

Celebration of the Arts

Call for Artists



A competitive exhibition open to artists who are:

- 18 years of age or older, and
- living in Kentucky within a 65-mile radius of the Kentucky Museum.

Currently enrolled WKU students and current faculty and staff of WKU are eligible to enter, regardless of residence.

Important Dates:

Jan. 30 Online Entries due at 11:59 pm

Feb. 13 Artwork drop-off, 9 am - 6 pm

Feb. 27 Opening Reception, 6 pm - 8 pm

Feb. 28 - Apr. 17 Show open to public

Apr. 18 Artwork pickup, 9 am - 2 pm

FOR MORE INFO & ENTRY FORM:
wku.edu/go/celebration

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Terms & Conditions

Entry Fee: \$20

Currently enrolled WKU and SKYCTC students may enter free of charge.

ONE ENTRY PER ARTIST.

Entries must be received either (a) in-person at the Kentucky Museum by 4:00 pm on Friday, January 30, 2026, or (b) through the online entry form no later than 11:59 pm on Friday, January 30, 2026.

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Artwork Conditions

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ORIGINAL AND COMPLETED DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS.

*Note: Changes in dimension for 2026

2-D works must be no more than 48" wide x 60" tall and 40 lbs.

3-D works must be no more than 36" x 36" x 80" and 150 lbs.

Artwork substantially based on existing imagery such as movies, television, literature and all other forms of media will not be accepted. No copies of other artists' work. Greenware, utilitarian kits and over the counter craft items are not eligible. All works created from natural materials must be stable, well seasoned and insect and contaminant free. No installations accepted. No substitutions, changes in title, or changes in eligibility status for Purchase Award accepted after entry is received. Exhibit organizers reserve the right to determine appropriate categories and to disqualify work from consideration that does not meet acceptable standards, poses installation issues or is deemed unsafe for the museum environment. No promotional materials accepted. No packaging or transportation containers may be left at the museum. The exhibition committee reserves the right to reject any work that does not meet the criteria set forth on the exhibit website.

Hanging Specifications

No works requiring electricity will be accepted. All framed entries must be prepared for hanging with properly-sized eyelets and wire. Other works intended to hang must have appropriate hanging devices. Entries not properly prepared or those presenting handling or installation issues will not be accepted. Please inquire for works with special installation requirements. Plexiglass is strongly recommended for works larger than 24 inches.

Delivery and Return

All works must be hand delivered and picked up by the artist on the dates and times listed on the Abound Credit Union Celebration of the Arts Calendar. No work will be accepted early or released to anyone other than the artist without permission from the artist. Accepted work must remain on exhibition between February 28 - April 17, 2026.

Categories:

- Ceramics and Glass
- Drawing/Illustration
- Fiber Art
- Graphic Design/Digital Art
- Mixed Media
- Painting
- Photography
- Printmaking
- Sculpture
- Watercolor

Awards and Prizes:

One work will be selected for each of the following awards:

- Kentucky Museum Purchase Award: \$700
- WKU Student Purchase Award: \$350
- Best of Show: \$400
- ArtWorks Merit Award: \$200
- World's Greatest Studio Tour Merit Award: \$150

Prizes will be awarded within each category:

- 1st Place: \$200
- 2nd Place: \$150
- 3rd Place: \$100

Liability

Reasonable precautions will be taken in handling entries, but the Kentucky Museum is not responsible for the loss of or damage to submitted works. Artists should arrange for their own insurance. Unclaimed artwork becomes the property of the Kentucky Museum 14 days after the exhibition closes.

Judging

An experienced art professional from outside of the region will judge the works in all categories listed above. All awards are made at the discretion of the judge. The following individuals are ineligible for awards: Kentucky Museum employees, Kentucky Museum Advisory board members, and Celebration of the Arts Committee members.

Marketing

Organizers reserve the right to reproduce any work submitted for educational or promotional purposes.

Agreement

Submission of any entry to the 2026 Abound Credit Union Celebration of the Arts show will be understood to indicate agreement on the part of the artist with all conditions set forth on this page.

ABSOLUTELY NO CORRECTIONS OR SUBSTITUTIONS.