

Announcing the 2023 “Taos is Art” Lamppost Banner Competition by Town of Taos and Taos Arts Council Call For Entry

CALL FOR ENTRIES BEGIN: January 16, 2023

CALL FOR ENTRIES ENDS: February 3, 2023

CONTEST DESCRIPTION:

In order to highlight Taos as an arts destination; celebrate and support the rich diversity of our community and the abundant creativity of our artists; give visibility to those who may not normally receive representation; and delineate and beautify the historic district – the Town of Taos and the Taos Arts Council are seeking Taos County artists’ art work for a lamppost banner campaign that will be on view within the Town of Taos from approximately late spring through early fall, exact dates to be determined in conjunction with the Town of Taos. It is our goal to feature a diverse and inclusive set of artists currently living and working within Taos County, while welcoming visitors to Taos and the historic district.

MEDIUM

This year, we welcome and encourage diverse and inclusive images that represent any artistic discipline or media which can be photographed and displayed visually on a banner. Examples include, but are not limited to: painting, pottery, sculpture, print-making, photography, projection and installation, glass, jewelry, metal work, fiber art, performing arts such as dance, theatre, music, etc. and non-traditional media.

REQUIREMENTS

Entrants must be artists at least 18 years of age, currently living and working within Taos County. Work must have been produced within the last 5 years and cannot be a duplicate of a winning entry from a prior Banner competition. Current work is strongly encouraged! Each individual or artist representative may enter a total of one (1) piece, with one (1) image. A group may enter one (1) piece that they’ve worked on collectively, under one (1) collective name.

ENTRY INFO

**THE CALL FOR ENTRY WILL OPEN JANUARY 16, 2023
AND CLOSE FEBRUARY 3, 2023.**

Selection of winning images will take place via a blind jury selection process within approximately 3-5 days after closing and winners will be notified as soon as practical afterwards (approximately 1-3 days).

All entries must be submitted through the CaFE website (<https://www.callforentry.org>).

Log on to <https://www.callforentry.org> to enter the Banner Competition. Applicants

will first need to create an account / artist profile which is free. Once a profile is completed artists can enter the Banner Competition. There is a \$22 application fee for the submission. The fee includes a \$20 fee to offset expenses for the banner project, and a \$2 addition to fund any replacement banners due to loss, damage or similar.

As part of the entry process, the artist or artist's representative will be asked to submit the following information: Full Name, a Short Bio, Contact Information, Artwork Information and one (1) image of Art. Additional information may be required.

IMAGES

Applicants will need to submit (1) image to enter the competition. Selected applicants will need to submit a second 'high resolution' image for printing. The first lower resolution image will be submitted to the CaFE website to enter the competition. The second higher resolution image must be submitted to the Taos Arts Council (info@taosartscouncil.org) for printing. Both images must be supplied digitally.

1) The image needed for the Call For Entry website must be a JPG (or JPEG) format only (all images must be the same format – not png, gif, tiff, psd or any other) and under 5mb in size.

2) The image needed for Printing must be a PSD, TIFF, JPG or PNG format only and will vary in file size. The print image will need to be at least 200 dpi (dots per inch) resolution for printing clarity.

3) The image size for the large banners (30"w x 60"h) is 30"w x 49"h. The image size for the small banners (18"w x 30"h) is 18"w x 23"h.

PHOTO QUALITY COUNTS!

Your entry will NOT be considered if the submitted photograph is not of reasonable reproduction (print) quality. Tips: Choose a work / photograph which is bold, bright and legible, with good sharpness and contrast. Avoid busy images or those that would not come across from a distance and from below.

For more information regarding image considerations, preparation and submission, please contact the Taos Arts Council (info@taosartscouncil.org).

JUDGING CONSIDERATIONS

Submissions will be judged by a blind jury selection process.

Considerations will include aesthetic impact, diversity of medium and artist background, suitability for the medium, appropriateness for public display, and legibility for drive-by viewers and pedestrians. We seek artwork that reflects the vitality of all the arts in Taos including but not limited to: painting, pottery, sculpture, printmaking, photography, projection and installation, glass, jewelry, metal work, fiber art, performing arts such as dance, theatre, music, etc. and non-traditional media – in short, depictions of all that Taos offers.

Only entries submitted through CaFE (<https://www.callforentry.org>) will be accepted for judging.

