



PARAMOUNT
CENTER FOR THE ARTS

2024 HIGH SCHOOL JURIED SHOW

The Paramount Center for the Arts is excited to host the 2024 Juried Exhibition and Competition, launching in the spring of 2024! The Paramount and its sponsors are committed to hosting a meaningful experience that showcases student work from across Central Minnesota. This program is designed to complement the wonderful work of area teachers by providing students with the opportunity to visualize themselves as artists, explore ways to talk about their work, and to participate in an arts-based experience among peers.

What is new this year:

- We invite new teachers to schedule a brief (15-30 minute) chat with our curator to discuss 2024 program features and tips on participating.
- Because of the time commitment to install the exhibitions in both the Lobby and Gallery Saint Germain, we have extended the drop of dates for one week (March 19-23rd).

As a teacher – you make this work possible. And would like to thank you for continuing to collaborate with the Paramount annually; ensuring that the arts are alive and thriving in our communities.

Respectfully,

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

More than 30 area high schools, located within a 35-mile radius of the Paramount Center for the Arts, are invited to participate in the Juried Show: generally featuring the work of about 100 students annually.

IMPORTANT DATES

Online Submissions Open: February 6, 2024

Submissions Due (before 11:59 PM): March 5, 2024

Artwork Drop Off: March 19-23

Onsite and Online Galleries Opens: April 2, 2024

Art Reception & Awards Ceremony: April 26 from 5:30 -7:00 PM

KEY PROGRAM LINKS

- All work must complete a submission form. The online form, virtual gallery and other program resources will be made available at <https://paramountarts.org/high-school-juried-art-competition-art-exhibition/> (check back often).

Award Categories

Best in Show (Grand Prize)	\$500
First Place (2D & 3D)	\$400 ea.
Second Place (2D & 3D)	\$300 ea.
Third Place (2D & 3D)	\$200 ea.
Fourth Place (2D & 3D)	\$100 ea.
Honorable Mention (2D & 3D)	\$50 ea.
AAUW Award (2D & 3D)	\$250 ea.

Participating School Support

Art Department Drawing (2)	\$150 Framing/Art Supply Store
Stipend for Teachers	\$50

- These funds are intended to offset costs associated with transporting work to and from the galleries. If you are not interested in the stipend, feel free to reinvest in the participating students and/or your school's art programming.

PROGRAM PERMISSIONS & RULES

All are welcome. This exhibition and competition is open to all students, grades 9-12, regardless of gender, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, religion, or sexual orientation.

A **maximum of 10 pieces** can be submitted from each participating high school. As in previous years, each school determines how to best facilitate a selection process among art students interested in entering work for the Juried Show. Of course, we encourage this to be an extension of the Juried Show experience. How you choose to engage your student body and/or community in the selection process is up to you.

Professional Exhibition: Two Paramount galleries are reserved to host the winners from your school selection process. Once the artwork is dropped off, we professionally curate an exhibition. Each gallery is open from 10-5 PM Monday – Friday, and Saturday from 10-2 PM.

- **Art Reception:** A special night is set aside for an artist reception with students. Music and light refreshments will be provided. We encourage students and teachers to invite family, friends, and community members to view the exhibition and attend the reception. Check “Important Dates” for when the exhibition opens.

Competition: All submitted work is considered as a special category winner selected by a PCA juror(s). Given the depth and breadth of work we have seen over the years, PCA has decided to offer category winners for 2-D and 3-D work to be equitable across mediums.

- The number of prizes are based on funds received through our annual granting and sponsorship efforts – making this a premier, annual program.
- **Awards Ceremony:** Teachers and students are invited to attend the awards ceremony on April 26th – where the winners will be announced. A corresponding social media post and downloadable document will be made available on our website within 3 business days after the ceremony.

ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS

This juried art show is open to both two and three – dimensional works.
One form should be submitted for **each piece of artwork** entering the show.

- All two-dimensional (2-D) work should have a secured wire prior to dropping off (preference is that the work is on canvas, board, and/or framed).
- Three-dimensional (3-D) artwork greater than 12” wide and 24” high will be accepted only after requesting prior approval from the curator to ensure there is adequate space available.

- Multi-media work is eligible for the competition. However, the concept must be approved by the curator, to ensure we have the equipment and capacity to support the work before you submit the artwork online.
- Coordinating the drop-off and pick-up of the artwork is the responsibility of the participating school.
- To be eligible, artwork must be submitted online, dropped off at the Paramount with a label attached, and picked up within the dates noted in the previous section – see “Important Dates.”
 - The online form invites students to provide up to two unedited images of their work. We encourage submissions to be high resolution – being mindful of 2D work under glass to reduce glare when/if possible. Images will be used by the juror(s) to evaluate the work.

Students acknowledge that their entry is an original concept and design created within the past 12 months and has NOT been awarded a prize in a previous Juried High School Art Competition at the Paramount.

By entering the show, students grant the Paramount Center for the Arts **permission to reproduce images** of their work for publications pertaining to this show.

The Paramount Center for the Arts is **authorized to publish the names of students and participating schools**. Recognizing that PCA will NOT release personal contact information for any artist without consent.

There is **no fee** to enter and **no commission** due back to the Paramount Center for the Arts for any sales of the High School Art Show works.

- *NOTE: Please verify with your student(s) prior to submitting the online form, that they acknowledge that all sales are final. Each year we seem to have students change their minds after a sale has been made. Paramount is not responsible for reacquiring the piece after it has been sold.*
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CREATING BUZZ

We encourage schools to share information about the virtual exhibit/online gallery, award opportunities and viewing of the awards ceremony safely in your community, among family, and with friends.

- Help us launch the show when it opens in April.
 - Share student participation stories through school newsletters, blogs and/or the local paper.
 - Place student names and images of the artwork selected for the show on school monitors.
 - Make an announcement during homeroom.
 - Invite participants to talk about their experience in the school's arts program, art club (if applicable), etc.
 - Encourage category winners to share a mini acceptance speech.
- Consider wrapping this experience into ways the school raises funds for its art programs or clubs.
- Create a pop-up gallery during special concerts or events to showcase the students' work for the evening (e.g., play, band concert or sporting event).
- Identify a longer-term site at the school to exhibit the artwork selected for the show.
- Collaborate with a local business(es) to place the student's work for the month of April.

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

Feel free to contact the Paramount (mkiley@paramountarts.org) should you or a student need any of the following:

- Have general questions about the program.
- Need additional assistance with our online platform.
- Support capturing or submitting high-quality image of the work.
- Would like to request a printed copy of the form to be mailed.