

# The 2026 Ohio Juried Exhibition of Student Art

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Academic Year 2025-2026 is the year!



A presentation of:  
International Violin Competition of Indianapolis

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The **International Violin Competition of Indianapolis**, one of the world's most prestigious violin competitions, cordially invites all Ohio students in grades one through twelve to participate in the inaugural 2026 Juried Exhibition of Student Art. Thanks to the generosity of the Ohio-based Cynthia P. Matthews Family Foundation, we are pleased to expand the program to Ohio for the very first time. Over \$18,000 in prizes will be awarded to students and schools. Thirty Streeter Hadley Matthews Grand Award Winners will be selected and their artwork displayed during the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis, September 17 - October 4, 2026.

## PURPOSES

- To affirm the highest standards of visual arts;
- To encourage the pursuit of visual arts as a career;
- To help integrate the disciplines of the performing and the visual arts;
- To increase community support for the arts;
- To heighten student awareness of the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis and its cultural importance to the entire country.

## EXHIBITION LEVELS

Level I: Grades 1-2	Level IV: Grades 7-8
Level II: Grades 3-4	Level V: Grades 9-10
Level III: Grades 5-6	Level VI: Grades 11-12

## ALIGNMENT WITH STATE STANDARDS

To assist teachers with lesson planning, the IVCI has established grade specific alignment of the JESA program with the Ohio Academic Standards for Visual Arts. Detailed information about the fulfillment of specific state standards will be available online at [www.violin.org/JESA](http://www.violin.org/JESA) and will also be mailed to all teachers who register for the program.

## AWARDS

- Each student whose artwork is selected by their art teacher to be entered for regional judging will be awarded a certificate of recognition.
- 120 Regional Winners will be awarded a Certificate of Merit and will receive a \$25 cash prize.
- 30 Streeter Hadley Matthews Grand Award Winners will be awarded a Certificate of Honor and the following cash prizes:
  - Grades 1-4 (10 winners): \$100
  - Grades 5-8 (10 winners): \$200
  - Grades 9-12 (10 winners): \$500
- Teachers of each Streeter Hadley Matthews Grand Award Winner will receive a Certificate of Commendation.
- Each school of a Streeter Hadley Matthews Grand Award Winner will receive a commemorative plaque of the Winner's artwork and \$250 to be used for art materials.

# ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS

## ELIGIBILITY

Any art teacher who wishes to enter artwork of their students must respond to the exhibition invitation by registering online at [www.violin.org/JESA](http://www.violin.org/JESA) by **January 30, 2026**.

Each entry must be the artwork of an individual student currently enrolled in a public or private Ohio school, grades one through twelve, a charter school, or an accredited homeschool program.

## THEME

Any theme related to the violin, such as the instrument itself, its music or its performance, will be considered appropriate.

## MEDIA

An original work of art in two dimensions. All media suitable for reproduction will be considered, including photography. **Absolutely no three-dimensional or AI-generated artwork will be accepted.**

## SIZE

The finished work may not be larger than 20 x 30" nor smaller than 8.5 x 11". The dimensions may be calculated vertically or horizontally.

## PRELIMINARY JUDGING

Each participating art teacher will perform the preliminary level of judging by selecting a maximum of six artworks per exhibition level per school.

## MOUNTING

Each artwork must be dry and individually mounted in a manner suitable for judging. Frames or glass may not be used. Any work that is in an easily damageable medium should be protected by a fixative or a clear plastic covering.

## IDENTIFICATION

An entry form to indicate exhibition level of the artist, the artist's name, grade, title of work, medium, teacher's name, school, principal's name, school address, city, county, and school telephone number must be legible and firmly attached to the back of each work. The entry form, which will be included in the curriculum packet sent to all registered art teachers, may be duplicated for such use. Attach the entry form to the back of the artwork in the **upper right hand corner.**

## ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION

Recordings of specially selected violin music and images of masterworks featuring the violin will be available online as instructional resources.

