

CHILDREN'S ARTS EXHIBITION

Friday, March 12, 2027

All two-dimensional and three-dimensional artwork and poetry submitted by children from grades 3rd – 8th will be juried by experts in the field of children's visual, performing, and literary art. The art will be judged on an age-adjusted basis, and winners will be selected from each of the five grade levels. First, Second, and Third Place winners, in addition to Honorable Mentions, from each grade level will be published in a colorful booklet, which children and families can procure as a souvenir during the Artist's Reception, which is open to all participants, families, teachers, administrators, and community members . The reception will take place at **Webster Arts, 2 Summit Avenue in Webster Groves, Missouri, on Friday, March 12, 2027.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 4, 2026:

“Intent to Participate” form due. Please go to the designated Webster Arts submission form to sign up for the 2027 show. This form is required for administrative purposes, and must be submitted by the due date for work to be accepted into the show. This form will assist us in contacting state senators and representatives from your district to participate in Fine Arts Education Day in April.

February 12, 2027:

Deadline for delivery of the maximum five pieces of artwork (only one 3-D) and one poem from **each** participating grade level, as submitted above, to Webster Arts, located at 2 Summit Avenue in Webster Groves, Missouri. This drop off date is essential to the jurying process determining excellence at each grade level, and allows us enough time to photograph all work for exhibition and promotional purposes.

***** PLEASE NOTE: IF THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT MET, STUDENT WORK CANNOT BE ACCEPTED INTO THE SHOW.**

March 12, 2027:

Opening Reception for the 1st Annual Children’s Arts Exhibition, hosted by Webster Arts at the Webster Arts Gallery at 2 Summit Avenue in Webster Groves. We invite participating students, parents, and teachers to attend the opening reception. A light reception will be provided, as will many photo opportunities. The show will remain on display through April 7, 2027.

April 8, 2027:

Selected work will be presented at Fine Arts Education Day in Jefferson City, Missouri. Students whose work is selected for Fine Arts Education Day may have the opportunity to have their artwork displayed at the Missouri State Capitol and participate in this celebration of arts education.

April 30, 2027:

All work will be returned to teachers at school or through an agreed-upon delivery method. Webster Arts will coordinate the return of artwork following Fine Arts Education Day on April 8th in Jefferson City.

2027 Children's Arts Exhibition Exhibit Guidelines and Checklist

Exhibit Dates:

March 12, 2027 - April 7, 2027

Location:

Webster Arts
2 Summit Avenue
Webster Groves, Missouri 63119

Entries must be submitted by:

February 12, 2027

Maximum Size 2D:

16" x 22" (including 1.5 inch border)

Maximum Size 3D:

7 x 7 x 7

WHITE FRAMING only—must be at least 1.5 inches wide around the entire artwork and/or poem, not to exceed the required 16" x 22" format.

Print your own artwork labels (must be used for the poetry entries too). Please type all the required information. Follow the directions for the artwork labels included in this packet.

If you have questions, please contact Webster Arts at

(314) 279-1800 or kelly@webster-arts.org

- Attach artwork labels securely to the front, bottom, right-hand corner of the work, on the frame or at the base of the piece.
- Attach the completed entry label to the backside/bottom of the piece. Parental Consent forms can be uploaded on the Webster Arts submission form or brought in person. This is necessary for both the poetry and the artwork entries.

***** PLEASE NOTE: ARTWORK CANNOT BE DISPLAYED WITHOUT THESE FORMS.**

- Pack the following between two sheets of cardboard, and tape 3 edges shut, or in a portfolio. We will need them to store and organize pieces before and after the exhibit. 3-D pieces must be wrapped and boxed.
 - One completed inventory sheet per grade level.
- Write your name and the name of your school(s) and grades in permanent marker on the outside of the cardboard 'portfolio'.

2027 Suggested Theme: City of the Arts

We are thrilled to announce the 1st Annual Youth Arts Festival, to be held in March and April 2027 at Webster Arts in Webster Groves! This beloved event celebrates the creativity and talent of young artists, and we are inviting teachers from across the region to submit student artwork for inclusion in the festival exhibition.

This year's suggested theme is "City of the Arts." While following the theme is encouraged but not required, artwork inspired by this idea will help create a cohesive visual experience celebrating the incredible creativity of students in our community.

All original artwork submitted will be returned to teachers following Fine Arts Education Day. Selected artwork may have the opportunity to be displayed at Fine Arts Education Day in Jefferson City, Missouri.

One perk of submitting artwork to the Children's Arts Festival is that your student's artwork may be submitted to two exhibitions at once. Webster Arts will work with partners to identify artwork that may be submitted for consideration at Fine Arts Education Day in Jefferson City. Selected students may have the opportunity to have their artwork recognized at Fine Arts Education Day, where students, families, teachers, state legislators, and arts education advocates gather to celebrate the importance of the arts in Missouri schools.

