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An Invitation to Houston Area Art Teachers & Students!

The Bayou City Art Festival invites currently enrolled high school students to submit art installation proposals. The 2012 Emerging Artist Program features outdoor, site-specific student work. Selected applicants will display their artwork at the Bayou City Art Festival Memorial Park, March 23 – 25, 2012.



The Emerging Artist Program provides promising student artists with an exceptional opportunity to exhibit their work in a professional venue, interact with talented artists, and experience the jury process.

#### **Submission Rules:**

1. All student proposals must be approved and submitted by a teacher.
2. All applications must be complete with information form, sketch, and proposed budget.
3. Individual student proposals are encouraged, group proposals of up to five (5) students are allowed.
4. Proposed installations must withstand inclement weather or have proper covering in case of wind and rain. Please note that installations cannot be attached to park trees or disturb the natural surroundings of the park.

**The deadline for proposal submission is Friday, February 10, 2012.**

The selected ten (10) installation proposals will receive a \$200 stipend for materials and construction costs. The festival judges will judge the Emerging Artists installations on-site and award certificates and prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. First prize: \$200 for the artist and \$200 for the school. Second prize: \$150 for the artist and \$150 for the school. Third prize: \$100 for the artist and \$100 for the school.

For more information and to view pictures from previous Emerging Artists Installations, visit [www.bayoucityartfestival.com/mp/ea/](http://www.bayoucityartfestival.com/mp/ea/)  
Or, call us at 713.521.0133 or by e-mail Sarah House, at [sarah@bayoucityartfestival.com](mailto:sarah@bayoucityartfestival.com)



**A complete Emerging Artists application includes:**

- 1. Information Form**
- 2. Sketch of proposed piece (please limit sketch size to 8.5"x11")**
- 3. Budget for \$200 materials and construction stipend  
(Include as a separate document)**

Student Artist Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(max. of 5 per team) \_\_\_\_\_

Student E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Grade  
Level \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Email \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Entry \_\_\_\_\_

Media and Materials \_\_\_\_\_

Finished Dimensions \_\_\_\_\_

Description  
(100 words max.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail, email, or deliver complete applications to:**

Bayou City Art Festival/Emerging Artist Program, 1113 Vine Street, Houston, TX 77002.

Email: sarah@bayoucityartfestival.com or call 713.521.0133.



## **Emerging Artists Program FAQ's**

**Q. Who can apply to the Emerging Artist Program?**

**A.** Any current high school student in the Greater Houston Area including home schooled students.

**Q. Why do I have to have a teacher submit the application?**

**A.** Being accepted to participate in the Emerging Artists Program is an honor and a responsibility. We want to make sure that you have the support and resources necessary to complete your artwork within the required time and conditions. Including your teacher in process is intended to provide you with that support.

**Q. Can you make an exception and let me attach my artwork to a tree?**

**A.** Sorry, no! The Bayou City Art Festival is responsible for the condition of Memorial Park and we cannot disturb the trees or vegetation.

**Q. What do the judges like?**

**A.** The judging process is subjective and we don't know what the committee will respond to each year. Previous accepted applications include many artworks that relate directly to the park environment (Such as 2011's 2nd Place and Cadillac People's Choice Award Winner, *Devolution*. This work included recycled materials and depicted forms emerging from the ground.) If your idea is original, creative, and would fit well with a natural environment, you have a better chance of being accepted.

**Q. What size should I make my sculpture?**

**A.** The final decision is up to you or your team. However, take into account the area where your sculpture could be displayed. If you haven't been to the picnic area at Memorial Park take a visit before completing your application. Check the festival website for a map of where the Emerging Artist artwork will be installed. Large sculptures are more visible, but you must think about how long it will take you to complete your work and the cost of materials.

**Q. Why can't I have more than five people on my team?**

**A.** We want every student to have a meaningful experience and participate fully in the creative process in the Emerging Artists Program. This should be more than a school project that is organized by a teacher and created by a classroom of students.