

Accessible Expressions Ohio is an adjudicated, statewide exhibition and tour of visual art. The program began in 1996 and is an opportunity for artists to create, exhibit and sell their art; recognize all ability levels; and present art by people with disabilities in inclusive settings.

Beginning September 1, 2011 artists are invited to submit photographs of their artwork to VSA Ohio. Adjudicators review the photos to determine which artwork will be featured. Artists are notified of their acceptance and then asked to submit the actual artwork in January 2012.

The artwork is exhibited at an opening ceremony where a second adjudication is conducted to determine the first, second, and third place winners in each category, as well as Best in Show. Smaller groupings of the exhibit will tour to sites throughout Ohio from April 2012 through December 2012. Sales of artwork are encouraged.

### **ENTRY GUIDELINES**

- All work must be original.
- Artists may enter up to two (2) pieces of art.
- Work must have been created within the past (1) year.
- All work must be smaller than 33" (in any direction) with frame. No exceptions.
- Photographs remain the property of VSA Ohio and will not be returned.
- Applicants must be Ohio residents.
- Applicants must have a disability, which is defined as a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more life activities of an individual.

### **IF SELECTED FOR THE TOUR**

- Submitted artwork must match the image shown on the original entry photograph.
- Submitted artwork must be wired for hanging and/or ready to display.
- Artwork becomes the insured property of VSA Ohio from the date of delivery until it is picked up by its owner or sold.
- Artwork should be professionally framed. Good framing adds to the attractiveness of the overall exhibit and promotes the sale of artwork.
- A year-long tour includes many transfers – VSAO will handle with care, however
  - Fragile work should have a hard back to protect it during travel.
  - Artwork over 18" x 24" that is framed should use plexiglass; regular glass over this size is heavy and more likely to cause damage.
  - Three-dimensional pieces must include a sturdy box that will serve as a shipping crate for the duration of the exhibit; cardboard boxes are not acceptable.
- Information about framing assistance will be provided to accepted artists.
- Artists will be responsible for art delivery (Jan. 2012) and pick up (Dec. 2012 – Jan. 2013).

**PLEASE NOTE VSA OHIO MAY REJECT ARTWORK NOT MEETING THESE GUIDELINES.**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

AEO 2012 Opening Ceremony  
Saturday, March 3, 2012, Westerville Community Center

Artist Name \_\_\_\_\_

Artist Representative's Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Disability \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailings should be addressed to:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Artist      \_\_\_\_\_ Representative      \_\_\_\_\_ Artist, c/o representative

**Entry Category:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Professional      \_\_\_\_\_ Emerging      \_\_\_\_\_ Youth (under 18)

	Entry #1	Entry #2
Title		
Size		
Media		

**Entries must include:**

- ✓ Completed Entry Form (this page)
- ✓ Artist Statement or Biography (250 words max)
- ✓ (one) 4" x 6" photo of each entry. Include the following information on the back:
  - Artist's Name, Title, Media, Size of the work (with frame)
- ✓ Digital image of work(s) in jpeg format- email to info@vsao.org or send on CD
- ✓ \$15 entry fee for each piece of artwork (2 entries max)

**Mail completed entries to:**

VSA Ohio - AEO  
77 S. High Street, 2nd Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215-6108

**Entry Deadline: Friday, December 2, 2011 - 5:00 pm**

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For more information about VSA Ohio visit: [www.vsao.org](http://www.vsao.org)