



The 24th Annual Wells Fargo Student Art Contest

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For years, using the magic of the stage, Society for the Performing Arts has celebrated the diverse cultures and communities that make up the great city of Houston through the talents of our visiting artists. This season, that tradition continues with three shows that highlight diverse cultures from around the world that are also strongly represented in Houston: Nella, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, and Yotam Ottolenghi. The 24th Annual Student Art Contest encourages students to explore their own cultural heritage and celebrate the diversity and community found throughout our city.

Through their submissions, students are challenged to answer the questions: *What communities do you belong to? How can we both honor our heritage and celebrate the future?*

The Wells Fargo Student Art Contest aligns the visual arts with SPA's mainstage performing arts presentations, which serve as inspiration for the contest. Hundreds of students submit their artwork to SPA each season to win thousands of dollars in prizes, with winning entries showcased in exhibitions around the Houston area.

Winners of the 24th Annual Student Art Contest will receive tickets to SPA's Houston Artist Commissioning Project live premieres celebrating artists local to Houston during the 2022-2023 season.

Contest Rules & Guidelines

Awards and Divisions

Students compete in three divisions for cash and prize awards:

Division A: Grades K-2

Division B: Grades 3-5

Division C: Grades 6-8

Division D: Grades 9-12

Judging Criteria

Entries will be judged on interpretation of theme, creativity and originality, and quality. Specifically, judges will consider the following:

- Does the artwork relate to the contest's theme? Does the artist convey the theme clearly?
- Is the theme presented in a unique way? Is it original?
- Does the artwork provide evidence of creativity and individuality? Is the result distinctive? Does it leave an impression?
- Did the artist effectively compose and organize the elements and principles of art? Is the artwork aesthetically pleasing?
- Does the artwork show evidence of a mastery of the tools and techniques utilized? Are the use of tools and techniques well executed?

Entry Guidelines

- Students in grades K-12 attending any public, private, charter, or home school within a 50-mile radius of Society for the Performing Arts' offices (77002) are eligible to enter.
- Artwork of any 2D medium is accepted.
- Artwork must be completed within the 2021-2022 school year.
- Artwork must be unsigned.
- Artwork will be submitted virtually through an online platform, more information to come on the website.
- Artists may only submit one entry. Group art projects and collective efforts are not eligible.

FINAL DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS	March 11, 2022	6:00 PM
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