



## **The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Art Contest**

### **OUT OF THE BOX**

Performing Arts Houston provides a window to the world for our audiences. In the spirit of adventure and greater understanding, we seek growth through continual learning. We challenge ourselves and our patrons, participants, partners, and artists to ask questions, gather insights, and explore new ideas. The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Art Contest encourages students to think outside of the box, to expand the limits of their creativity and identify new and unique ways to express their artistry.

The Annual Student Art Contest aligns the visual arts with Performing Arts Houston's mainstage performing arts presentations, which serve as inspiration for the contest. Hundreds of students submit their artwork each season to win thousands of dollars in prizes, with winning entries showcased in exhibitions around the Houston area.

#### **Awards and Divisions**

Students compete in five divisions for cash and prize awards:

Division A: Grades K-2

Division C: Grades 6-8

Division E: 12 Grade

Division B: Grades 3-5

Division D: Grades 9-11

#### **Judging Criteria**

Entries will be judged on interpretation of theme, creativity and originality, and quality. Specifically, judges will consider the following:

- Does the artwork relate to the contest's theme? Does the artist convey the theme clearly?
- Is the theme presented in a unique way? Is it original?
- Does the artwork provide evidence of creativity and individuality? Is the result distinctive? Does it leave an impression?
- Did the artist effectively compose and organize the elements and principles of art? Is the artwork aesthetically pleasing?
- Does the artwork show evidence of a mastery of the tools and techniques utilized? Are the use of tools and techniques well executed?

#### **Entry Guidelines**

- Students in grades K-12 attending any public, private, charter, or home school within a 50-mile radius of Performing Arts Houston offices (77002) are eligible to enter.
- Artwork of any 2D medium is accepted.
- Artwork must be completed within the 2024-2025 school year.
- Artwork must be unsigned.
- Artwork will be submitted virtually through Performing Arts Houston's website: [www.performingartshouston.org/artcontest](http://www.performingartshouston.org/artcontest).
- Artists must mat artwork if entry is selected as a winning entry, in order to be presented at Student Art Contest Ceremony.
- Artists may only submit one entry. Group art projects and collective efforts are not eligible.

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