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HARMONY *Arts* FESTIVAL

FOR THE LOVE OF ART

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBITION

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You are taking part in For the Love of Art, a silent auction and exhibit for the youth and kids of the North Shore. It's a huge accomplishment to display your artwork at an art event, and having your best work on display may help you attract potential buyers and other creative opportunities.

This guide will help you to prepare your work for this show and any future show you might participate in.

All artworks will be mounted to display panels with wire and nails.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Friday, July 14, 2023

EXHIBITION: Friday, August 4 to Sunday, August 13, 2023

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GUIDE: HOW TO FRAME YOUR OWN ART

1. CHOOSE THE BEST WORK TO DISPLAY

Who are you as an artist? Choosing just one work to display can be tricky. Select the artwork that best represents who you are as an artist and your current focus. We are not static beings, and our styles and mediums will change over our artistic careers, but for this show pick the artwork that represents your voice.

2. FRAME YOUR ARTWORK

Taking care to finish your work will elevate it from amateur to professional. Thinking about how your work will be displayed is the final step. You should always choose frames that add to the quality of your art.

There are plenty of places to buy frames—try your local art store or a thrift store for unique and affordable frames.

Some artwork does not need to be framed. If your work is on a canvas or wood panel you might consider no frame. See below for display suggestions:

- **CANVAS & WOOD PANEL:** Create clean edges instead of framing.
 - Use painter's tape around the edges to have a clean and polished look.
 - Paint the edges a complementary colour to make your artwork pop!
- **WATERCOLOUR & DRAWINGS:** Artwork on paper is better framed. It protects your work, adds dimension, and allows your art to be the focus.
 - Measure art.
 - Choose a frame—consider a simple frame that showcases your artwork.
 - Adding matboard to your piece will give it a polished and professional look. You can buy frames that include a matboard, or visit your local framing, or art store for a mat that fits your work.

No artwork will be turned away, even if it does not have a frame. This is your opportunity to take pride in your work and make it shine!