There should be no text or overlays on the submitted image unless it is part of the art. If your artwork is chosen, you will be asked for your full name as you would like it to appear on the banner (max of 22 characters with spaces), the Date work was completed, the Title, Medium and a Short Description of work.

Successful entries will also be required to submit a print quality image file upon notification from the Taos Arts Council. If a print quality file is not provided within the posted timeframe after the winning notification, the entry will be disqualified and a replacement entry will be chosen for print.

WINNING ENTRIES

Selected artists will be featured on ONE of forty-one (41) 30" x 60" lamp post banners (printed front and back), in a location of the Town's choosing along Paseo del Pueblo Sur and Norte or will be featured on ONE of twenty-five (25) 18" x 30" lamp post banners (printed front and back) in a location of the Town's choosing along Kit Carson Road, Bent Street and within the historic district. There will be a total of 66 banners to be displayed around the Town of Taos.

The banner layout will include your name as you've requested it to appear, and will be on view within the Town of Taos from approximately late spring through early fall, exact dates to be determined in conjunction with the Town of Taos. A list of the selected individual banner artists will be posted by Taos Arts Council as soon as practicable after all the judging process has been completed. Winners of lamppost banners will each receive their banners to keep once the campaign ends and will be available for pick-up at a location to be determined and on dates to be determined.

PROMOTION

Various promotions on social media and other outlets may appear during this Banner Competition at the sole discretion and direction of the Town of Taos and the Taos Arts Council. PR may include but is not limited to the following: a page or pages on Taos.org and/or TaosArtsCouncil.org, e-news email blasts, social media posts on Visit Taos, Taos is Art and Taos Arts Council social media channels (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, YouTube), the Taos News, digital banner ads and online and print ads and materials. Promotions may include featured artists / bios, photos of artwork and finished hung banners.

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LEGAL / OTHER IMPORTANT PARTICULARS, RIGHTS & DISCLAIMERS

Legal / Other Important Particulars, Rights & Disclaimers – The Town of Taos Marketing & Tourism Department and the Taos Arts Council reserve the right to disqualify any entry if deemed (1) unsuitable for display, (2) if entrant does not provide a high-resolution print file before notified deadline, or (3) if entrant does not meet any other requirements as described in the general rules and regulations of the 2023 Taos Art Banner Competition by Town of Taos and Taos Arts Council. The Town of Taos Marketing & Tourism Department, the Taos Arts Council, and the contracted graphic designer reserve the right to crop and retouch entrant's digital file as is deemed suitable for banner format and ratio, legibility, best impact and aesthetics. Also as part of the application in the Town of Taos Banner Competition, the artist agrees to let the Town of Taos or the Taos Arts Council use any submitted artwork for the purposes of advertising the event or related activities. This may include altering the work through cropping, sizing, angling or other such manipulations necessary for layout and / or presentation. All artists will be credited where appropriate. By entering this competition, entrant agrees to all terms described herein, and allows their image /artwork to be displayed publicly for the duration of the campaign, and will be on view from approximately late spring through early fall, exact dates to be determined in conjunction with the Town of Taos. By entering this competition, entrant grants the Town of Taos Marketing & Tourism Department and the Taos Arts Council full rights and unlimited use of their submitted image (or portion thereof), in the banner and poster layouts and for use in any Town of Taos or Taos Arts Council promotions, including but not limited to print, digital and social media channels through 2023. The Town of Taos and The Taos Arts Council (since they pay for production) jointly own the RIGHTS to the banner LAYOUTS, but not the artist's work itself. Winning artists may not reproduce the banner layout. The Taos Arts Council (since they pay for production) owns any poster reproductions and may hang, sell, gift or otherwise distribute as they see fit. If a poster reproduction is sold, the Taos Arts Council may compensate the selling artist a percentage (yet to be determined) of any sales price after costs are deducted if deemed appropriate. Neither the Town of Taos nor the Taos Arts Council will be directly responsible for weather, wind, loss or similar damages to the printed banners. However a \$2 addition to the Call For Entry fee is collected to fund payment for any replacement banners if deemed necessary.

Other Questions? If the answer to your question cannot be found within this document, email your question to: the Taos Arts Council (info@taosartscouncil.org). Additionally the Taos Arts Council can be reached via phone at **(575-224-2720)**. Please note, Email correspondence is the preferred contact.