



2023 Ontario Arts Festival

October 21, 2023

10am – 5pm

Rules and Regulations

Artworks

The Ontario Arts Festival accepts a wide range of artists and mediums. Applicants considered will be those showcasing their individual perspectives in unique, unusual and/or unexpected ways, and with good creative design in their art or craft. See below for some guidelines to keep in mind when applying to the Arts Festival.

- All art must be original and made by the artist in attendance.
- Functional, decorative, and visual works of art are all permitted.
- If functional, art must show creativity in form or design.
- Artwork or crafts solely assembled with purchased components are not a good fit for our event. Do not apply if your products are imported, from kits, or work not created and produced by the applicant.
- No booth sharing will be considered outside of a married/significant-other partnership, otherwise only one artist or a collaborative partnership will be assigned to one space. It is possible, though, for two artists (each must apply separately) to request side-by-side spaces.
- Limited edition prints signed by the artist are permitted. Mass-produced prints are not permitted.
- Commercially created items (such as coffee mugs, jewelry, stickers, or clothing) that the artist has merely enhanced are not permitted.
- Art of an explicit nature that challenges community standards may be excluded.

Festival organizers reserve the right to ask artists to remove non-conforming items from the booth at any time during the festival.

The Jurying Process

A jury will review applications for artwork quality, originality authenticity, variety, and appearance of the booth. Jury decisions are based on creativity, marketability, and balance of media for a broad appeal to the public. Participation in a past Festival does not guarantee acceptance. It is recommended that first-time artist applicants attend our free [workshops](#) on applying for an artist call and/or how to set up your artist booth.

Booth Details

We provide a 10 x 10-foot space, including a weighted canopy, a six-foot table, black table linens and two chairs. We do not accept space requests or reservations; the layout is designed primarily to create a variety of media throughout the festival. Artists are not permitted to change spaces or move their setup without prior permission from the festival organizer.

Artists must be loaded into their space and ready for the event at least 30 minutes before the event is open.

Displays must not block walkways and all additional tables that an applicant provides must be covered to the ground with no packing materials in sight.

No electricity is available.

Conduct Expectations

We expect all vendors to be kind and courteous to each other, attendees, and our volunteers. Vendors are not allowed to walk the streets with products or samples. Any disputes between vendors should be brought to the attention of a designated staff member so it can be resolved quickly and fairly. Failure to observe these basic requests is grounds for removal and disqualification from current and future festivals.

Weather Policy

The Arts Festival will go on, unless there is extreme weather. We are not able to have a rain date due to the location and permits of our festival.

Refund Policy

All fees are non-refundable. This includes booth fees, even in the unlikely case of a show cancellation.

Liability

The Applicant agrees to allow the Ontario Arts Festival, as well as the City of Ontario, its partners, and its volunteers, to use supplied and published information and/or artwork to promote the festival. The applicant agrees to the rules and regulations supplied by the organizers. Failure to comply with any of these terms will result in withdrawal from the Festival.