The state will be divided into five regions for regional judging (see enclosed map) so that all regions of the state of Ohio will be equally represented in the adjudication for the Streeter Hadley Matthews Grand Award Winners.

Only one artwork per student may be entered for regional judging.

If larger schools employ several art teachers, the teachers may each submit a maximum of six (6) artworks per level of exhibition for regional judging.

If one teacher works at several schools, that teacher may submit six (6) artworks per level of exhibition from each school for regional judging.

Because great recognition is gained both for the artists and for the Juried Exhibition of Student Art itself through the statewide touring and display of the artworks, all rights to the artwork of the 30 Streeter Hadley Matthews Grand Award Winners and the reproduction thereof become and remain the property of the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis. The artworks themselves will be returned to or available for pickup by the artist after a maximum period of three years.

The artwork of finalists not selected for statewide judging will be returned in the same manner in which it was received.

## DISCLAIMER

Although the greatest care will be taken of the artwork submitted, the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis is not responsible for:

- 1) any loss of artwork, or
- 2) any damage to artwork submitted due to shipping method.

## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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## **TIMELINE**

September 2025	Formal announcements to all superintendents, principals, and art teachers requesting their reply for participation
September 2025 - January 2026	Curriculum packets sent to all art teachers as registrations are received
<b>January 30, 2026*</b>	<b>TEACHER REGISTRATION DEADLINE</b> <i>We have extended this deadline from January 9 to 30 if you feel you are still able to make the submission deadline of March 18.</i>
March 18, 2026	<b>SUBMISSION DEADLINE</b> Registered teachers may submit artwork by mailing to the following address:  Juried Exhibition of Student Art c/o International Violin Competition of Indianapolis 32 E. Washington Street, Suite 1320 Indianapolis, IN 46204  (UPS or FedEx is strongly suggested for delivery confirmation purposes)
April 3, 2026	Announcement of Finalists Streeter Hadley Matthews Grand Award Winners
May 2, 2026	Awards Ceremony
May 2026 - May 2029	30 Streeter Hadley Matthews Grand Award Winners artwork available for statewide touring and display.



# 2022 Juried Exhibition of Student Art Grand Award Winners



Dakota Ankney, Grade 9  
Franklin, IN



Brooklyn Apted, Grade 12  
Winona Lake, IN



Addison Bolte, Grade 9  
Ferdinand, IN



Fiona Brodzinski, Grade 10  
Mishawaka, IN



Sierra Bundy, Grade 12  
Franklin, IN



Claire Bush, Grade 2  
Columbus, IN



Kaylyn Cameron, Grade 7  
Woodburn, IN



Knox Cantrell, Grade 3  
Columbus, IN



Kevin Chen, Grade 5  
Columbus, IN



Stefani Christopher, Grade 8  
Columbus, IN



Illyana Cox, Grade 12  
Nashville, IN



Sophia Dougherty, Grade 3  
Columbus, IN



Alexander Jacobo, Grade 2  
Indianapolis, IN



Kayden Kelly, Grade 2  
Wabash, IN



Jesse Kogge, Grade 12  
Bloomington, IN



MaKynna Lane, Grade 5  
Delphi, IN



Miranda Martin, Grade 7  
Fort Wayne, IN



Hadley Mills, Grade 3  
Delphi, IN



Elizabeth Ntiamoah, Grade 8  
New Castle, IN



Audrey Palmer, Grade 5  
Evansville, IN



Jacob Perez, Grade 7  
Mishawaka, IN



Kairi Rains, Grade 4  
Clay City, IN



Adrian Rios, Grade 5  
Speedway, IN



Kyler Shirley, Grade 10  
Franklin, IN



Makaela Shoue, Grade 6  
Wabash, IN



Ben Spitzer, Grade 2  
Delphi, IN



Kara Taylor, Grade 4  
Speedway, IN



Nalani Taylor, Grade 2  
Elkhart, IN



Dan Tran, Grade 10  
Vincennes, IN



Tatum Whallon, Grade 12  
Clinton, IN