



INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF BLUES FOUNDATION® DRAWING US TOGETHER

an Action for the Arts® exhibit/competition for young and emerging artists



registration now open - submissions limited to first 50 artists!

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2011 theme

BOSTON

a city of music

Drawing Us Together is open to folk, self-taught and trained artists ages 14 – 24. The exhibit will take place at the House of Blues-Boston on May 10th and online at www.actionforthearts.org. Winners' artworks will be recognized during the exhibit and used in IHOBF retail products to be sold at the House of Blues with all proceeds supporting IHOBF arts programs for youth.

Complete registration and submission details/forms, artwork guidelines, and Official Rules available at

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THEME

Drawing Us Together 2011 invites eligible artists to create original artworks inspired by the 2011 theme, Boston: A City of Music. In creating their artworks, artists are encouraged to consider the role that music and music-making can play in city life including: bringing people together to socialize, celebrate, and share important events; reflecting the pace of city life; preserving and expressing cultural traditions; giving voice to the diversity of people and experiences that shape city life; raising awareness about important issues; and providing relief from the challenges of everyday life.

ELIGIBILITY

Drawing Us Together 2011 is open to folk, self-taught, and trained artists in two age groups:

- **Young Artist:** age 14-18, enrolled in high school grades 9 through 12, and resident of the state of Massachusetts at the time of the competition
- **Emerging Artist:** age 18-24 and a resident of the state of Massachusetts OR age 18-24, a resident of the United States, and enrolled in an educational institution other than high school in the state of Massachusetts at the time of the competition

Artists may only enter in one category.

ARTWORK GUIDELINES (*visit www.actionforthearts.org for complete details and Official Rules*)

- Only one entry/artwork per artist is allowed.
- Artwork must be artist's original work; no reproductions of existing art/illustrations, copyrighted materials, or the works of others may be submitted.
- Artwork must be appropriate for viewing by audiences of all ages and may not include profanity, nudity, derogatory characterizations/humiliations of individuals or groups, or gang signs or symbols. *IHOBF reserves the right to disallow the inclusion of an artwork in the Exhibit/Competition if the artwork is deemed by IHOBF to be inappropriate. See Official Rules (at www.actionforthearts.org) for complete details.*
- All mediums are permitted. **No photography.** Computer generated art must be artist's original work and may not include clip art, photography, scanned in art, copyrighted or trademarked materials.
- Artwork must be at least 4" x 6" but not larger than 18" x 24".
- Finished artwork must be 2-D and created on paper, canvas, cardboard, or other lightweight material no more than 1/8th thick or stretched canvas no more than 1" thick.
- Artwork must be mounted on lightweight material no more than 1" thick and no larger than 20" x 26". Stretched canvas can be submitted as is without mounting.
- Mounted artwork or stretched canvas must be ready for hanging display.
- Artwork may be titled or untitled; signed or unsigned.
- The following identification information must be printed clearly on the back of the artwork: Artist Name, Age (Young Artists must also include grade level and name of high school), contact phone number, contact e-mail, and title of artwork (if applicable).
- In addition to the original artwork, a digital image of the artwork must be provided. The digital image will be used for the online exhibit. Files should be .jpg or .tiff, at least 300dpi, and at least 4" x 6".
- All artwork submitted becomes the property of the IHOBF. Though IHOBF will attempt to treat all submitted artwork with the utmost care, IHOBF will not be responsible for any artworks that are damaged or lost during or in connection with the Exhibit/Competition.
- Retrieval of Artwork by Artists: At IHOBF's election, IHOBF may create an opportunity for artists to retrieve their original artworks at the House of Blues venue on set dates/times to be announced by IHOBF.

REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION OF ARTWORK

Artists must complete a two-step process in order to participate in the Exhibit/Competition:

Step One: Submit completed Registration and Consent forms.

Space is limited, therefore the Exhibit/Competition will be open only to the first fifty (50) eligible artists to submit completed Registration and Consent forms. ***Forms are available on www.actionforthearts.org.***

Artists whose forms have been received by IHOBFB will be sent an email either confirming that they have secured a space or informing them that the Exhibit/Competition is full. Incomplete and unsigned forms will not be considered. **PLEASE NOTE: Artists must reserve a space as described above and receive confirmation from IHOBFB in order to submit artwork for the Exhibit/Competition.**

Step Two: Submit original artwork and digital image of artwork.

Original artwork must be submitted by mail or hand-delivered as follows:

- Delivery by mail received no later than 5 p.m. Monday, May 2 to:
IHOBFB- Boston
ATTN: Drawing Us Together
15 Lansdowne Street, Boston, MA 02215

Please Note: Submissions with postage due upon delivery will not be accepted.

- Delivery by hand no later than 5 p.m. Monday, May 2.
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY: to schedule an appointment please contact IHOBFB-Boston at (617) 960-8380 or ihobfboston@livenation.com.

Digital image of artwork must be submitted via email to ihobfboston@livenation.com no later than 5 p.m. Monday, May 2. Email must include the following identification information: Artist Name, Age (Young Artists must also include grade level and name and address of high school), contact phone number, e-mail, artwork title (if applicable), and date and method original artwork was or will be submitted.

JUDGING AND RECOGNITION OF ARTISTS AND COMPETITION WINNERS

Prior to the exhibit, a panel of judges will select one winner in each category (Young Artist and Emerging Artist). Artworks will be judged on the basis of the following criteria, with equal weight given to each criterion:

- **Concept:** How well the work relates to the theme
- **Media:** How effectively the artist has used selected techniques and materials
- **Expressive Content:** Original and creative interpretation of the stated theme

Competition winners will be notified via email. Winners' artworks will be recognized as winning artworks during the Exhibit at House of Blues-Boston; placed on longer term display at the House of Blues-Boston following the Exhibit/Competition; featured in the Exhibition Center at www.ihobfb.org and on www.actionforthearts.org; used in the design of an IHOBFB Action for the Arts retail product or products (e.g., note cards, t-shirts, etc.) to be sold at House of Blues retail stores and by IHOBFB through other channels with all proceeds from the sale of such products to support IHOBFB arts programming for youth. Artists whose works are selected for use in retail products will be acknowledged on the products and/or related materials (packaging or hangtag).

All participating artists in the Exhibit/Competition will be recognized on a poster created by IHOBFB that will be made available online in a .pdf file for download and printing following the exhibit. IHOBFB will email participating artists the URL and password for downloading the poster.

EXHIBIT

The *Drawing Us Together 2011* Boston: City of Music Exhibit will take place at House of Blues-Boston on Tuesday, May 10. There will be no charge to attend. The exhibit also will be showcased online at www.actionforthearts.org.

***Drawing Us Together 2011* is sponsored by the International House of Blues Foundation (IHOBFB).
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