or BINDER CLIPS will be allowed.
- Exposed electrical wires, broken glass shards, sharp points, sawtooth hangers, clip frames, or exposed glass edges **ARE NOT PERMITTED**.
- Works may have free moving parts.
- **No Electrical Outlets are available.**
- No accompanying literature will be allowed.
- Entries selected will be on display in-person on the Skywalk between the Amway Grand and Devos Place from **May 12, through June 15**. Works that receive Awards will be in an Awards Show at LowellArts from July 6 - August 10, 2024. All selected works will be available for viewing and purchase through the Festivalgr.org website.

Drop-off and Pickup Requirements

- **IMPORTANT:** Works which cannot be safely handled by volunteers at any time during drop-off or installation will not be accepted. Works may be rejected based on suitability and/or ease of display. **The decision of the Festival 2024 Regional Arts Competition and Exhibition Committee on these issues is final. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- **Artists will be notified of their juried status via email.**

- Entries will only be accepted at the location and on dates and during times listed above. Application forms may be filled out through the Formsite Link or the FestivalGR.org website.
- Identification labels issued by **Festival of the Arts** must be attached correctly at time of drop-off.

Follow instructions on the labels emailed after online registration. The identification label must be attached to the back, upper right hand corner of each two dimensional work, and on the bottom or back of three dimensional works.

- Pick up dates and locations for accepted entries will be sent to the artists.
- All entries not claimed within one week of the deadline will be considered abandoned and become property of **Festival of the Arts in Grand Rapids** and will be disposed of as seen fit.
- **IMPORTANT:** The **Festival 2024** Regional Arts Exhibition is conducted by **Festival of the Arts in Grand Rapids** as a public service. Neither **Festival of the Arts in Grand Rapids, DeVos Place, nor LowellArts** accept any responsibility for loss or damage and do not provide insurance for works submitted. Artists are advised to arrange for insurance if they wish to have their works insured.

Selection and Notification and Award Eligibility

- **Jurying is closed to the public.**
- Jurors do not have access to entry information including sale prices, number of works submitted, or other information apart from entrant's signature included on work.
- All entrants will be notified of selection status via email.

Sale of works during exhibition

- **We strongly suggest that all entries be for sale.**
- **All sales transactions** will be handled by **Festival of the Arts in Grand Rapids.**
- Any work purchased must remain on Physical display from the beginning of the in-person show ***through June 15, 2024 at DeVos Place. Any changes to dates will be sent to artists.***
- Entrants must indicate the **sale price** for each entry. A commission of 25% will be deducted from the sale amount. The artist will receive 75% of the sale price. Sales tax will be added and will not come out of the artist's percentage.
- Only pieces that are accepted and mounted in the Exhibitions for the duration will be eligible to receive awards.

If you have questions or concerns email rae@festivalgr.org. Call 616.425.9881 for help.