

THE ART OF POSSIBILITIES

Artist Participation Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in participating in The Art of Possibilities Online Auction, hosted by The Arc of Bismarck. This event supports local advocacy and inclusion efforts in our community.

Please review these guidelines carefully. You must agree to these terms to complete registration.

1. Eligibility

- We welcome artists of all backgrounds and disciplines.
 - Artists must be 18 years of age or older to register independently.
 - A parent or legal guardian must complete registration for artists under 18.
 - This opportunity is open to all artists and is not limited to individuals with disabilities.
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2. Artwork Requirements & Content Standards

- You must submit original artwork that you created.
 - You may work in any medium, including but not limited to painting, mixed media, sculpture, fiber art, photography, and digital art.
 - Artwork must be appropriate for a public, community-focused fundraising event.
 - We do not accept artwork that includes hate speech, racism, discrimination, harassment, explicit sexual content, or imagery that promotes violence.
 - We reserve the right to decline artwork that conflicts with The Arc of Bismarck's mission, values, or commitment to inclusion.
 - Determinations regarding content suitability are made at the sole discretion of The Arc of Bismarck.
 - You are solely responsible for ensuring your work does not infringe on copyright, trademark, or other intellectual property rights.
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3. Thrift Store Credit

- We provide each participating artist with one \$20.00 Arc Thrift Store credit to source materials for their artwork.
- You may choose whether or not to use the credit.

- The credit has no cash value, is non-transferable, and is non-refundable. If you do not use the full \$20.00, we will not issue cash or store credit for the remaining balance, and you forfeit any unused amount.
 - You are responsible for transforming materials purchased with the thrift store credit into original artwork.
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4. Registration & Auction Details

- We close artist registration on May 22 at 11:59 PM (CT). Late registrations will not be accepted.
 - We host The Art of Possibilities as an online auction event.
 - The auction opens June 22 at 12:00 PM (CT) and closes June 25 at 6:30 PM (CT).
 - We display artwork images and descriptions online for bidding.
 - The highest bid at the close of the auction determines the final sale price.
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5. Auction Payment

- Winning bidders must complete payment through the designated online auction platform at the close of the auction.
 - Payment is due immediately upon auction closing unless otherwise specified by the platform.
 - If a winning bidder fails to complete payment, The Arc of Bismarck reserves the right to contact the next highest bidder or withdraw the item from sale.
 - We will not release or ship artwork until full payment has been received and confirmed.
 - The Arc of Bismarck is not responsible for technical issues related to the online auction platform.
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6. Proceeds & Artist Compensation

- We host The Art of Possibilities as a charitable fundraising event that benefits The Arc of Bismarck.
- We direct 100% of each artwork's final sale price to support The Arc of Bismarck's local advocacy and community programs.
- By registering, you acknowledge that you will not receive payment for artwork sold through this auction.
- If an item does not receive bids, we will not sell it through the auction.
- If your artwork does not sell, we will notify you and return it. You must arrange pickup

within fourteen (14) calendar days of notification.

- If you do not pick up your artwork within fourteen (14) calendar days and do not make other written arrangements, we may treat the artwork as a donation to The Arc of Bismarck.
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7. Delivery of Artwork (Artists)

- Only registered artists may arrange artwork delivery.
- You may designate another individual to deliver your artwork, but you must notify The Arc of Bismarck in advance and provide the name of the individual who will deliver it.
- You must deliver completed artwork by the specified deadline to The Arc of Bismarck offices at the designated address provided after registration.
- We require delivery by appointment only. After registration, we will email you a private scheduling link. You may share this link with your designated delivery individual if applicable.
- You must schedule your delivery online using that link. We do not accept walk-ins.
- You must prepare artwork for display and ensure it is safe to handle.
- You are responsible for all shipping arrangements and associated costs, including return shipping if applicable.
- You must properly package and insure artwork if you ship it.

Artwork Care

- While we will handle all artwork with reasonable care, The Arc of Bismarck is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage that occurs during delivery, display, or storage.
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8. Artwork Pickup & Shipping (Buyers)

- We release or ship artwork only after full payment has been received and confirmed.
 - Buyers are responsible for arranging and paying all shipping costs if shipping is requested.
 - The Arc of Bismarck does not arrange, coordinate, or assume responsibility for shipping.
 - Buyers must independently arrange shipping with a carrier of their choice.
 - Buyers must contact The Arc of Bismarck directly to coordinate pickup.
 - If artwork is not picked up or shipping arrangements are not made within fourteen (14) calendar days of auction close, The Arc of Bismarck reserves the right to determine appropriate next steps.
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9. Image Use & Promotion

- By participating, you grant The Arc of Bismarck permission to photograph, reproduce, and use images of your submitted artwork for promotional, marketing, educational, fundraising, and other organizational purposes in print and digital formats without time limitation.
 - We will include artist credit whenever possible.
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10. Code of Conduct

- We ask all participants to engage respectfully with event staff, buyers, and fellow artists.
 - The Arc of Bismarck may remove any participant who violates these guidelines.
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11. Event Modifications

- The Arc of Bismarck may adjust timelines or event logistics if necessary.
 - We will notify registered participants of any significant changes.
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12. Agreement & Consent

By checking the agreement box during registration, you confirm that:

- You have read and agree to these Artist Participation Guidelines.
- You created the submitted artwork.
- You understand that 100% of proceeds support The Arc of Bismarck and that you will not receive payment for artwork sold through this auction.
- You grant permission for promotional use of submitted images.