

2021 Rapides Parish



YOUTH ART MONTH COMPETITION

at the Alexandria Museum of Art
March 5 – April 10, 2021

All student artists in grades K-12 are encouraged to enter the competition to showcase their talent, skill and creativity inspired by the theme of [Art Connects Us](#).

This year's competition will be juried and judged by Kay Michiels. Despite the fact that Michiels' career has generally been focused on the law and civil service, her early background includes a degree in Art Education from Northwestern State University as well as having been a classroom teacher for several years. We are proud to have her as juror and judge for Youth Art Month Student Competition and are happy to have her back in the art world, even if only for a short time.

ELIGIBILITY:

All K-12 students in Rapides Parish are eligible to enter including traditional, virtual, homeschool, and special needs students. All entered works must represent the theme. Not all entered works are accepted but are all juried and judged without distinguishing information other than grade level.

40-50 works will be selected to participate in the competition and to be on display at the Alexandria Museum of Art. Works may be submitted by teachers, parents or high school students on their own behalf.

SCHEDULE:

Entry deadline:	February 2, 2021
Acceptance to compete notifications:	February 10, 2021 by 5:00pm
Deadline for delivery of accepted works:	February 19, 2021 by 5:00pm
Members Preview Reception:	Friday, March 5, 2021 at 6:00pm
YAM Exhibition Dates:	Saturday, March 6 - April 10, 2021
YAMDay and Awards:	Saturday, March 6
All artwork will be available for pick-up:	after April 11 during business hours

*AMoA is not responsible for works left after May 31, 2021.

Guidelines and Requirements – Please Read Carefully

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- One entry per student. Multiple entries will not be accepted.
- All works must be created during the current school year and support the theme of “ART CONNECTS US”.
- Individual and original artwork only. No reproductions of licensed work or group projects will be accepted. Computer generated artwork is not eligible.

- Total dimensions of 2-D artwork should not exceed 25"x31".
- Works on stretched canvas must have painted edges but do not require matting.
- 3-D pieces are limited to 3' in all measurements and must be less than 20lbs.
- *No changes or substitutions are allowed after entry deadline.*

HOW TO ENTER: follow these instructions CAREFULLY and provide ALL requested information.

- Works may be submitted by teachers, parents or high school students on their own behalf.

HOW TO ENTER:

1. Take a photo of the artwork (cell phones are fine). Make sure the image is full-frame, straight and level, and clear.
 2. Create an email addressed to **nancy@themuseum.org** and attach the photo to the email.
 3. In the subject line, type:
YAM entry, student's last name and grade level. (For example, "YAM entry, Roberts, 3rd grade")
 4. In the body of the email, list the following information: (provide ALL information in this order)
Title of Work
Student's First and Last Name
Grade
School (Name of school or Homeschool)
Skip a line
First and Last Name of person submitting
Relationship to student (Parent, Teacher or Self)
Email address of person submitting
 5. Hit send!
- All works will be juried and email notifications of accepted works will be made on or before February 19, 2021 by 5:00pm.
 - If you need assistance, please contact nancy@themuseum.org.

PREPARATION (for accepted works):

- Make certain that your work is properly prepared to prevent disqualification.
- No framed art.
- All artwork must be ready to hang or display with proper mechanisms.
- 2-D hanging artwork must be matted in black with a two inch (2") border.
- 2-D hanging artwork must have a **strong** backing to prevent warping (backing may be cardboard, foam core or mat board – no posterboard) with a hanging wire or string securely attached.
TIPS: do not use cotton string, scotch tape or painters tape.
- Stretched canvases do not require mats, but the edges must be painted.
- If you are in need of assistance, please contact nancy@themuseum.org.

DELIVERY (of accepted works):

- All accepted artwork must be delivered to AMoA no later than Saturday, February 19, 5:00pm. No exceptions.
- All delivered works must have a Student Art Label securely attached to the back or bottom.
See end of document.
- Delivery address: 933 Second Street, Downtown Alexandria.

JUDGE’S CONSIDERATIONS:

Judges critique works based on visually implementing the theme, creativity, originality and overall quality of presentation. Not all entered works are accepted but are all juried and judged without distinguishing information other than grade level.

AWARDS:

- Works are judged in each grade level, K-12.
- Each grade level will be awarded a First, Second and Third Place and Honorable Mention. All awarded works will be featured on the AMoA website and social media.
- One Viewer's Choice Award will be voted on by visitors during the Youth Art Month Exhibition period and the winner will be notified by email and highlighted on AMoA’s social media platforms and website.
- Awards will be presented during YAMDay on Saturday, March 6.

AGREEMENT:

By entering this competition, you are entering into an agreement that:

- the work submitted is original and fully created/produced solely by the student. Parents and teachers are not allowed to assist the students with any work of art intended to be submitted to this contest.
- AMoA reserves the right to photograph/video/use the submitted works for marketing purposes.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Noles at nancy@themuseum.org.

Thank you for all your efforts in supporting our students in the visual arts!



2021 Youth Art Month Competition Label for Accepted Works
This completed form must be securely attached to all delivered artwork.

Title of Work

Student’s First and Last Name

Grade

School (Name of school or Homeschool)
