

VISUAL ARTIST ALLIANCE OF SPRINGFIELD GENERAL EXHIBITION PROSPECTUS

PURPOSE

The Visual Artist Alliance of Springfield (VAAS), a regional not-for-profit organization which consists of over 50 professional and amateur artists working in all media, conducts at least six juried and non-juried exhibitions throughout the year. The primary purpose of these exhibitions is to recognize and encourage VAAS members to pursue excellence in art through competition and showcasing their artwork.

Individual artists who are not members of VAAS are permitted to submit artwork for a VAAS-sponsored exhibition, provided that they pay the required \$25.00 fee and meet the eligibility requirements.

ELIGIBILITY

VAAS and non-VAAS members must be 18 years or older and live within a 180-mile radius of Springfield, MO.

ELIGIBLE WORK SUBMISSIONS

A maximum of three (3) pieces of 2-D and/or 3-D artwork may be submitted, members can submit two (2) pieces at no charge and a third piece for a \$5.00 fee. All work submitted must be original and hand-rendered (i.e. not copied from another artist's work, done from an instructional resource, or done under the supervision of an instructor). Submitted work must have been completed within the last three years and has not been exhibited previously in a VAAS exhibition.

All 2-D work must be dry to the touch, appropriately framed and ready to hang with proper wire hangers (no saw tooth hangers, fishing line, or string). Exceptions for framing requirements are "gallery style" canvasses with edges painted or finished in a similar manner, including wire for hanging. All works on paper, must be glazed with glass or Plexiglas. The size of each submitted piece is restricted to 40" x 60" unframed. Diptychs and triptychs are considered as one work but are still restricted to maximum overall dimensions of 40" x 06". All submitted work must be of a weight and scale that can be easily handled by the Exhibition Committee members. Currently no nudes are allowed at any VAAS venues.

The same considerations are to be made for 3-D works, especially with respect to the stability of the piece when it is on display.

The VAAS Exhibition Committee does have the right to refuse a piece if it is not properly prepared or it exceeds the dimension restrictions noted above.

ENTRY FEE

Current VAAS members are not charged an entry fee for their first two submissions. Members can submit a third piece for a \$5.00 fee. Non-members are required to pay a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 per show.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

Artists submitting work to a juried or non-juried show exhibition are to complete a VAAS Entry Form which is available online at www.visartalliance.com or at the Exhibition Entry Receiving Desk at the applicable venue on the Drop-Off date. Artwork is to be properly labeled with the following information and with the label securely attached to the back of the artwork (labels can also be found at the VAAS website):

- Entrant's Name
- Title of the Artwork
- Media
- Size (including frame)
- Price (indicate if the piece is Not For Sale (NFS))
- Entrant's Contact Address, Phone Number, and E-mail Address
- Entrant's preferred contact information for purchase inquiries (phone number or e-mail to be printed on labels)

Any required entry fees must be paid at the time the artwork with labels and entry form are dropped at the advertised venue location. Drop-Off time is normally from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on the Drop-Off date.

If submitting works for a juried show, the jury process will normally take place from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM of the submission Drop-Off date. Notification of refusal of submitted work will be made by phone as soon as possible on the submission drop-off date. Applicable artists will be requested to retrieve declined works no later than 12:00 PM.

Artists whose works have received an exhibition award (see below) will also be notified by phone. All artists whose works are accepted are expected to attend the reception for entered show.

JURIED EXHIBITION AWARDS

Standard juried exhibition awards are as follows:

- 1st Place: \$100
- 2nd Place: \$75
- 3rd Place: \$50
- Honorable Mention: \$25 gift card
- Theme Award: \$25 gift card

SALES COMMISSIONS

All accepted entries that are sold during or attributed to the applicable VAAS exhibition are subject to a 10% commission. The price stated on the initial entry form and label may not be changed during the duration of the applicable exhibition.

PICK-UP OF UNSOLD WORK

Artists will be advised of the date and time to pick up unsold works when they drop off their submissions at the applicable venue.

DISCLAIMER

While the utmost care will be taken when handling the submitted works, artists submitting works for exhibition must understand and accept that neither the VAAS nor the exhibition venue will be responsible for loss or damage to their submitted works. Artists are responsible for making their own insurance arrangements prior to an exhibition and for arranging the pick-up of their unsold work at the end of the exhibition.

No unclaimed works will be stored in the applicable venue. Again, VAAS and the venue will assume no responsibility for loss or damage to any unclaimed works.

Consent to reproduce works photographically for VAAS promotional and publicity purposes is assumed to be granted unless stated otherwise.