



# InSights ART

Application

Entry Deadline:  
March 26, 2021



**Thirtieth Annual**

**Juried Art Competition and Exhibition  
for Artists Who Are Visually Impaired and Blind**

## 2021 ART COMPETITION/EXHIBITION

The American Printing House for the Blind (APH) announces **APH InSights Art 2021**, an art competition and exhibition for visually impaired and blind artists of all ages. The exhibition will be shown in Louisville, Kentucky. Works in the exhibition will be selected from entries submitted for jurying. Award winners will be selected from the juried exhibition.

## ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTERING ARTWORK

Any person who **meets the following definition of blindness** may enter artwork: corrected visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye (determined by a Snellen Chart), or a visual field limited to 20 degrees or less. This includes those who function at the definition of blindness (FDB), listed above, due to brain injury or dysfunction.

## DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES

**All Artists:** Entries must reach us by **March 26, 2021**.

## CRITERIA AND JUDGING

Works will be selected on the basis of originality of concept, expressive use of media, and artistic excellence. The artwork must be created by the artist, with minimal assistance from anyone else. The work of students in preschool through 12th grade will be judged in grade placement categories; the work of adult artists will be judged in categories according to medium. The judge(s) will be a professional in the art gallery/art museum field, an art educator, and/or a practicing artist.

## AWARDS

All entrants to APH InSights Art will receive a certificate. Award winners will also receive a monetary award and a ribbon. They will be invited to come to Louisville to receive their awards at the fall meeting of APH Ex Officio Trustees. Last year, several award-winners attended the award presentation.

## MEDIA AND SUBJECTS ACCEPTED

Artworks in any visual art medium may be submitted. The work may be two-dimensional (including, but not limited to, painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, mixed media, and collage) or three-dimensional (sculptures created from wood, stone, paper, clay, or a mixture of materials). Crafts such as weaving, woodworking, pottery, beading, or finished fashion apparel, are also welcome. All work must be original and handmade, not constructed from a kit. Only one artwork may be entered in this competition.

## TO ENTER

All participants must send **two** copies of the entry form and may enter only one piece of artwork.

- Preschool through High School entrants **must send original artwork.**
- Most adult entrants may choose to send a digital image of the artwork on a CD, flash drive, or by email, [insights@aph.org](mailto:insights@aph.org) OR to send the actual artwork. However, those artists whose artwork is valued at more than \$500.00 **MUST** send digital images instead of the actual artwork. If their work is accepted for the exhibition, they will be notified to send the artwork.
  - Adult artists may send up to four images of the artwork they intend to enter. If the work is a painting, a front view of the painting will usually be adequate to let the judges understand the work. If it is a three-dimensional piece, images showing several views of the piece may be appropriate. Label the image to indicate which side is the top. Indicate the dimensions of the artwork on the entry form.
  - Once a work juried from digital images has been accepted into the show and sent to APH, it may still be omitted from the exhibition if it differs substantially from the way it was shown in the image.
  - If an artist submits a digital image of their artwork, and the artwork is selected for the exhibit, the artist must ship the original artwork to APH. If the artist does not ship the artwork, their award will be disqualified.

## FRAMING, ETC.

Matting, framing, etc., are not required. APH will prepare for display those pieces chosen for the exhibition.

## ART SALES

Visitors to the exhibition may wish to purchase an artwork. Indicate on the form whether your art is for sale. A 10% handling fee that APH will keep will be added to the selling price of each artwork.

## NOTIFICATION/RETURN OF ARTWORK

Artists will be notified of acceptance, award, or non-acceptance by email. Work not selected for the exhibit will be returned by November 1, 2021. Exhibited artwork and other works may be kept until February, 2022, in order to consider it for calendar, cards, or other use.

## APH GIFTS

APH staff may choose to select submitted works to be reproduced as calendar images, greeting cards, or posters. If selected, works will be reproduced in full color with information about the artist in print and braille. The artists will receive a gift of 5 samples featuring their artwork.

## SPECIAL REMINDERS FOR 2021 ART COMPETITION

- **The deadline for entries for all artists is March 26, 2021.**
- Adult artists are not required to send original artwork for judging, but may send digital images, along with their entry form, instead. Please read the portions of the form marked “To Enter” and “Shipping” for details about this procedure.
- APH will insure the artwork while it is in our possession and when we return ship it, but the artist is responsible for shipping insurance of the incoming work. If you do not declare a value for your work, it may not be insured.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE  
2 COPIES OF YOUR ENTRY FORM.**

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS:

Phone: 502-899-2242 or Toll-Free: **800-223-1839, ext. 242**

Fax: 502-899-2363 or E-mail: **insights@aph.org**

## SHIPPING

Ship original artwork, or digital images (only adult artists may send digital images) to APH at the address listed below. Incoming entries must be shipped at the expense of the artist. APH will pay for return shipping. Contact APH before sending works that are very large, heavy, require special installation, or exceed \$500 in value. Please send **two** copies of the entry form with your artwork or digital image.

## INSURANCE

Insurance of entries during incoming shipping is the responsibility of the artist. APH will insure the artwork while it is in our possession. APH will purchase insurance from the shipping company when returning items. Work will be insured for the same amount as that indicated for “price” on the entry form, unless other arrangements have been made. APH will not insure artworks, either while in its possession or during return shipping, if the value placed on the artwork is inappropriate. *Contact APH before sending artworks that are valued at more than \$500.00.*

## SHIP ENTRIES TO:

**APH InSights Art (MUST BE INCLUDED ON THE LABEL)**

American Printing House for the Blind, Inc.

