



48TH ELKHART JURIED REGIONAL

October 10 - December 31, 2026

ENTRY FORM & RULES

Largest Cash Awards Show in Michiana Over \$25,000 in Awards!

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY

The Midwest Museum of American Art is pleased to announce the **48th Elkhart Juried Regional Art Exhibition, October 10 - December 31, 2026**. This all-media competition is open to artists 18 years and older who are residents of the following 24 counties: Allen, DeKalb, Elkhart, Fulton, Huntington, Jasper, Kosciusko, Lake, LaGrange, LaPorte, Marshall, Newton, Noble, Porter, Pulaski, St. Joseph, Starke, Steuben, Wabash or Whitley counties in Indiana and Berrien, Branch, Cass, or St. Joseph counties in Michigan.

Each entrant may submit one (1) or two (2) works which must be original in concept and execution; created within the last two (2) years; not completed under instruction; and, not previously exhibited at the MMAA or any other competition within the region.

This competition provides a unique opportunity for artists of Michiana to gain exposure in a museum setting. The Elkhart Juried Regional has become an important survey of the very best of what is happening currently in the area.

ENTRY FEE:

- **\$25** for **one entry**
- **\$40** for **two entries**

Entry fees are **non-refundable**. Limit up to two (2) works per artist.

ENTRIES DUE:

All works must be **hand delivered** to the museum from **September 8** through **September 19** during regular museum hours, Mon. – Sat. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

SIZE LIMITATIONS:

- Length or width may not exceed seven (7) feet
- No work of art may exceed 100 lbs. in weight

FRAMING & PRESENTATION:

- All entries must be prepared for installation.
- Two-dimensional work must be framed and wired for hanging.
- Three-dimensional work should be self-supporting or be able to be placed on a pedestal.

- **No** installation pieces accepted.
- **No** works will be accepted that require the artist present for installation.

PICK-UP OF NON-ACCEPTED WORKS:

Non-accepted work **must** be picked up September 22 through October 3, Mon. – Sat., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PICK-UP OF ACCEPTED WORKS:

Accepted works **must** remain for the duration of the exhibition. Accepted works may be picked up:

January 4 - 31, 2027

Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Any artwork (accepted or non-accepted) not picked up by February 28, 2027, will automatically be considered the property of the Midwest Museum of American Art to dispose of in any way it sees fit.

NOTICE OF AGREEMENT:

The work selected for Best of Show becomes the property of the MMAA. If you **do not** want the work(s) submitted considered for Best of Show, please indicate this on the Entry Tag by checking **NO**. Likewise, if you **do not** want the work(s) submitted to be "For Sale," or for a Purchase Award, please indicate this on the Entry Tag by checking **NO**.

Every artist participating in the 48th Elkhart Juried Regional is **required** to fill out an IRS W-9 form in order to be eligible for any monetary awards and/or to have their works for sale during the regional.

Submission of artwork to this exhibition shall be understood to indicate an agreement on the part of the artist with all conditions set forth in this prospectus. Each artist is asked to sign a statement on the notification card to this effect.

2026 CALENDAR - IMPORTANT DATES

September 8 thru 19: Entries to be hand delivered to the Midwest Museum of American Art

September 20: Judging

September 23: Notifications E-mailed

September 22 thru October 3: Non-Accepted works to be picked up

October 4 thru October 9: Museum Closed

October 7: Purchase Award Selections

October 10: Opening Reception

October 11: Exhibition Opens to the Public

December 31: Exhibition Closes

AWARDS - SELECTED BY JUDGES

\$1500 Best of Show Award
(becomes property of MMAA)

- \$250 Merit Award for Best in Painting**
- \$250 Merit Award for Best in Photography**
- \$250 Merit Award for Best in Sculpture**
- \$250 Merit Award for Best in Ceramic**
- \$250 Merit Award for Best in Mixed Media**
- \$250 Merit Award for Best Fiber**
- \$250 Merit Award for Best in Drawing**
- \$250 Merit Award for Best Printmaking**
- \$250 Merit Award for Best Glass**

ADDITIONAL MERIT AWARDS

As Selected by Donors

PURCHASE AWARDS

As selected by Purchase Award Patrons

SALE OF WORK:

- Unless otherwise indicated by the artist, all work is for sale.
- A commission of **40% on work sold** is payable to the MMAA.
- ***There is no commission fee on Purchase Awards, Merit Awards or "Best of's"***

ADMISSION:

All artists accepted into the Elkhart Juried Regional are admitted free of charge with one guest to the opening reception on Saturday, October 10, 2026. Except as otherwise noted, standard admission fees apply throughout the Elkhart Juried Regional exhibition.