With all that said, we want to thank you for inspiring the next generation of artists and for helping us make the 27th Annual Children's Arts Festival a true celebration of creativity and community. Together, we can shine a spotlight on our students' voices and give them opportunities to see the value of their creative contributions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Webster Arts at (314) 279-1800 or .

Instructions for Poetry Entries

ONLY ONE POETRY ENTRY PER GRADE LEVEL PLEASE

Please pass this information along to the teacher you would like to collaborate with on this project:

1. Please display an image and have the children write a poem about it. Feel free to incorporate this assignment into an art historical lesson about the importance of the artist's pieces, and the social significance of his artwork.

*Example: Vincent Van Gogh's "The Potato Eaters".

2. For the entry to be approved for display during the Children's Arts Festival, it must adhere to the requirements asked of the artwork entries:

- No larger than 16" x 22" with matting for 2D
- Matted with at least 1.5 inch wide white matting
- Release form, entry label AND 'artwork' label MUST accompany the piece (please follow the instructions for each)
- Please include the poetry entry in the cardboard portfolio with the rest of the artwork pieces

3. The poem can be either handwritten OR typed—we would love to see poems in the children's own handwriting. Visual elements are also encouraged.

4. Entries will be accepted by February 12th at Webster Arts. Any entries delivered after February 12th cannot be accepted. See submission guidelines above.

5.

Please direct any questions to Webster Arts via email at kelly@webster-arts.org or by calling (314) 279-1800.

2027 Children's Arts Festival Inventory Sheet

Teachers: Please fill out inventory completely for each participating grade level and place ONE copy of each in the cardboard portfolio. Double-check spelling of student names.

Artwork

Student Name Description/Title of Work

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Poetry Entry

1. _____

Grade Level: _____

PLEASE FILL OUT ALL CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW.

Teacher: _____

School District: _____

School Name (if different): _____

School Phone #: _____

Teacher's Cell #: _____

I will be attending the Opening Reception at Webster Arts on
Friday, March 12, 2027.

_____ YES _____ NO

2027 Children's Arts Festival Consent Form

I agree to allow my child, _____, to have their artwork included in the Webster Arts Exhibition, in any publications (digital/physical), and in any public displays relating to the exhibition.

In the event that my child's artwork is chosen for inclusion in Fine Arts Education Day, the Missouri State Capitol, or another public/community display, I do _____ or do not _____ give my permission for display for up to one full year. I understand that lost, stolen, or damaged work is not the responsibility of Webster Arts, or the responsibility of the entity where work is displayed. Work will be returned to the child's teacher by April 30, 2027. Children's artwork will not be utilized for commercial purposes.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

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Formulario de Consentimiento para El Festival de Arte Infantil 2027

Acepto permitir que mi hijo, _____, incluya sus obras de arte en la Galería de Webster Arts, en cualquier publicación (digital/física) y en cualquier exhibición pública relacionada con la exposición.

En el caso de que la obra de arte de mi hijo sea elegida para su inclusión en Fine Arts Education Day, el Capitolio del Estado de Missouri u otra exhibición pública o comunitaria, yo _____ o no _____ doy mi permiso para su exhibición por hasta un año completo. Entiendo que el trabajo perdido, robado o dañado no es responsabilidad de Webster Arts ni de la entidad donde se exhibe el trabajo. El trabajo se devolverá al maestro del niño antes del 30 de abril de 2027. Las obras de arte infantiles no se utilizarán con fines comerciales.

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Entry Labels (to go on backside or base of the artwork):

Please fill out each label completely, cut out the label along the lines, and tape to the BACK or BASE of the child's piece of artwork WITH the parental release form. Please fill out ALL information, including Senate District.

Student:

Grade:

Title:

Medium:

School:

School Address:

City:

Zip:

County:

Senate District:

Art Teacher:

Each artwork label will accompany the artwork, and will be displayed on the front of the piece. PLEASE FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS. We are happy to print the labels if you do not have access to a printer at school. A Google Doc should be created and shared with Webster Arts.

We ask that you type these labels yourself to ensure that they are correct, including the proper spelling of the student name, as we often cross-reference these when preparing exhibition materials. Please tape labels onto the front, right hand corner of the piece on the matting. Include 3D labels in a marked envelope.

Each piece should have **BOTH** an artwork label taped on the front of the piece (or in an envelope), AND an entry label taped onto the back/base of the piece.

We cannot display works that do not have both labels.

Each label should be **centered, size 12 font**, and in **Arial Bold**.

The format for the Artwork Label is as follows (*border is not necessary):

“Title”:

Name of Student:

Grade of Student:

School:

Art Teacher Name:

County:

An example of a label ready to be displayed is below:

“Spring Flowers”

Stephen Wesley

8th Grade

Webster Junior High

Mrs. Huppert

St. Louis County

The same rules apply for the Poetry Entries