



Dear Visionary Artist and Parent(s):

Congratulations! We are very pleased your artwork will be on exhibit during the 2023 Des Moines Arts Festival®.

In addition to your work being on display during the award-winning Festival, you are invited to the **Visionary Artists Ceremony** on Saturday, June 24, 2023, on the Hy-Vee Main Stage (located on the West side of 12th St., between Locust St. and Grand Ave). This year, the ceremony will be divided into two sessions by grade.

- If your child is a **Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup>-grade student**, the ceremony will begin at **11:45 a.m.** We ask that you please arrive at 11:30 a.m.
- If your child is in **5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade**, the ceremony will begin at **1:30 p.m.** We ask that you please arrive at 1:15 p.m. for this ceremony.

During each session, student artists will be called on stage to receive a recognition of achievement award in recognition of their artistic efforts.

Parents, along with this letter we have included a card to be cut out and completed listing your student artist's name and school. Please bring the completed card with you to your ceremony session on Saturday. Each student will give the card to a staff member at the entrance to the stage and have their name and the school announced as they walk across the stage.

The Student Art Exhibition presented by GreenState Credit Union features artwork from over 400 students at 100 different schools throughout central Iowa. The exhibition is located at the corner of 13th and Locust St., and can be viewed during regular Festival hours on Friday, June 23 from 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday, June 24 from 11 a.m.-10 p.m., and Sunday, June 25 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Following the Festival, all student artwork will be transferred to various GreenState Credit Union locations around Central Iowa to be on display until September 5<sup>th</sup>. Exact location of your student's artwork will be available on our website after the Festival.

Student artwork will be available for pick up at the Student Art Exhibition Reception held on September 6, 2023 at Mainframe Studios (900 Keosauqua Way). Artists may also receive their recognition award at that time if they were unable to attend the June ceremony. Additional information about the Student Art Exhibition Reception will be sent after the Festival.

After the fall reception, any remaining artwork can be picked up at Mainframe Studios (900 Keosauqua Way, #431, Des Moines) between September 7, 2023, and October 13, 2023. Pick-up times are Mon–Fri 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Artwork will be organized by grade level, so please be prepared to provide your student's grade from the 2022-2023 school year. If your artwork is not here, please check with your art teacher, as they may have signed it out at the fall reception. All leftover artwork will be archived after October 13, 2023. Should you have questions about pick-up, you can contact Daphne Dickens, [ddickens@desmoinesartsfestival.org](mailto:ddickens@desmoinesartsfestival.org).

We congratulate you on your outstanding artwork and look forward to seeing you at the Visionary Artists Ceremony on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at the Des Moines Arts Festival!

Sincerely,

Stephen King, Executive Director  
Des Moines Arts Festival®

*Please PRINT the following:*

**Name:**

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**School:**

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Bring to the Visionary Artists Ceremony on Saturday, June 24th.