MEMBERSHIP:

As a special thank-you to participating artists, any membership opened between October through December 2026 will receive **10% off** your selected membership level — a perfect time to join as we head into the new year together.

JURORS:

The distinguished jurors for this exhibition are:

- **Tim Parsley**, Associate Professor and Program Director, University of St. Francis
- **Katherine Ransbottom**, Associate Curator of Collections & Exhibits, Kalamazoo Institute for the Arts.

MEDIA RELEASE:

I give the MMAA full, irrevocable permission to photograph, reproduce, publish, and distribute images of the artwork(s) I have submitted in the 48th Elkhart Juried Regional, as well as my name, biographical information, artist statement, and likeness. This permission includes, but is not limited to, use in the following:

- Social media platforms (including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, and X/Twitter)
- Print and digital newspaper advertisements and editorial coverage
- Museum newsletters, brochures, flyers, and printed promotional materials
- Press releases and media outreach
- The MMAA website and online event listings
- Any other promotional or archival purpose related to the above-named event

I understand that no compensation will be provided for this use, that the MMAA will make reasonable efforts to credit my work accurately.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

The greatest care will be taken in the handling of all entries; however, as a condition of entry each artist releases and forever discharges the Midwest Museum of American Art (MMAA) and its employees, agents, officers, trustees and volunteers from any and all liability whatsoever, including the MMAA's own negligence, for any and all damages, losses to any works of art entered in the 48th Elkhart Juried Regional, including but not limited to any claims, demands, actions, causes of action, damages, costs, expenses and attorneys' fees.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY; ENTRIES WILL NOT BE PROCESSED OTHERWISE.

INVENTORY NO. _____ (For Staff Use Only)

ENTRY TAG A (attach to back left-hand corner of artwork)	ENTRY TAG B (attach to back left-hand corner of artwork)
Name	Name
Address	Address
Telephone	Telephone
Email	Email
Title	Title
Medium	Medium
Value	Value
CONSIDER THIS PIECE FOR:	CONSIDER THIS PIECE FOR:
For Sale ___ Yes ___ No	For Sale ___ Yes ___ No
Best of Show ___ Yes ___ No	Best of Show ___ Yes ___ No
\$900 Purchase Award ___ Yes ___ No	\$900 Purchase Award ___ Yes ___ No
\$700 Purchase Award ___ Yes ___ No	\$700 Purchase Award ___ Yes ___ No
\$500 Purchase Award ___ Yes ___ No	\$500 Purchase Award ___ Yes ___ No
I, the undersigned artist, have read, understand, and agree to the Rules of Eligibility of the 48th Elkhart Juried Regional Exhibition, including, but not limited to the Media Release and Limitation Of Liability provisions.	I, the undersigned artist, have read, understand, and agree to the Rules of Eligibility of the 48th Elkhart Juried Regional Exhibition, including, but not limited to the Media Release and Limitation Of Liability provisions.
Artist Signature of Agreement	Artist Signature of Agreement
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	FOR OFFICE USE ONLY
☐ ACCEPTED ☐ NOT ACCEPTED No. _____	☐ ACCEPTED ☐ NOT ACCEPTED No. _____

Please print this page and cut out each tag.
Place tags on the back of each 2-D work or attach to 3-D works where they can be easily read or marked.

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Bring this page at full size with you when you enter. This Inventory page must be filled out completely.
It will be the record of your entry into the 48th Elkhart Juried Regional and must accompany your artwork in the inventory process.

NOTIFICATION CARD

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Dear Artist,

You entered the following works in the 48th Elkhart Juried Regional. The works below were “Accepted” or “Not Accepted” by our jurors:

To Be Completed by the Artist:

Entry Tag A: _____
(Title)

Entry Tag B: _____
(Title)

OFFICE USE ONLY:

____ Accepted ____ Not Accepted

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Name

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Telephone Email

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