



2011

Cash Awards!



CALL TO ARTISTS

Embracing Our Differences®

A Juried Show of 39 Billboard-Size Selections on display at Island Park, Sarasota Florida • End of April through entire month of May, 2011

**Open to Professionals,
Students & Amateurs
ALL AGES**

Details Inside

Official Submission Form on Page 4

**MUST BE
POSTMARKED
BY**

DEADLINE: MON JANUARY 10, 2011

Art on this page; Top row: 1) "A Smile is Beautiful in Any Color" by Trinity Crosen, 5 years old, Venice Nokomis UM Preschool, Nokomis, Florida, 2010 Best In Show Student Winner; 2) "Eye of the Beholder" by Sean D. McDonald, Sarasota, Florida, 2010 Best In Show Adult Winner; 3) "All are Beautiful" by Lindsey Butler, Vancouver, Washington; Bottom Row: 1) "We Are All Good Friends" by Shen Hongying, 1st Grade, Egret River New Town Elementary School, Xiamen, China, 2009 Best In Show Student Winner; 2) "Awesome" by Sarah Carr, 12th Grade, Port Charlotte High School, Port Charlotte, Florida 2008; 3) "Be You" by Lauren Valentine, 12th Grade, Pine View School, Sarasota, Florida 2010

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Artwork not meeting these guidelines will be rejected.

1 CREATING YOUR ARTWORK

WHAT IS EMBRACING OUR DIFFERENCES®?



The mission of **Embracing Our Differences®** is to use art as a catalyst for creating awareness and promoting, throughout our community, the value of diversity, the benefits of inclusion and the significance of the active rejection of hatred and prejudice.

Embracing Our Differences® 2011, the 8th annual outdoor art exhibit, will contain 39 billboard-sized (16 feet wide by 12 feet high) original works of art, each accompanied by an inspirational quote.

The exhibit will be displayed from the end of April continuing throughout the month of May, 2011 at Island Park along Sarasota, Florida's beautiful bay front.

Since 2004, **Embracing Our Differences®** has been viewed by more than 850,000 visitors. During the same period, 75,000 students and teachers attended the exhibit - free of charge thanks to our School Bus Program - for a firsthand observation and discussion concerning the importance of diversity in our lives.

After viewing the exhibit, one 8-year old student poignantly commented, *"I learned that everyone is going to be someone."*

We invite you to participate in creating a society that is more inclusive for all. Consider submitting an original work of art and know that you are helping make a difference in the lives of many, especially those of our children.

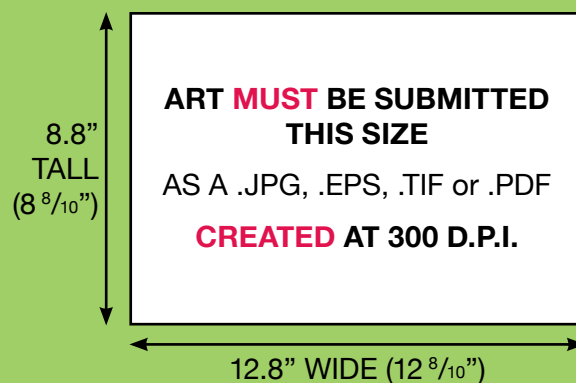
To view previous exhibits in their entirety, please visit us online at www.embracingourdifferences.org

A. Your art must measure 12.8" wide by 8.8" tall.

Your art should be horizontal.

B. Your art must be submitted on a CD and should be saved as either a high-resolution JPG, EPS, TIF or PDF.

IMPORTANT: ALL ART MUST BE CREATED & SUBMITTED AT 300 D.P.I.



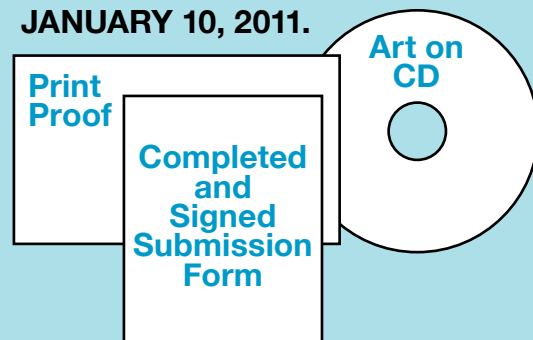
2 SUBMITTING YOUR ARTWORK

A. Your art must be submitted on a CD, as a JPG, EPS, TIF or PDF, created and saved at 300 d.p.i.

B. You **MUST** include an 8.5" x 11" **PRINT** copy of your submission..

C. You **MUST** include a completed & **SIGNED** submission form (page 4).

D. **ALL** of the above **MUST** be **POSTMARKED** no later than **JANUARY 10, 2011.**





WHAT IS THE THEME?

