

Call for Art: Akron Symphony Orchestra's Music and Art Juried Concert Exhibition

The Akron Symphony Orchestra invites artists to participate in the inaugural Music and Art Juried Concert Exhibition, held in conjunction with our performance of *Mozart's Clarinet Concerto & Beethoven's First Symphony* on **March 29, 2025** at E.J. Thomas Hall. This unique event provides an opportunity to showcase your music-inspired artwork to an engaged audience of music and art enthusiasts.

OVERVIEW:

- Accepted artists will receive a free ticket to the March 29th concert of “Mozart’s Clarinet Concerto & Beethoven’s First”.
- All artists that apply regardless of acceptance will also receive a 50% off coupon code that they can use to invite friends, family, and supporters.
- Artists will have the opportunity to have their artwork displayed at E.J. Thomas Hall during the concert.
- There is absolutely no entry fee.
- Cash prizes available for “Best-in-Show” as well as a “People’s Choice” award voted on by concert patrons.
- Available to artists in the greater Northeast-Ohio area, middle-school aged or older (Approx. 13)

Jurors:

- **Mac Love** — ArtxLove, Co-founder
- **Dara Harper** — Akron Black Artist Guild, President
- **Adam Z. Lintz** — Akron Symphony Orchestra, Trustee

Exhibition Details:

- **Date:** Saturday, March 29, 2025
 - **Location:** E.J. Thomas Hall, Akron, Ohio
 - **Time:** 6:00 PM – End of Concert (including intermission)
 - **Sales:** All displayed artwork will be available for sale. Unsold pieces must be removed by the artist at the end of the evening.
 - **Entry Fee:** Participation in this exhibition is absolutely free; there is no entry fee.
 - **Commissions:** The Akron Symphony Orchestra will take zero commission fees on artwork sales.
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Submission Guidelines:

- **Deadline for Submissions:** February 22, 2025
 - **Notification of Acceptance:** No later than March 17, 2025
 - **Artwork Dropoff:** To be coordinated upon submission; prospective artists should plan for the weekend of March 29, 2025.
 - **Pickup:** At the conclusion of the concert, approximately 10:00 PM.
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Eligibility and Categories:

- **Categories:**
 - Adult Artists (18 years and older)
 - Teen Artists (Ages 13-17, Middle School, High School)
 - **Residency Requirement:** Artists must reside in one of the following Northeast Ohio counties: Ashland, Ashtabula, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Harrison, Holmes, Huron, Jefferson, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Richland, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Wayne.
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Prizes:

- **Best in Show: Adult** – \$250
 - **Best in Show: Teen** – \$100
 - **People's Choice** – \$150
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Artwork Specifications:

- **Themes:** Artwork must be music-themed or inspired and appropriate for a family audience.
 - **Creation Date:** Artwork must have been created within the last two years (2023 or newer).
 - **Submission Limit:** A maximum of three entries per artist.
 - **Size and Weight Restrictions:**
 - **2D Artwork:** Maximum size 36", must display safely on an easel.
 - **3D Artwork:** Must be freestanding or safely displayed on a table.
 - **Weight Limit:** 30 lbs maximum for all entries.
 - **Display Equipment:** Artists are encouraged to bring or provide their own easels or stands as a limited amount will be available to loan on a first-come, first-serve basis.
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Submission Process:

1. Submit a digital file for each artwork with the file named as follows:
“[artwork_title_size]” (e.g., “Symphony_of_Colors_24x36”).
 2. Do not include the artist’s name in the file name.
 3. Any submissions not adhering to these guidelines may not be considered.
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Liability Disclaimer: The Akron Symphony Orchestra, E.J. Thomas Hall, and the jurors are not liable for damage, loss, or theft of artwork during the event. Artists are responsible for the delivery and pickup of all works. Artwork left at the conclusion of the event without prior coordination will be considered abandoned and forfeited.

We look forward to celebrating the intersection of music and visual art with you! For questions or further information, please contact the Akron Symphony Orchestra.