

Fine Arts Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)



1. Artwork Dropoff and Pickup

- When must artwork be dropped off?
 - Artwork must be physically dropped off at the Cox Fine Arts center or shipped to this address (Ohio State Fair & Expo Center c/o Special Events Department 717 East 17th Avenue Columbus, OH 43211-2698) by the following dates:
 - Friday, June 12, 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 - Saturday, June 13, 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
 - Sunday, June 14, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- When must artwork be picked up?
 - Artwork must be picked up at the Cox Fine Arts Center on the following dates:
 - August 9, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Carry-out only, must be within Fairgrounds before 6 p.m. Fair will not permit entry after 6 p.m.
 - August 10, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
 - August 11, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- What if I am unable to pickup at these times?
 - If you are unable to pick up your entry on Pick-Up day between these hours, your entry MAY be held until Thursday, August 13th at 5 .p.m., depending on space availability.
 - You MUST arrange a pickup day and time with the Fine Arts Coordinator in advance.
 - Unclaimed entries will be disposed of or donated.

2. Entry Deadlines and Requirements

- How many pieces can I enter?
 - You may enter unlimited pieces.
- Can I enter old work?
 - Artwork entered must have been completed within the last two years, and must not have been accepted into a previous show at the Fair.
- Do I enter the Amateur or Professional category?
 - Artists who make a living off of their work, routinely exhibit their work, or have been accepted into the show in the past as a professional should enter as a professional. Artists should enter the Amateur Division if their art is mainly a hobby, or they are new to the medium. If you have won multiple awards in the Amateur category in the past, it is suggested you enter as a Professional.
 - You cannot enter both categories.
- How do I enter the Tiny Art show?
 - You may only enter if you have had pieces accepted into the regular show. When notified of acceptance, you will receive a link to submit a Tiny Art piece.
- Can I use A.I.?
 - Entries must primarily showcase the artist's own skill, craftsmanship, and distinct artistic voice. The use of artificial intelligence tools is

permitted only as a supporting element within an artist's creative workflow and must be clearly disclosed in the medium description during the entry process. Artwork created primarily or entirely through A.I. generation, or entries that fail to accurately disclose or represent the use of A.I. or other media, may be disqualified. Division and eligibility determinations related to A.I. use are final.

- When is the deadline to enter?
 - June 3 at 1 p.m. (late entries will not be accepted)
 - Fees: \$10 non-refundable processing fee and \$10 entry fee per piece for the Amateur category and \$15 entry fee per piece for the Professional category.

3. Judging and Accepted Pieces

- How and when will I know if my art was accepted into the show?
 - After the jurying process concludes, artists will receive one email per submitted artwork indicating whether the work has been accepted or not accepted into the exhibition. Check spam and junk folders to be sure no communications have been missed.
 - If notification emails have not been received by June 19, artists should contact the Fine Arts Coordinator, Grace Collins, at G.Collins@expo.ohio.gov and include the registered artist name, WEN number(s), and title(s) of the artwork(s) being referenced.
- Do I need to put accepted pieces up for sale?
 - No. You may mark a piece NFS (Not for Sale) clearly, or set a price. The Ohio Expo Center retains a 30 percent commission on all artwork sales. Artists should consider this commission when determining pricing.