

11th Annual ART IN THE OPEN Public Art Contest CALL FOR ENTRIES

ENTRIES SOUGHT FOR PUBLIC ART CONTEST ADULT AND YOUTH DIVISIONS

Entries are now being accepted via Email for ART IN THE OPEN Public Art Contest to promote the arts and artists in the Hannibal area. The Top 4 winners (2 adult/2 youth) in the contest will have their images prominently featured on digital billboards in Hannibal PLUS banners at the Ronny Ferrel Hannibal Aquatic Center. The contest is open to professional and non-professional adult artists 18 years of age or older who live within a 50-mile radius of Hannibal, and youth artists ages 8 to 17 in the youth division. The goal of the project is to capture the creative spirit of all art forms in the Hannibal area.

Deadline to enter is Friday, April 10, 2026



IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN CHOOSING IMAGE TO SUBMIT:

The contest is for artwork image only, not end billboard/banner design. We are looking for images that are rectangular/horizontal/landscape in composition. Keep in mind that SIMPLE, BOLD images with STRONG COLOR and VISUAL CONTRAST work best.

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ART IN THE OPEN Public Art Contest

Adult and Youth Divisions

CONTEST GUIDELINES

DEADLINE: Friday, April 10, 2026

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

- **Adult Division:** Professional and non-professional artists 18 years of age or older who live within a 50-mile radius of Hannibal.
- **Youth Division:** Youth ages 8 to 17 who live within a 50-mile radius of Hannibal.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- Contest entries are submitted digitally via Email.
- Limited to up to four (4) entries. **FREE** entry for Adult and Youth Divisions.
- ORIGINAL in concept and design.
- All entries should be RECTANGULAR/HORIZONTAL/LANDSCAPE in composition. SIMPLE, BOLD images with STRONG COLOR and VISUAL CONTRAST work best.
- We welcome entries representing 2-D art (paintings, drawings, photographs, etc.)
- We welcome entries representing 3-D art (pottery, jewelry, woodcarving, fiber arts, etc.). These entries would be either 2D or photographic images of the art form.
- We welcome inclusion of performing and writing art forms (musicians, dancers, singers, writers, poets, actors, etc.) These entries would be either 2D or photographic representations of the showcased art form.
- All entries must meet the contest guidelines/entry requirements, or they will not be accepted.

HOW TO ENTER:

- Email entry images to findit@hannibalarts.com by Friday, April 10, 2026
- Subject Line: ART IN THE OPEN
- Body of Email: Name, Address, Best Number to Reach, Email Address, Title of Attached Submitted Entry(ies) (up to 4), Medium Category and indication of Adult or Youth Division.
- Attachment(s): Attach jpeg image(s) (preferably 300dpi/1MB or higher). The title of the jpeg(s) should match the titles indicated in the body of the email.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: By submitting your artwork image and the accompanying email you agree to the terms and conditions of the ART IN THE OPEN: Public Art Contest as indicated below.

The Hannibal Arts Council and its partners will retain the right to use the winning artwork image for the sole purpose of creating an ART IN THE OPEN digital billboard/banners and for ART IN THE OPEN promotional purposes. The artists retain all rights to their artwork. The Hannibal Arts Council is responsible for determining composition of the digital billboard/banners and has the right to edit/crop artwork images to fit a particular space. Location, dimensions and duration of visibility will be solely determined based upon space availability.

ART IN THE OPEN CONTEST WINNERS

- **Adult Division:** The TOP 2 winning entries will be featured on a prominent digital billboard in Hannibal and banners...to be seen by thousands of people!
- **Youth Division:** The TOP 2 winning entries will be featured on a prominent digital billboard in Hannibal and banners...to be seen by thousands of people!
- Recognition on the Hannibal Arts Council and its partners' websites and/or social media sites and through media outlets.

The winners will be selected by a panel of judges representing Hannibal Arts Council.

Each entrant will be notified of his/her selection status via Email.

QUESTIONS: Hannibal Arts Council - (573)221-6545 - findit@hannibalarts.com

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Most Recent Winners

10th Annual ART IN THE OPEN Public Art Contest

YOUTH DIVISION WINNERS



“Blue Jay” - Watercolor – Annalise Allen - Hannibal, MO



“Under the Sea” – Mixed Media – Lilly Marshall - Hannibal, MO

ADULT DIVISION WINNERS



“Retro Chique” – Acrylic – Kachina Hudson – New London, MO



“Sunflower Bliss” – Photography - Timothy Spencer - Quincy, IL