



September 9, 2019

Dear Principal and Art Department Representative,

With the holiday season swiftly approaching, we are excited to announce this year's *Annual Spiritual & Religious Youth Art Competition*. This exhibition is open to K-10 students living in Utah Valley. This year, in efforts to make this an interfaith celebration, we are encouraging students to create artwork that will coincide with themes found in the Spiritual & Religious Invitational exhibition *Ars Moriendi: The Art of Death and Dying*. The prompts for this year's Youth Art Competition will focus on memories.

This exhibition will be on view at the Museum in the Ingrid F. Nemelka Gallery from November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 through January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The Museum will select a number of works to be included in the exhibition. Of those selected for display, a small number will be chosen for cash prizes! Please note: In previous years all works in the exhibition received cash prizes. To allow more art in the show, those selected for awards will receive cash prizes. **Most of the exhibited works will not receive a cash prize.**

This competition is open to K-10 students living within Utah Valley. We ask for your support in announcing and publicizing this upcoming exhibition. Many schools offer this to students along with similar events such as the PTA Reflections Art Contest and allow students to enter one or both at their parents' discretion. We encourage students to consider the following questions when thinking of subject matter:

- *Create an artwork of your favorite memory.*
- *How does art help you remember a loved one who has died?*
- *Create an artwork of a family tradition.*

The works will be juried by the SMA Education staff. **The works are to be original and individually conceived by the students, rather than class projects.** No works will be considered if they contain glitter, candy, glued-on beans, macaroni, or similar material that tend to fall off when handled or invite pests into the Museum.

Teachers and parents may bring entries to the Museum starting Thursday,



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November 7<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 4:00 pm. As a result of the growing popularity of this show, we ask each school to limit their entries to no more than 100. Each student is limited to one entry. **Please be sure to fill out and attach the included entry card with each work – clearly listing the artist’s first and last name, home phone number, parent email, grade, school, and teacher’s name and email. The entry cards may be attached to the back of the work. Works without completed entry cards attached will not be considered for the exhibition.**

A list of accepted works will be posted on [smofa.org](http://smofa.org) on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019. We will contact each award winner to invite them to an award ceremony Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at 11:00 AM. Students in the exhibition who do not receive awards will be invited to join us for an opening reception the same day from 12:00 – 1:00 PM. You are also invited to visit the Museum during regular hours throughout December to see the selected works on display. Artwork should be picked up by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Art will not be retained after January 2020.

We look forward to working with you on this special project. If you have any questions, please refer to [www.smofa.org](http://www.smofa.org) or call 801-489-2727.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Cutler".

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