



InSights ART

Instructions

Entry Deadline:
March 31, 2023



2023

Juried Art Competition and Exhibition
for Artists Who Are Visually Impaired and Blind



2023 Art Competition/Exhibition

The American Printing House for the Blind (APH) announces **APH InSights Art 2023**, an art competition and exhibition for visually impaired and blind artists of all ages. The exhibition will be shown in Louisville, Kentucky. Works in the exhibition will be selected from entries submitted for jurying. Award winners will be selected from the juried exhibition.

Eligibility For Entering Artwork

Any person who **meets the following definition of blindness** may enter artwork: corrected visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye (determined by a Snellen Chart), or a visual field limited to 20 degrees or less. This includes those who function at the definition of blindness (FDB), listed above, due to brain injury or dysfunction.

Deadline For Entries

All Artists: Entries must reach us by **March 31, 2023**.

Criteria And Judging

Works will be selected on the basis of originality of concept, expressive use of media, and artistic excellence. **The artwork must be created by the artist, with minimal assistance from anyone else.** The work of students in preschool through 12th grade will be judged in grade placement categories; the work of adult artists will be judged in categories according to medium. The judge(s) will be a professional in the art gallery/art museum field, an art educator, and/or a practicing artist.

Awards

All entrants to APH InSights Art will receive a certificate. Award winners will also receive a monetary award and a ribbon. They will be invited to come to Louisville to receive their awards at the fall meeting of APH Ex Officio Trustees.



Media And Subjects Accepted

Artworks in any visual art medium may be submitted. The work may be two-dimensional (including, but not limited to, painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, mixed media, and collage) or three-dimensional (sculptures created from wood, stone, paper, clay, or a mixture of materials). Crafts such as weaving, woodworking, pottery, beading, or finished fashion apparel, are also welcome. All work must be original and handmade, not constructed from a kit. Only one artwork may be entered per artist or group.

Video entries by students may also be entered and will be included with the other entries in the grade level of the student or group. Video content must be the unique creation of the student or students. Jurors will consider the total artistic content of the entire piece, including original music, masks, set pieces, props, makeup, or costumes, with special attention given to original, handmade pieces.

To Enter

All artists may enter only one artwork with a completed entry form. Artists may ship their original artwork, if valued less than \$500, or send digital photos of their artwork by mail or e-mail.

ORIGINAL ARTWORK may be shipped to APH by March 31, 2023. See below for address. Please pack your artwork carefully, especially ceramic or glass. Include an entry form with the shipment.

DIGITAL ENTRIES of the artwork may be sent on a flash drive, a CD, or as an attachment on an e-mail. High resolution, high-definition photos are best for the judges to evaluate your artwork.

- Artists may send up to four photos of a single artwork. If the work is 2-dimensional, a photo of the front will usually be adequate for judges to understand the work, but you may include closeup photos if your artwork features significant texture. If it is a three-dimensional piece, photos showing several sides of the piece may be appropriate.
- If an artwork which was juried from digital photos has been accepted into the show and sent to APH, it may still be omitted from the exhibition if it differs substantially from the way it was shown in the photo.



- If an artist submits a digital image of their artwork, and the artwork is selected for the exhibit, the artist must ship the original artwork to APH when asked. If the artist does not ship the artwork, their award will be disqualified.

Mail flash drives or CDs to the address below. Include a digital entry form on the flash drive or CD, or print out a copy of the digital entry form and include that in the envelope.

E-mail digital photos with completed entry form to insights@aph.org. We will send you a follow-up e-mail to let you know we received your entry and photos. Please contact us if you did not receive a follow-up e-mail by the next business day.

Framing, Etc.

Matting, framing, etc., are not required. APH will prepare for display those pieces chosen for the exhibition.

Art Sales

Visitors to the exhibition may wish to purchase an artwork. Indicate on the form whether your art is for sale. A 10% handling fee that APH will keep will be added to the selling price of each artwork.

Selling your art is an important experience for all artists. Your artwork can be displayed and appreciated anywhere in the world, by someone who truly values your artwork. We highly recommend it!

Notification/Return Of Artwork

Artists will be notified of acceptance, award, or non-acceptance by email. Exhibited artwork and other works may be kept until February, 2024, in order to consider it for calendar, cards, or other use.

Answers To Questions:

Phone: 502-895-2045, ext. 457 or Toll-Free: **800-223-1839, ext. 457**
Fax: 502-899-2363 or E-mail: **insights@aph.org**



Shipping

Ship original artwork, or digital images to APH at the address listed below. Incoming entries must be shipped at the expense of the artist. APH will pay for return shipping. Contact APH before sending works that are very large, heavy, require special installation, or exceed \$500 in value. Please include a copy of the entry form with your artwork or digital image.

Insurance

Insurance of entries during incoming shipping is the responsibility of the artist. APH will insure the artwork while it is in our possession. APH will purchase insurance from the shipping company when returning items. Work will be insured for the same amount as that indicated for “price” on the entry form, unless other arrangements have been made. APH will not insure artworks, either while in its possession or during return shipping, if the value placed on the artwork is inappropriate. *Contact APH before sending artworks that are valued at more than \$500.00.*

Ship Entries To:

APH InSights Art (MUST BE INCLUDED ON THE LABEL)

American Printing House for the Blind, Inc.

1839 Frankfort Ave.

Louisville, Kentucky 40206

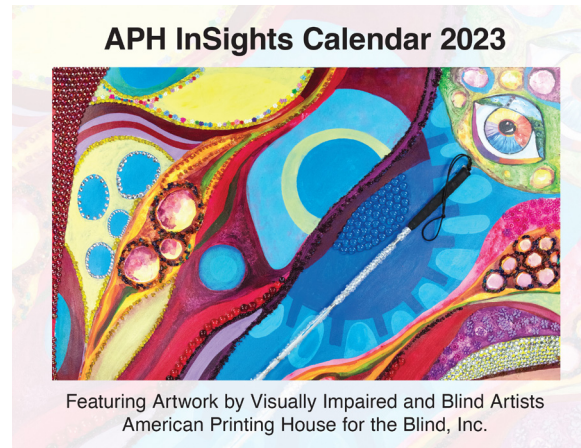
Release

Entry to APH InSights Art implies permission for APH to reproduce artwork, to retain artwork for up to one year for display purposes, and to publicize the artist by releasing any information provided on the entry form. Entry also implies permission to photograph the artist for publicity purposes during the fall awards ceremony in Louisville.



About APH

The American Printing House for the Blind (APH) is a worldwide leader in designing innovative lifelong learning solutions for children and adults who are blind or visually impaired. In this fast-changing world, we believe in the power and necessity of learning to open the doors to educational success, satisfying employment, social inclusion, active citizenship, and personal well-being. We level the learning playing field by providing specialized technology, materials, products, and services that are essential for education and life.



Purchase the Annual InSights Art Calendar

This beautiful, full-color calendar features inspiring artwork from the annual InSights Art Competition. Suitable for both students and adults who are either low vision or blind, or anyone who enjoys unique artwork, the months, days, holidays, and moon phases appear in both braille and large print. A special version of this attractive calendar can be custom-printed with your organization's name for fund-raising purposes!

Contact APH Customer Service to purchase either of these options:
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