



The Fine Print for ArtsFest 2024 - Visual Art

* **What we're looking for:** Overlea ArtsFest specializes in art by new & emerging talent - meaning local artists who are not yet well-known, and not yet making their main living by their artwork. However, we require that submissions be well executed, professionally presented and of good quality. We do not look for or favor any particular style or genre, and welcome all forms of creative expression. Any artist 18 years or older, and of any ethnic background, gender expression, faith or culture may submit. Due to the family atmosphere of our event, no work of an overtly violent, sexual or pornographic nature will be accepted. **We value good composition, originality of vision and uniqueness of approach above all other criteria.**

Judging Criteria: The curator will determine which artwork is accepted for competition into the juried show. The jury panel will determine the final winners of the show based on their scores. The jury panel is comprised of experienced professionals in their specific creative fields. They follow an internationally accepted protocol for evaluating artistic excellence. Our judging criteria are accessible on our website and on our submission forms.

Category Changes: The jury reserves the right to drop any category from competition if they feel there are not enough strong entries to compete, or to move an artist's work into another category if they feel it will compete better in that category. A category must contain at least 3 juried entries to be represented. Also, if we receive a large number of submissions for a certain category, we may decide to divide that category into subcategories in order to judge them more effectively. Artists will be notified of any changes.

Number of Submissions and Fees: Each artist is allowed to submit 2 pieces for any category; however you may enter as many categories as you wish. **Send only your best work.** There is a nominal fee of \$20 to submit up to 2 pieces in any category. This will apply to each category submitted. To avoid the fee, artists have the option to provide 3 hours of volunteer service at ArtsFest or one of our workshop events.

Prizes & Awards: First place winners in each category will receive a 'Best in Show' certificate and a check for \$100. Second and third place winners will receive a 'Second Place' or 'Third Place' certificate. In the event of a large number of strong entries in a particular category, the jurors may decide to award one or more 'Honorable Mention' certificates to acknowledge them. Winners will be announced the week following the event.

People's Choice Awards: There will also be Peoples' Choice 'Best in Show,' 'Second Place' and 'Third Place' certificates given to the top winners in each category, as voted on by the event attendees at the festival and online. Winners will be announced in the week following the event.

Eligibility of artwork: Any artwork that has been previously submitted to an Overlea ArtsFest juried show, whether accepted or not, is not eligible for submission to the current show. All artwork submitted must also be available for sale and must be displayed during the entire juried exhibition thru August 31st.

Art Sales: We will be able to sell your work for you at the festival and during the remainder of the 3-week show. Purchased art will be released to the buyer on Sunday August 11th at the conclusion of ArtsFest, or immediately if they purchase between the 11th and the 31st. The artwork will be carefully wrapped up for transport and the buyer's contact info will be given to you. Overlea ArtsFest will charge a 15% commission on all art sales. You will receive your payment for the sale within 30 days or less.

Liability: Overlea ArtsFest Inc., Holt Park & Center for the Arts, Baltimore County and the Overlea Community Association are not responsible for any loss or damage to your artwork during transport to and from the exhibit, or during any ArtsFest related event or activity. Extreme care will be taken once your pieces are in our custody for the show. We are artists too, and we will respect your art as if it were our own. However, artists should maintain their own insurance policies to insure their artwork against loss or damage.