

# HEART OF LINCOLN

## A Community Art Competition and Fundraiser

### PUBLIC CALL FOR ART

#### OVERVIEW

Heart of Lincoln is a community art exhibit and fundraiser celebrating the people, places, memories, and spirit of Lincoln. This open call invites artists of all ages and experience levels to share what Lincoln means to them. Proceeds support gallery improvements and community programming during the year.

#### THEME

Capture the heart of Lincoln.

Artists may interpret this theme through landmarks, personal memories, neighborhood life, history, culture, or a feeling connected to living here.

#### ELIGIBILITY

- Open to all artists
- All ages welcome
- All skill levels encouraged
- Open to all art forms and mediums

#### ENTRY FEE

- \$10 per piece
- Limit three pieces per artist

#### DATES

- Call opens. January 24
- Submission deadline. February 9
- Exhibit opens. Thursday, February 13
- Opening reception. Saturday, February 21
- Exhibit closes. Sunday, March 15

#### FUNDRAISING PURPOSE

Funds raised support improvements to the Art League of Lincoln gallery, including facility upgrades and efforts to grow membership and artist participation. This exhibit helps strengthen a welcoming, accessible arts space for the Lincoln community.

#### AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Awards focus on community connection rather than technical perfection.

- Lincoln's Legacy

Awarded to the work that best captures the spirit and connection of the community

- Creative Spark

Celebrates art that inspires hope, joy, or optimism

- Future of Lincoln Youth Award

Recognizes a standout submission by a youth artist

- People's Choice Award

Selected by gallery visitors during the exhibit run

Prizes will include Gift Cards and experiences from local businesses.

## SALES

Artwork may be available for sale. Standard gallery commission applies.

## SUBMISSION DETAILS

Artists submit images and basic information online. Accepted artists will receive installation instructions and delivery timelines. Link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/ruQC2KiXfqjhr5CG8>

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## FAQ's

### Frequently Asked Questions

**WHO CAN SUBMIT ART:** Anyone who lives in or feels connected to the Lincoln community. All ages and experience levels are welcome. Youth artists encouraged.

**DO I HAVE TO BE A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST:** No. This exhibit welcomes first time, emerging, and experienced artists. Community participation matters more than formal training.

**WHAT TYPES OF ART ARE ACCEPTED :**All art forms are welcome including painting, drawing, photography, mixed media, collage, and small three dimensional work.

**HOW MANY PIECES CAN I SUBMIT :**Up to three pieces per artist.

**WHAT IS THE ENTRY FEE:** \$10 dollars per piece. Maximum of three pieces per artist.

**WHEN IS THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** Monday, February 9.

**WHEN DOES THE EXHIBIT OPEN :**Thursday, February 13.

**WHEN IS THE OPENING RECEPTION:**Saturday, February 21.

**HOW LONG DOES THE EXHIBIT RUN:** The exhibit closes on Sunday, March 15.

**HOW DO I SUBMIT MY ART:** Submissions are completed through an online form. Artists provide an image, title, dimensions, and a short description. Drop off details are shared after submission.

**DOES MY ART NEED TO BE READY TO DISPLAY:** Yes. All artwork must be ready for display at time of drop off.

**IS THIS A JURIED SHOW:** No. Heart of Lincoln is a community celebration, not a traditional juried exhibition. Art League of Lincoln Board Members will select the winners.

**WILL THERE BE AWARDS:** Yes. Awards focus on creativity, connection, and community impact. Categories include People's Choice, Lincoln's Legacy, Creative Spark, and Future of Lincoln for youth.

**WHAT ARE THE PRIZES:** Prizes are gift cards, and experiences from local businesses.

HOW DOES THIS SUPPORT THE ART LEAGUE All proceeds support gallery improvements and help grow the Art League as a welcoming community art space.

WHO DO I CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS Art League of Lincoln. Scholarship requests and general questions are welcome.