

Viet Cultural Fest Art Exhibition / Competition Rules & Requirements

The Viet Cultural Fest Art Exhibition / Competition to be held during the Viet Cultural Fest at NRG Center on Saturday, September 16, 2023, will be presented by the Vietnamese Culture and Science Association and sponsored by Michael Dao, CPA. Please see eligibility requirements, competition rules, and submission process below. All artists submitting artwork will receive two complimentary tickets to attend the Viet Cultural Fest. Should you have any questions, please contact us at art@vietculturalfest.org.

1. Eligibility

Viet Cultural Fest Art Exhibition / Competition is open to:

- a. Vietnamese-American / Vietnamese artists living in Texas who are at least 6 years of age and older.
- b. Both amateur and professional artists are welcome to enter.

Submitted Artwork Requirements (limited to one submission per artist):

- a. Must be properly formatted for physical display (outlined below).
- c. May have been submitted into other competitions or have been published previously before.
- d. Must be your own original concept and not have been previously copyrighted by another artist.
- e. Must be submitted by the original artist creating the artwork. If the artist is under 18, a parent / guardian may submit on behalf of the artist.

Authenticity

- a. If there is any question regarding authenticity of the artwork, the Vietnamese Culture and Science Association reserves the right to demand proof of authorship.
- b. Should the artwork be found to not be an authentic work of the artist, the work will be disqualified and the two complimentary tickets shall be forfeited.

Right of Refusal

- c. The Vietnamese Science and Culture Association reserves the right to refuse submissions based on quality of artwork, failure to meet show requirements, inappropriateness of content, and/or concerns regarding copyright infringement in the original work. In these instances, the two complimentary tickets shall be forfeited by the artist.

All 2D/3D Art including Drawings, Paintings, Photography, Mixed Media, Pottery, Ceramics, Traditional and Digital works are accepted mediums. Digital works must be delivered as a print

and matted, just like any traditional art submission, in order to be displayed. For any questions / clarification on media requirements, please contact us at art@vcsa.org.

2. Display Requirements

Submitted artwork must meet the following display requirements:

- a. Dimensions: 2D artwork must not be larger than 36" on its longest side with mat on. 3D artwork must be no larger than 24"x24"x36" including base .
- b. 3D artwork must not be heavier than 50lb.
- c. All 3D and mail-in artwork must be submitted in a box.
- d. Further instructions please see section "**9. Art Preparation to be Display Ready**" below.

3. Theme

The theme of this year's Viet Cultural Fest Art Exhibition / Competition is: **Dream**

Interpret and communicate this theme as explicitly or implicitly as you desire. There will be an "Artist Questions" section in the submission form for you to provide additional context of your work. The judges will review both the piece itself and the artist's responses to the Artist Questions.

3. Artist Questions

You will be asked to answer these questions in the online Submission Form:

How does this artwork fit with this year's theme of "Dream"?

What inspired you to create this artwork?

What is this piece about?

What do you like most about this piece?

How was your experience making this piece?

Why do you make art?

Are there any Vietnamese cultural elements in this artwork? Please give details.

Tell us a little more about yourself. What do you enjoy doing? Your hobbies? What are 2 things you like? 2 things you dislike?

Optional: Is there anything you would like to share about this piece and your experience that you have not already shared?

*Your answers to these questions will be displayed on a placard beside your art as well as published online for others to see.

4. Awards and Age Groups

The competition will be divided into four age groups: 6-9 years of age, 10-12 years of age, 13-18 years of age, and 19+ years of age.

Each age group will have 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners with the following prizes: 1st Place - \$400, 2nd Place - \$200, 3rd Place - \$100.

Winners will be announced during an Award Ceremony. Winners are highly encouraged to attend to accept award and receive recognition.

All submitted artwork will be on display during Viet Cultural Fest, including those that did not win.

*Artists 18 years of age and older will also have the option to list their pieces for sale during the show, with artists keeping 100% of the amount (minus credit card transaction fees if buyer is paying by card).

5. Timeline

Submission period: **now through Sunday, Sept 03, 2023**
Submission address: **Vietnamese Culture and Science Association**
Attn: Thomas Tran
6689 W Sam Houston Pkwy S, Houston, TX 77072

Submission forms must be completed. All art submissions must be display-ready. All mail-in submissions must be received by the above date. For in-person drop-off submissions, there will be an attendant at the office to receive the art from 4pm-7pm on **Friday Sept 1, Saturday Sept 2, and Sunday Sept 3, 2023**. Please plan ahead accordingly.

Winners will be notified by email on **September 9, 2023** and awards will be presented on stage at the Viet Cultural Fest at NRG Center on **September 16, 2023**.

6. Judging Panel

Each group will be judged by a panel of local professional artists.

7. Judging Criteria

Winning Artists will be selected by the judging panel based on the following criteria:

Interpretation of theme (1-10)
Creativity, uniqueness, and originality (1-10)
Composition, design, and technique (1-10)

8. How to Enter

Each artist will need to complete an online submission form located at this [link](#).

*Please be prepared to submit a photo of the artwork and your answers to the Artist Questions. Failure to complete both the online Submission Form and delivery of display-ready art will result in disqualification.

9. Art Preparation to be Display Ready

Follow [this guide](#) on how to format your artwork. All dry-media pieces, such as graphite, charcoal, pastel, etc, need to be sprayed with a fixative.

Art not properly formatted will be disqualified. DO NOT send FRAMED pieces.

10. Mail-In Art

Mail-Delivered art will be returned to the sender in the SAME PACKAGING it arrived in. Postage for mail-delivered art will not be reimbursed, however, return postage will be paid by VCSA.

11. Liability Concerns with Art Handling

The Vietnamese Culture and Science Association is not liable for any damages during the transportation and/or handling of submitted art. Submitted artwork will be handled with the utmost care, however, we cannot guarantee that submitted artwork will not be subject to damage. Artwork to be submitted at the artist's discretion.

12. Artwork Pick Up

Submitted artwork can be picked up at the conclusion of Viet Cultural Fest. If not, artwork can be picked up at the VCSA office on **Saturday September 23, 2023** from 2-5pm. If artwork cannot be picked up during these times please email us and we can make arrangements.

Mail-delivered artwork will be shipped back to you approximately two weeks after the conclusion of Viet Cultural Fest. For artwork not picked up within one week or if arrangements are not made, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to hold on to your artwork.