



VSA arts of Michigan solicits artwork created by artists with disabilities of all ages for *Incite Art 2007*, this coming year's Emerging Artists' Touring Exhibition. Artwork received by VSA arts of Michigan by the deadline of Friday, January 12, 2007, will be juried to create an exhibit of 40-60 works that includes a full range of ages and abilities and geographical representation.

VSA arts of Michigan promotes creative power in people with disabilities, and works to create a society where people with disabilities participate in, learn through, excel in and enjoy the arts. VSAMI has advocated for arts in education and increased opportunities for experiences and training within educational and community programs since 1977.

Founded as a cooperative venture between the Michigan Alliance for Arts Education and the Michigan Department of Education, VSAMI has expanded to engage people through a statewide network of local organizations. Activities include artist residencies, daytime and after-school workshops and classes, professional development, technical services and opportunities for individuals to learn through the arts and showcase their work.

VSA arts of Michigan is a member of the international network of VSA arts, an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC. VSA arts was founded in 1974 by Jean Kennedy Smith. Millions of people in over 60 countries throughout the world participate in VSA arts programs each year.

Arts programs focus on helping people with disabilities to develop learning skills, encourage

“Incite Art 2007”

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independence, express themselves more fully and promote access and inclusion. Programs sponsored worldwide in dance, drama, music, visual arts and creative writing extend the arts to everyone.

The arts remain beyond the reach of some people with disabilities. VSA arts removes these obstacles by providing opportunities for creative talents to be nurtured and developed.

Exhibition Plans

“Incite Art 2007” age categories are elementary school students, secondary school students and adults. Categories will be made available for display individually and together. This will create an option for one large exhibit or three smaller exhibits which can be displayed in different locations at the same time. One goal of this year is to generate more work from the elementary age level, thereby representing more completely the wide range of individuals VSAMI serves.

The 2007 exhibition calendar is being planned. Sites interested in hosting all or part of the 2007 exhibit are encouraged to contact the VSAMI office at 313-832-3303.

“Incite Art 2007” will premier in the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids during the Council for Exceptional Children Conference, March 1-2, 2007. After that the exhibit will travel to district VSA arts festivals, arts centers and galleries, and libraries, as well as a variety of other public and private venues from March through December. Works by middle school and high school students, ages 14-26, will be exhibited at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival at Western Michigan

University, May 10 -12, 2007 where participating artists will be able to attend arts classes, rehearsals and performances on the WMU campus.

Additionally, two pieces of student art will be chosen for submission to VSA arts. One of these two will be selected for a national exhibit that will debut at Union Station in Washington, D.C. in June of 2007. Five select artists from the national submissions will be guests of VSA arts for the opening exhibit and reception held in Washington, D.C.

Guidelines for Submitting Visual Arts

All art must be of durable material able to withstand transporting and the normal daily exposure of a public setting. Size, scale and media guidelines are outlined below. Artwork must be original and produced within the last three (3) years. Art reproduced from other artists' work, from advertisements or from widely-circulated photographs of offset prints are not considered original artwork and may not be displayed. All works must be attributable to the applicant artists.

Each entry must be accompanied by a completed entry form, signed by the artist, and parent or guardian, if the artist is a minor. The artist's full name, address and phone number should be lightly penciled on the back of the artwork, as well.

Artists may enter up to three (3) works each to the state jury. Photocopies of the entry form, properly completed and signed, are acceptable. No laminated art will be accepted. Artwork submitted may be matted, but should not be framed. Craft work submitted must be properly protected -- eg: fabrics in a plastic bag; ceramics carefully wrapped and sent in a sturdy box. It is recommended that artwork NOT be mounted on construction paper.

Art must be shipped to VSA arts of Michigan and insured at the risk and expense of the shipper. VSA arts of Michigan will not be held responsible for risk or damage to any work of art.

All participating artists will receive a VSA arts of Michigan certificate of recognition.

Media and Size Requirements

The following are recommended media for art submissions: pencil, crayon, tempera (poster) paint, felt tipped pen, ink, oils (on stretched canvas only), acrylic and finger paint. Quilts, embroidery and other traditional American craft techniques are also acceptable. The following are acceptable under certain conditions but not recommended media for art submissions: clay, egg tempera, glass, charcoal, pastel, tissue paper, papier mache, and collages.

Standard paper sizes for two-dimensional works are 16 x 12 inches and 18 x 24 inches. Art submissions, however, may vary from these standards to as small as 5 x 3 inches. Three dimensional objects should not exceed 18 x 18 x 18 inches.

Entry Deadline

All visual art work must be received by **January 12, 2007** to be considered for the exhibit.

Application Process

Please complete the appropriate forms and submit them with the required support materials by **January 12, 2007**. Duplicate the forms as necessary. Ship visual art work and submit applications to: **Emerging Artists' Exhibit, VSA arts of Michigan, 100 W. Alexandrine, Detroit, Michigan 48201.**

For further information, call **(313) 832-3303** or send E-mail to **info@vsami.org**.

**VSA arts of Michigan
2007 Touring Art Exhibition**

Entry Form
(Duplicate as necessary)

Please provide the information requested below, sign in the appropriate space, and send with art submission to **VSA arts of Michigan, 100 W. Alexandrine, Detroit, MI 48201**. All entries must be received by VSA arts of Michigan (VSAMI) by **January 12, 2007**.

Art Entry Identification (Please print or type.)

Artist: _____ Date of birth (student): _____

I wish to enter the (check one of the following categories) :

_____ Adult _____ Secondary school student (ages 14-26)

_____ Elementary school student (ages up to 14)

Parent/guardian: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (day) () _____ (evening) () _____

Disability(ies) (optional): _____

Art Entry

Title: _____

Height: _____ Width: _____ Depth: _____

Media: _____

NOTE: Your name, address and phone number should be penciled on the back of your entry, or attached to the bottom of a three-dimensional entry, for identification purposes.

I do hereby declare that I am the producer of the art listed and that said art is original.

Artist's signature: _____

VSA arts of Michigan reserves the right to publish names, photographs and/or stories, and to photograph, publicize and otherwise appropriately use art for exhibition and for educational and public awareness purposes.

I authorize VSA arts of Michigan to keep my artwork for future exhibitions or to sell it at future fundraising events with proceeds going to benefit VSAMI programs statewide. PLEASE CHECK: Yes ___ No ___

Signature of artist: _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____

Please briefly describe the history of your progress as an artist and provide background information about yourself.

For Student Artists (Please print or type)

Name of School: _____ District: _____

School address: _____ Phone: () _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Art Teacher: _____ Class: _____

Classroom Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

My student _____, deserves recognition for his/her work in visual arts because: _____

Teacher's signature: _____

E-mail address: _____