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Orange County Arts and Disability present:

# The Adventure Starts Here at the 47th Annual Orange County Arts and Disability Festival



*"The Adventure Starts Here" by Bryan Ha, 9th Grader at Edison High School, HBUSD*

## Entries due Friday, March 24, 2023

Visual and performing artists of all ages who have a disability are invited to submit artwork and/or apply to perform in a countywide celebration of Arts and Disability on Saturday, April 29th, 2023, at MainPlace Mall in Santa Ana, California.

Artwork may be delivered attention to Carey Arias at OCDE via district mail or in person (HOURS 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.) at 200 Kalmus Drive | Costa Mesa, CA | 92806

Visual Arts [Rules and Entry Form](#)

Performing Arts [Rules and Entry Form](#)

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## FAQ - Orange County Arts & Disability Festival

**What is it?** The 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Orange County Arts & Disability Festival – *Call for Entries* is an opportunity for visual and performing artists of all ages who have a disability to submit artwork and/or perform in a countywide celebration of Arts and Disability on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at MainPlace Mall in Santa Ana, CA.

**What is the deadline to enter?** Friday, March 24, 2023.

**Can I enter as a Girl Scout?** Yes! Girl Scouts with disabilities should designate Girl Scouts of Orange County as the school/organization on their entry form and may list their Girl Scout Leader instead of Teacher.

**What is this year's THEME?** *"The Adventure Starts Here"*

**How do I enter?** Complete the entry form by **Friday, March 24, 2023**. Girl Scouts should designate *Girl Scout Leader* instead of Teacher and *Girl Scouts of Orange County* as the school/organization.

- [Visual Arts Rules & Entry Form](#)
- [Performing Arts Rules and Entry Form](#)

**Who can submit Visual Arts?** All visual artists who have a disability are invited to submit an entry form to have their art displayed in a countywide celebration of Arts and Disability on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at MainPlace Mall in Santa Ana, CA. Opening ceremonies will begin at 11:00 a.m. ***Deadline to submit art & entry forms is Friday, March 24, 2023.***

**Who can submit Performing Art?** Performing artists of all ages who have a disability are invited to submit an entry form to perform in a countywide celebration of Arts and Disability on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at MainPlace Mall in Santa Ana, CA. Performances will be in 10-minute time slots running from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Opening ceremonies will begin at 11:00 a.m. for groups who may be selected to perform at the opening. ***Deadline to submit art & entry forms is Friday, March 24, 2023.***

**What is considered a disability?** A disability is any condition of the body or mind (impairment) that makes it more difficult for the person with the condition to do certain activities (activity limitation) and interact with the world around them (participation restrictions).

**Where can I find the Rules & Requirements?** Review the Entry Forms. All participants must submit a Permission / Release Form. All performers must arrive 45 minutes before their scheduled performance time. All performance pieces must be family friendly. Performing groups must have at least one member who has a disability.

**Is there a cost?** No, there is no fee to submit or to participate.

**Where do I drop-off Art?** Artwork may be delivered attend to Carey Arias at OCDE via district mail or in person (Hours 8:00am – 3:30pm) at 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92806. ***Deadline to submit art & entry forms is Friday, March 24, 2023.***

**What is the Purpose of the Festival?** The purpose of the Festival is to provide students receiving special education services, and adults, an opportunity to develop, exhibit and showcase their artistic talents. OCDE believes that students who have achieved success in their endeavors should be acknowledge, and local media coverage is one avenue available for that purpose.



**What size Visual Art is accepted?** Entries must be matted or backed in black, no smaller than 9X12 inches, and should not exceed 12X18 inches, (not including the border/matting). Matting should not exceed 2 inches on each side. The inside of the mat should overlap the picture at least ¼ inch. A piece at 12X18 inches with 2" measuring a total of 14X20 matting would hit the maximum dimensions accepted.

**What are the Submission Guidelines for Visual Art?**

1. Entries must be matted or backed in black, no smaller than 9X12 inches, and should not exceed 12X18 inches, (not including the border/matting). Matting should not exceed 2 inches on each side. The inside of the mat should overlap the picture at least ¼ inch. A piece at 12X18 inches with 2" measuring a total of 14X20 matting would hit the maximum dimensions accepted.
2. Artwork with text will be disqualified if writing cannot be easily read and/or edited as needed.
3. Please do not use glitter and/or other similar substances.
4. All submissions must be original and not infringe on any copyrighted material.
5. No photocopies of student work will be accepted. We encourage teachers submitting more than one piece to diversify subject matter.
6. Submissions must have the label provided in this form attached to the back.
7. Lightweight mats only; Art will be stapled to art panels for displaying. We will not accept framed work (glass).
8. Canvas: Only matted flat canvas board paintings will be accepted. No wooden frame canvas pieces will be accepted.
9. Teachers are responsible for procuring parent permission and for notifying parents regarding the festival and other display opportunities. A Permission slip is provided in this form.
10. **Entries must be received by Friday, March 24, 2023.** Artwork may be delivered to OCDE via district mail or in person to 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa CA 92626.
11. All artwork will be returned to submitting schools, organizations and independent artists by December 2023.
12. At least one working family email address is needed for each submission. Teachers, please do not list your email or student district-provided emails for the family email contact. These emails must be accessible for Orange County Arts and Disability and Festival of Arts to contact families over the summer.

The Orange County Department of Education may display, copy, reproduce, enhance, print, sublicense, publish and distribute student artwork for promotional purposes. Neither the Orange County Department of Education, Orange County Arts and Disability, Festival of the Arts, MainPlace Mall or any of their employees will be held liable for any damaged student artwork

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