



ARTVENTURE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

RULES & GUIDELINES

Applicants are responsible for reading and abiding by the following guidelines:

1. Artwork entries exceeding the maximum size will not be accepted.
2. Artwork cannot differ from the uploaded image.
3. Entries that are a copy or similar to an existing artwork will be disqualified.
4. Entries created using Artificial Intelligence (AI), either partially or completely, may not be entered in the Juried Art Exhibition.
5. Items previously shown at ARTventure will be disqualified.
6. ARTventure is a juried competition. Not all entries will be accepted.
7. All entries must be original, made by the artist and completed within the last five (5) years.
8. All entries require photo upload(s).
9. Display and location of the entry are at the discretion of City staff. No entry will be accepted where an artist describes the conditions under which they will show their artwork or how it must be displayed.
10. Artists are responsible for entering their artwork(s) in the correct category.
11. Artwork must be finished; no incomplete or work in progress, or “wet” canvases will be accepted.
12. Two-dimensional works composed of multiple separate pieces (diptychs, triptychs, etc.) are not allowed as one (1) entry unless framed together in one (1) frame within the stated size restrictions.
13. Final acceptance of the entry will be left to the discretion of City staff.
14. ARTventure is a City run event funded by public dollars, and will not accept artwork dealing with drug use, obscenity, defamatory statements, violence or gang activity, satanic or cult themes or other offensive or objectionable content. This is at the discretion of City staff.
15. Although reasonable efforts will be undertaken to safeguard artists’ property against loss, damage or theft, the City of Costa Mesa will not be responsible for any loss, damage or theft of artists’ property brought on the premises during the dates of the ARTventure Juried Art Exhibition.
16. Entries not picked up on entry pickup day become the property of the City of Costa Mesa and will be disposed of promptly.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADULT CATEGORIES

- Artists must reside in Southern California.
- Artists may submit up to two (2) pieces of original artworks that were not exhibited in a previous ARTventure exhibition.
- All entries must be original, made by the artist and completed within the last five (5) years.

ELIGIBILITY FOR YOUNG ADULT CATEGORY

- Open to youth ages 10-17 (by September 1, 2024) who live in Southern California.
- Youth artists may submit up to two (2) pieces of original artwork.
- All entries must be original, made by the artist and completed within the last two (2) years.

SELECTION PROCESS

- City staff will judge all submitted artwork entries, from the uploaded images, to determine if the submitted artworks adhere to the **Rules & Guidelines** presented in the **ARTventure Juried Art Exhibition Guide** (will include the ARTventure Submission Guidelines).
- Qualified jurors will be selected by the City staff. The jury panel will consist of a minimum of three (3) jurors. The panel selects artwork for the exhibition, based on the quality and individual mastery of the medium, and will select the award recipients and honorable mentions.
- The number of accepted entries are also based on the amount of exhibition space available.
- The judges' decisions are final and cannot be protested.

IMPORTANT: The jury panel will make final selections based on the images of artwork submitted in the application process. Make sure the image depicts a true representation of the artwork.

AWARD CATEGORIES FROM 2023

People's Choice Award

Distinguished Award for Representational Art

Distinguished Award for Three-Dimensional Art

Distinguished Award for Abstract Art

Distinguished Award for Photography

Distinguished Award for Mixed Media

Distinguished Award for Fiber Art

Youth Art Award

****Honorable Mention for each category (receives a gift at the Awards Ceremony)*