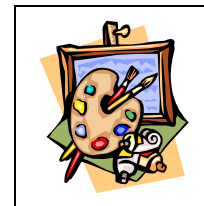


CITY OF WALKER/SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL

Young Artists Competition 2009



Since 1988, the Young Artists Competition has engaged youth from around the world with the sister city mission. Young artists use the competition's yearly theme to express their concept of the mission. They are encouraged to use their imagination while exploring their thoughts and feelings about the theme. This year's theme is "Your Path to Peace" it is an opportunity for you to express your personal vision of peace. Life is a journey and it is characterized by what you feel, see, hear think, and most importantly defined by you. Only new pieces inspired by this theme should be submitted. Entries are judged based on theme interpretation, composition and originality.

Entries

Each participating student artist must be between 13 and 18 years of age at the time of submitting entry and live in the City of Walker and/or attend a school in the City of Walker or Kenowa Hills. Entries are due, March 30, 2009. All entries must be the original design and artwork of the entrant. Only new pieces inspired by the theme should be submitted.

Reservation of Rights

The contest organizers reserve the right to modify or clarify any of the contest rules during the term of the contest without any advance notice.

Entry Fee

There is a \$5 entry fee for each piece of artwork. Any entries not accompanied by the entry fee will not be judged.

Medium & Specifications

Only two-dimensional artwork, no larger than 24" x 30" (60 cm x 75 cm), is accepted. Watercolor, oils, pastels, pen and ink, charcoal, photography, two-dimensional mixed media, as well as computer-generated art, are all acceptable media. Please do not submit framed artwork. Entries should be mounted on foam core or matted, so they are firm enough to stand on easels.

Judging

A panel of judges will evaluate entries based on theme interpretation, composition and originality. During the competition, artwork is identified by a number; artists' names are kept confidential until judging is complete. The judges will select semi-finalists and out of those select entries, there will be three winning entries.

Awards

Each of the three winners will receive a cash prize from our local sister cities committee. The first place winner's art will be sent to Sister Cities International where it will be judged and have the opportunity to win a \$1200 prize and will be displayed in different cities around the country. All other entrants will receive a Certificate of Participation. A press release announcing the winning students' will be made available to area media to highlight their involvement in the Young Artist Competition. The winning entries become the artistic property of the International Relations Committee of Walker and will be displayed by the International Relations Committee.

Visit The Website!

To see pictures of past contest winning artwork, visit The Sister Cities International website at www.sister-cities.org/sci/sciprograms/yap.

Young Artists Competition Entry Form

DEADLINE: ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 30, 2009

Please print clearly and enclose this form with the artwork.

Artist Information:

Artist's Name: _____ Birthdate (mm/dd/yy): _____

Home Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School: _____ Title of Artwork: _____

If you like, please tell us what inspired you to create this work:

We understand that: All contest entries become the artistic property of the International Relations Committee of Walker. Although the artist retains his/her copyright for other uses, The International Relations Committee of Walker will retain perpetual, non-exclusive rights to use submitted artwork in any future publication, promotional material and/or online service with no compensation other than credit with the child's name and community. The International Relations Committee of Walker reserves the right to free reproduction and exhibition of all submissions. The International Relations Committee of Walker takes no responsibility and will not compensate for any lost or damaged artwork. All fees associated with the contest become the property of the International Relations Committee of Walker and will not be returned. By submitting this entry, we agree to give the International Relations Committee of Walker, its members and affiliates, permission to publish and display the submitted entry at public exhibits, online, in publications and/or in promotional materials, at the discretion of the International Relations Committee of Walker. We agree to abide by all the rules and terms of the contest and agree to waive all claims of any kind against the contest organizers.

Date: _____ Signature of Artist: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

____ I hereby donate my artwork to the International Relations Committee of Walker.

____ I would like the artwork returned

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