



2023 Buda Arts Festival

Buda Plein Air Competition

Rules & Registration

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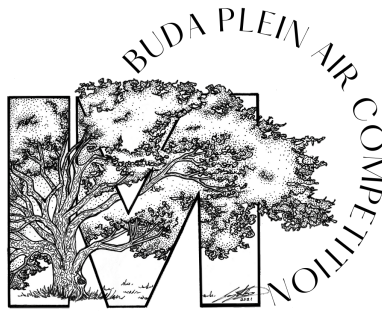
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Plein Air Competition Dates: September 12–16, 2023

Competition check-in begins at Inspired Minds Art Center on Tuesday, September 12th at 5:00pm and is available daily through 5:00pm on Friday, September 15.

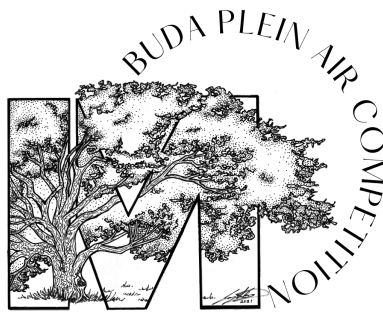
Completed plein air artwork must be submitted by 9am, Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Buda Welcome Center.

All awards will be announced at the Public Awards Celebration at the Buda Welcome Center on Saturday, Sept. 16th at 3:00pm

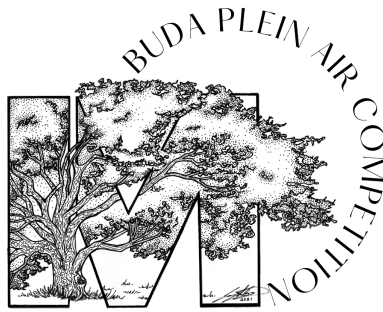


Rules and Guidelines

1. Artists must bring their own art supplies and surfaces on which to create artwork.
2. Maximum 2D size: 36" x 36" not including frame, Maximum 3D size: 24" x 24" x 24"
3. All surfaces used in the Competition must be officially stamped before use at Inspired Minds Art Center, 121 Main Street. Check-in available daily between 9am-5pm.
4. Frames are REQUIRED for all 2D work submitted for jurying and judging.
5. Paintings MUST BE framed and ready to hang at the time of submission.
6. Entries must be created in the pure intent of outdoor, on location, plein air art. Subject matter in the artwork must be comprised of what the artist views on location. At least 80% of the artwork must be produced outdoors in the spirit of plein air in the [76810 zip code](#). Entries produced using manipulated photographic processes will not be accepted. If there is any concern that a larger percentage of your artwork was completed in the studio, you will be asked to provide progression snapshots of your work being completed en plein air.
7. Artists may only choose two (2) works to submit for awards and jurying
8. Artists MUST PRINT their name on the back of their artwork
9. Artists may sign the front or the back of their artwork
10. Artwork MUST BE submitted for judging between 8am-9am on September 16th at the Buda Welcome Center, 303 N. Main Street, Buda, TX. Late artwork will not be accepted.
11. Artists must wear identifying badges while creating. Badges will be provided in your welcome pack.
12. Registered artists agree to respect both private property owners by securing permission to go onto their property and public lands by following the use regulations of the various land management agencies (i.e. obtaining necessary use permits, staying on designated roads and trails, etc.).
13. Artists may NOT set up a tent unless given special permission. Consider using an easel umbrella.
14. All artwork submitted into the Plain Air Competition will be exhibited and for sale at the VIP First Look Fête on Saturday, September 16 and will be juried for entry into the Buda Plein Air Exhibit on October 20 - November 3.



15. Inspired Minds Art Center will retain a 40% commission from the sale of any artwork submitted into the Plein Air Competition.
16. Tax of 8.25% will apply to all sales at check out.
17. Artwork may be sold off the easel, and IMAC will not take a commission on this artwork. HOWEVER, any artwork sold off the easel during the competition MAY NOT be entered into the Plein Air Competition.



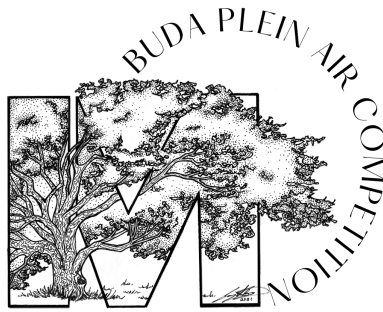
Check-In And Canvas Stamping At Inspired Minds Art Center

All participating artists must check-in and have the surfaces on which they would like to create artwork stamped prior to beginning their artwork in order to participate in the competition. Check-in and canvas stamping will take place at Inspired Minds Art Center (IMAC), 121 Main Street, Buda, TX.

- You may get all surfaces you will need for the competition stamped at one time, or you may return to the stamping station multiple times.
- There is no limit to the number of surfaces you may have stamped.
- Artist badges and Welcome Packs including all information about the event and our supporters and fun swag will be provided at check in
- Artists will be asked to sign a waiver accepting the rules and guidelines upon check-in

Check-In And Canvas Stamping Hours

- Tuesday, September 12th, 5:00pm-7:00pm at IMAC Artists Reception
- Wednesday - Friday, September 13–15, 9:00am-5:00pm at IMAC



Keep In Mind

- All surfaces needed for the competition may be stamped at one time, or artists may return to the stamping station multiple times. There is no limit to the number of surfaces that can be stamped.
- Artwork in any medium other than photography is allowed.
- Artwork may be in any style (Impressionism, Realism, Abstract, etc.)
- The defined painting area is the [78610 zip code](#).