Artists are asked to submit their interpretation of the theme “Embracing Our Differences®” in the required format detailed on page 2.

WHO CAN ENTER?

Artists, photographers, professionals, amateurs, teachers, students – all ages – everyone can participate. You may submit more than one entry; however, no more than two images per artist will be chosen for display. National and international submissions are encouraged.

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA?

Final selections will be chosen based on artistic excellence in reflection of the theme “Embracing Our Differences.®” The artwork will also be evaluated on how effectively it will read outdoors when enlarged to billboard size – 16 feet wide by 12 feet high. Artists are encouraged to use bold saturated colors and strong lines. Final selections will be made by a 3-judge panel of professional artists, curators and art professionals. **There is no submission fee.**

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?

The submission deadline is Monday, January 10, 2011. Judging will take place in January, 2011 and those selected for the exhibit will be notified by mail in the beginning of March. Only selected artists will be notified. Selected art will be available online in late March, 2011. “Best In Show” winners (see below) will be announced at the *2011 Artists & Quoters Press Reception*. The **Embracing Our Differences®** exhibit will be on display from the end of April throughout the month of May, 2011 at Island Park in Sarasota, Florida.

SUBMISSIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011.
SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE RETURNED.

BEST IN SHOW CASH AWARDS

Best In Show (Adult): A single \$1,000.00 cash award will be presented to one submission deemed “Best In Show” (adult) by our judges. College students will be judged in this category.

Best In Show (Student): A \$1,000.00 cash award will be presented to one submission deemed “Best In Show” (student) by our judges. Students high school-age and below will be judged in this category. This prize money will be awarded directly to the student’s school.

People’s Choice: A \$1,000.00 cash award will be presented at the end of the exhibit to the submission that receives the most votes by visitors to the exhibit who complete our survey form.



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Art on this page 1) “Imagine One Love” by Aradia Kleber, Booker High School, Sarasota, FL, 2010; 2) “Offering” by Goutam Dutta, Kolkata, India, 2010; 3) “Apples and Oranges” by Ashly Lovett, Ringling College of Art and Design, 2009 Best in Show Adult Winner

HOW TO SUBMIT ARTWORK

1. You **MUST** include a signed copy of this submission form. Each artist must sign the submission form. Teachers may sign on behalf of students. Additional submission forms are available online at: www.embracingourdifferences.org
2. By signing this form you acknowledge that: (a) your submission is original in conception and execution and is not a copy or reproduction of any other work and (b) Embracing Our Differences™ has your irrevocable permission, without restriction, to use your work in reproduction for display, catalogs, posters, advertising, educational and promotional materials for this event as well as other events as Embracing Our Differences® may determine in its sole and absolute discretion.
3. Your original artwork may be any size and in any medium; however, you **MUST** submit a HIGH-RESOLUTION digital file on a CD. Your digital file **MUST** measure exactly 12.8" (12-8/10 inches) wide by 8.8" (8-8/10 inches) high, and it **MUST** be saved at 300 d.p.i. (dots per inch).
4. Art **MUST** be submitted on a CD, in a .jpg, .eps, .tif, or .pdf format, for Mac & PC viewing. Artwork should be created or scanned at 300 D.P.I. Please print your name and artwork title clearly on the CD. See page 3 for more information.
5. You **MUST** include a color print of your artwork (an ink jet proof will suffice), with your name and artwork title clearly printed. Please reduce the image to fit on 8.5" x 11" paper for this print proof.
6. You **MUST** include a separate sheet of paper with your "Artist's Statement" telling us something about your artwork, your creative process, or what the theme means to you.
7. Mail your CD with signed release form, artist's statement & print proof to: Embracing Our Differences®, P.O. Box 2559, Sarasota, FL 34230-2559
8. You may email questions to: info@embracingourdifferences.org or call (941) 928-0567 if you need help with your submission. **Art submissions will not be returned.**



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Please Print

Title of Artwork: _____

Artist Name(s):* _____

Artist Signature(s):* _____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____

School/Grade/Teacher Name (required for students): _____

**Use and attach a separate sheet of paper for additional names or comments if necessary.*

**THIS SIGNED FORM MUST ACCOMPANY ALL SUBMISSIONS.
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