1839 Frankfort Ave.

Louisville, Kentucky 40206

## RELEASE

***Entry to APH InSights Art implies permission for APH to reproduce artwork, to retain artwork for up to one year for display purposes, and to publicize the artist by releasing any information provided on the entry form. Entry also implies permission to photograph the artist for publicity purposes during the fall awards ceremony in Louisville.***

# Preschool through High School Artists APH InSights Art 2021 Entry Form

**Deadline for entry is March 26, 2021.**

**Please send 2 copies of this entry form with the artwork.** All applicable information **MUST** be completed, or the entry may be disqualified.

- Name of Student Artist: \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/P.C.: \_\_\_\_\_
- Parent's Daytime Phone (include area code): \_\_\_\_\_
- E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_
- Visual Acuity: **Must meet the definition of blindness listed in the "Eligibility" section.**  
Do not list eye diseases or send your eyeglass prescription. List a doctor's measurement of your vision.  
List your corrected visual acuity with glasses or other lens:  
Right Eye: \_\_\_\_\_ Left Eye: \_\_\_\_\_ Or degree of restricted visual field: \_\_\_\_\_  
Call 1-800-223-1839, ext. 242 with questions on how to list visual acuity or the definition of blindness.
- Which reading medium do you prefer for correspondence?      Print      Braille
- Your age at the onset of your blindness? \_\_\_\_\_ Your age now? \_\_\_\_\_
- This entry is sent from:      School      Home
- Where should we return art and send correspondence?      School      Home
- Artist's grade: Pre-K/K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Ungraded (multiple impairments)

Title of Artwork: \_\_\_\_\_

Art Medium/Media: \_\_\_\_\_

Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be included or work will not be insured.)

Do you want to sell your art?      Yes      No

(If yes, your work will be offered for sale at the value listed, plus a 10% handling fee that APH will retain.)

Give measurement of artwork in inches: length \_\_\_\_\_ width \_\_\_\_\_ depth \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

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- School Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- School Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/P.C.: \_\_\_\_\_
- Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone (include area code): \_\_\_\_\_
- E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date your school year closes for summer: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

# Adult Artists

## APH InSights Art 2021 Entry Form

**Deadline for entry is March 26, 2021.**

**Please send 2 copies of this entry form with the artwork, CD, or flash drive.** All applicable information **MUST** be completed, or the entry may be disqualified.

- Name of Adult Artist: \_\_\_\_\_
- Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/P.C.: \_\_\_\_\_
- Daytime Phone (include area code): \_\_\_\_\_
- Home E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_
- Visual Acuity: **Must meet the definition of blindness listed in the "Eligibility" section.**

Do not list eye diseases or send your eyeglass prescription. List a doctor's measurement of your vision. List your corrected visual acuity with glasses or other lens:

Right Eye: \_\_\_\_\_ Left Eye: \_\_\_\_\_ Or degree of restricted visual field: \_\_\_\_\_

Call 1-800-223-1839, ext. 242 with questions on how to list visual acuity or the definition of blindness.

- Which reading medium do you prefer for correspondence?      Print      Braille
- Select your adult category:      Independent artist      Student at an agency (fill out section below)
- Your age at the onset of your blindness? \_\_\_\_\_ Your age now? \_\_\_\_\_
- This entry is sent from:      Home      Agency
- Where should we return art and send correspondence?      Home      Agency

- Select art category for entry:      Craft      Sculpture      2-D Art

Title of Artwork: \_\_\_\_\_ Art Medium/Media: \_\_\_\_\_

Value: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Must be included or work will not be insured.)

Do you want to sell your art?      Yes      No

(If yes, your work will be offered for sale at the value listed, plus a 10% handling fee that APH will retain.)

Which are you sending? digital image      original artwork      (see rules).

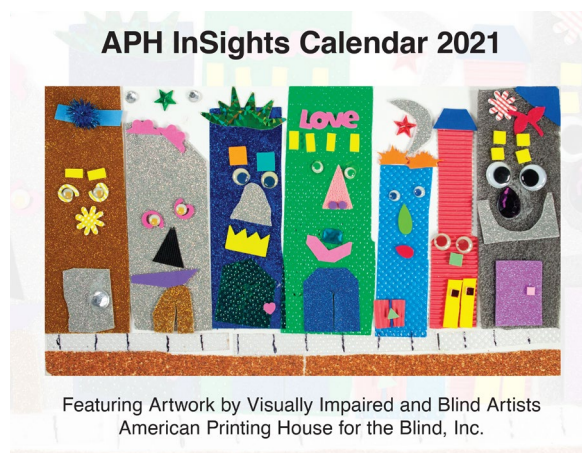
Give measurement of artwork in inches: length \_\_\_\_\_ width \_\_\_\_\_ depth \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

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- Agency: \_\_\_\_\_
- Agency Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/P.C.: \_\_\_\_\_
- Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency Phone (include area code): \_\_\_\_\_
- Fax (include area code): \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_
- If your agency closes for the summer, list the month and day it closes: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

# About APH

The American Printing House for the Blind (APH) is a worldwide leader in designing innovative lifelong learning solutions for children and adults who are blind or visually impaired. In this fast-changing world, we believe in the power and necessity of learning to open the doors to educational success, satisfying employment, social inclusion, active citizenship, and personal well-being. We level the learning playing field by providing specialized technology, materials, products, and services that are essential for education and life.



## Purchase the Annual InSights Art Calendar

This beautiful, full-color calendar features inspiring artwork from the annual InSights Art Competition. Suitable for both students and adults who are either low vision or blind, or anyone who enjoys unique artwork, the months, days, holidays, and moon phases appear in both braille and large print. A special version of this attractive calendar can be custom-printed with your organization's name for fund-raising purposes!

Contact APH Customer Service to purchase either of these options: 800-223-1839 or [cs@aph.org](mailto:cs@aph.org).



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