Plein Air Painting Health And Safety Tips

Personal Safety

- Stay hydrated and have water with you at all times
- Wear a sunhat, use an umbrella, or set up in a shady place
- Wear sunscreen and insect repellent
- Report any serious incidents to an IMAC team member
- First aid kits will be at info stations located at IMAC and the volunteer tent

Respect Your Environment

- Do not block trails, sidewalks, or other areas of foot/bike traffic
- Do not dump your paint water, turps, or any other substance
- Everything you bring in must leave with you



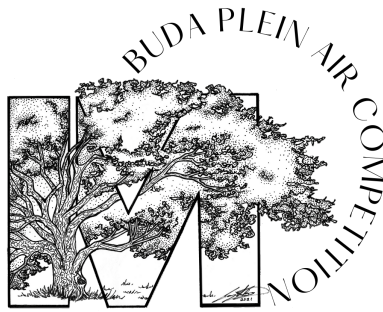
2023 Artist Registration Information

Registration Closes on September 1st at 11:59pm

- Complete the registration form at www.BudaArtsFestival.com by September 1
- The 2023 Buda Plein Air Competition includes additional activities and gatherings for artists.
- Registrants receive a 50% discount on Quick Draw registration.
- Up to two works may be submitted for awards and the Buda Plein Air juried exhibition in the Inspired Minds Gallery October 20–November 03, 2023.
- **This competition is open to artists of all skill levels from beginner to professional.**

Registration Includes

- Entry of up to two (2) paintings into the awards competition and exhibition jurying
- Artwork selected for the exhibition will be on display and for sale during the
 - VIP First Look Fête (9/16)
 - Awards Celebration and Public Art Sale (9/16)
 - Buda Plein Air Competition Gallery Exhibit (10/13-11/03)
 - Artwork not selected for the exhibition will be for sale at the VIP First Look Fête, and during the Awards Celebration and Public Art Sale (9/16)
- Artists' Welcome Reception (9/12)
- Invitation to the Artists' Happy Hour locations TBD
- Live Music at The Chambers Theatre @ IMAC (9/16)
- Free entry into the VIP First Look Fête (9/16)
- Awards Presentation at the Buda Welcome Center (9/16)
- Discounted Workshop Registration
- A 50% discount off Quick Draw Entry (9/16)



PLEIN AIR COMPETITION REGISTRATION FEES

- Early Bird Plein Air Artist Registration: **\$35**
 - **DEADLINE August 7, 2022**
 - Includes 50% off Quick Draw Entry
- Standard Plein Air Artist Registration: **\$50**
 - **DEADLINE September 1, 2022**
 - Includes 50% off Quick Draw Entry
- Student Plein Air Artist Registration*: **\$15**
 - **DEADLINE September 1, 2022**
 - *A valid student ID must be presented upon arrival for competition check-in.

QUICK DRAW COMPETITION REGISTRATION FEES

- \$20 Standard Registration
- \$10 w/ Plein Air Artist Registration

Waived Registration

Limited funds are available to support waived registration for individuals who are experiencing hardship. Individuals interested in requesting fees to be waived must email a request by August 21, 2023. Waived fees will only apply to competition registration and will not include associated ticketed festival events and programs. Email Susan Guerra with any questions regarding waived registration. susan@inspiredminds.art



Registration Confirmation

You will receive 2 emails after completing competition registration.

1. The first is a transaction receipt showing the amount paid.
2. The second will contain your discount code needed to save 50% off Quick Draw registration.

If you do not receive it, check your spam or junk folders for an email from susan@inspiredminds.art, sinead@inspiredminds.art, or info@inspiredminds.art

Terms And Conditions

By registering, artists acknowledge and authorize the use of photos taken throughout the event, which may include artists and their artwork, for promotional use online and in printed materials for future events.

Artists acknowledge and agree that Inspired Minds Art Center will retain 40% of the sale price of individual art sales generated during the VIP First Look Fete, Public Award Ceremony and Public Art Sale, and Buda Plein Air Gallery Exhibit.

Please add susan@inspiredminds.art, sinead@inspiredminds.art and info@inspiredminds.art to your contacts so that you don't miss important competition emails and information.



Awards

All awards will be announced at the Public Awards Celebration at the Buda Welcome Center on Saturday, September 16th at 3:00pm

- **\$600 Best in Show**
- **\$300 Second Place**
- **\$100 Public Choice**
- **Honorable Mentions**

All winning artwork will be guaranteed inclusion in the 2023 Buda Plein Air Competition juried exhibition.

Additional prizes and gifts may be awarded to winners by local sponsors.

Judging criteria include but are not limited to:

- Mastery of the medium
- Quality of composition
- Perspective
- Meaning
- Expressiveness



Other Festival Events

Find more information at www.BudaArtsFestival.com

Buda Arts Festival: Saturday, September 16th

- Quick Draw Competition
- Festival Art Show
- Art Demos
- Art Car Parade
- Live Busking Musicians
- Family-Friendly Art Activities
- Art Vendors
- Plein Air Judging & Awards
- VIP First Look Fête
- Cultural Performances in the Chambers Theatre
- Closing Party with Live Music in the Chambers Theatre

