



Emerging Artists

53rd Annual

ART ON THE SQUARE

Join us for one of Iowa's oldest continuing art festivals!

Sat., June 11, 2022 • 10 AM – 4 PM

Historic Downtown Oskaloosa, Iowa

EMERGING ARTISTS: Are you an artist who is thinking about participating for the first time? After taking up an artistic hobby, are you ready to take the next step? Artists who are participating in Art on the Square **for the first time** are invited to apply to sell artwork in our new shared Emerging Artists' Space.

EMERGING ARTIST APPLICATION STEPS:

1. **Fill out the application.**

- Check the included "Accepted Media Categories" sheet for guidance on what kind of art will be accepted.
- The "Description of Material & Technique" section is your chance to tell the jury how your art fits into the "Accepted Media Categories," and you're welcome to attach a separate document. Be thorough but brief! (1000 characters or less).

2. **Return the following to Oskaloosa Main Street:**

- Emerging Artist Application
- Non-refundable **\$20 Jury Fee**
- Jury Items and/or Photos

3. **If/when approved, pay the non-refundable Registration Fee:**

\$65 Early Bird Jury • Apply by April 1, 2022

\$75 Final Jury • Apply by May 6, 2022

The Art on the Square Jury committee will review your application and jury items, then notify you of an acceptance decision. If/when your application has been approved, you will be responsible to pay the non-refundable Registration Fee:

- If you applied by April 1, and are approved, you pay the \$65 Early Bird Registration Fee.
- If you applied after April 1, but before May 6, and are approved, you pay the \$75 Fee.
- No applications will be accepted after May 6, 2022.

LOCATION: Art on the Square will take place in Oskaloosa's City Square Park. To allow for setup, pedestrian traffic flow, and social distancing, all tents will be set up partially in the grass. To receive their spot assignment, all artists must check in with volunteers **before** the event, set up is from 7-10 AM. As in past years, the rain location is Penn Central Mall.

ELIGIBILITY: All work submitted, displayed, and presented for sale must be the original, handcrafted work of the applying artist. Resale items are **not** permitted. Emerging artists must have a minimum of 8 pieces available for sale and will be restricted to an area approx. 10x10 in the shared space. Technique must be divulged in the "Description of Material and Technique" section of the application. Any computer manipulation used in the creation of the work must also be disclosed in the "Description of Material and Technique" section. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. Only approved artists will be accepted into the shared Emerging Artists Space. No artists will be accepted who do not meet these criteria, or do not submit all required materials: jury items, complete application, and proper payment of fees.

JURY FEE & PROCESS: Submit the non-refundable \$20 jury fee with your complete application and jury items. **All artists** will be juried regardless of prior jury acceptance. **Three** jury items must be submitted to Oskaloosa Main Street at 222 1st Avenue East, Oskaloosa, IA 52577. Alternatively, photos of artwork may be submitted to chamber@mahaskachamber.org. If original artwork is of excessive size/weight, please include a detailed description of medium or materials. To increase publicity of participating artists prior to the event, this year's application also requires a short bio and photo to be used for print promotions and online marketing, including social media. The Art on the Square committee reserves the right to remove any items from the show that do not meet juried expectations.

REGISTRATION FEE: Artists must submit their registration fee upon jury approval. The fee is based on application submission dates below. Registration fees are non-refundable. Fees (including tax) are:

\$65 Early Bird • Apply by April 1, 2022 / **\$75 Final** • Apply by May 6, 2022

Registration fee covers one vendor space (approx. 10x10) in the shared Emerging Artists Tents(s) situated in the grass in City Square Park, plus day-of use of tables, chairs, and display materials. **Applicant must indicate a need for electricity on the application (\$3 extra).**

ACCEPTED MEDIA: Please see the attached "Accepted Media Categories" sheet for information about what kind of artwork will be accepted into the juried art show. If your creations do not fit, please reach out for vendor/craft opportunities, such as Sweet Corn Serenade. Email or call Oskaloosa Main Street (contact info below) for more information.

QUESTIONS? Additional information and event details will be posted online at mahaskachamber.org/events/art_on_the_square. If you have questions, email or call Oskaloosa Main Street (contact info below).

Contact:

Vicki Van Donselaar or Deb Bruxvoort

chamber@mahaskachamber.org • 641-672-2591

Art on the Square

Accepted media categories

Ceramics: All original clay work, either functional or decorative, made by shaping and then firing. If displaying multiple pieces of the same design, artist must sign each piece.

Digital Art: Original work using computer technology to craft or manipulate images. (Traditional photographs taken by a digital device and digitally post-processed should apply in the photography category.)

Drawing: Drawings made with pencil, crayon, ink, charcoal, and other marking media.

Fiber: All work crafted from fibers such as basketry, embroidery, weaving, leatherwork, or tapestry. No machine-tooling, machine-screened patterns, or other forms of mass production.

Furniture: Unique, original, hand-crafted items, either functional or decorative.

Glass: Glass work that is functional or decorative, kiln-formed, or created by glass blowing, molding, or casting. Work may be etched or engraved.

Jewelry: Artwork created through hand-forging, twisting, and fabricating of various materials. All jewelry produced from metal, glass, clay, fiber, paper, plastic, or other material. No commercial casts, molds, or production studio work.

Metal: Decorative, functional, or sculptural metal artwork created by forging, twisting, or fabricating of various metals.

Mixed Media: Two- or three-dimensional pieces that incorporate more than one type of physical material in the same piece, including but not limited to, paint, pencil, watercolor, photographs, prints, or found objects.

Painting: Creation of an image on a flat surface using oils, watercolors, or acrylics.

Pastels: Creation of an image on a flat surface using dry or oil pastels.

Photography: Images must be from original negatives or digital files that the artist has created and processed. Photographers must disclose both creative and printing processes.

Printmaking: Hand-pulled original works from a brick, plate, stone, or other object. Prints must be properly signed and numbered. Reproductions are allowed but must be marked as such.

Sculpture: Three-dimensional original work done in any medium.

Wood: Woodworking primary material must be wood. Original works in wood that are hand-tooled, machine-worked, turned, or carved are acceptable. Wood pieces can be either functional or decorative.

Not sure? Need more info?

Other: If the work does not fit into any of the above categories, or if the artist has any questions about the rules for a category, please contact Oskaloosa Main Street, **before** submission of application, to discuss: 641-672-2591 or chamber@mahaskachamber.org.

If Art on the Square is not the right fit, your creative work may be better suited for one of a local craft/vendor fair—such as Sweet Corn Serenade or other events!

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2022 EMERGING ARTIST APPLICATION

Early Bird Jury Deadline: April 1, 2022 • Final Jury Deadline: May 6, 2022

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/ZIP: _____

Iowa Sales Tax Number*: _____ (*Visit <https://tax.iowa.gov> / Contact us for assistance)

Phone (work): _____ Phone (home/cell): _____

Email: _____

Description of Material and Technique (may also be attached as a separate document of 1000 characters or less; computer manipulation is required to be disclosed in this section):

Description of Display (Help us understand how you would like to display your art.)

- Tabletop easels Grid walls to hang artwork Baskets, bins, or crates
 Risers to display items on different levels Trays for jewelry/small items
 Countertop displays for jewelry/small items
 Other (describe or attach photos of examples): _____
 Unsure (our director or a committee member will reach out to brainstorm with you)

Price Range of Artwork: \$ _____ to \$ _____ **Electricity (\$3.00):** Yes No

Special Requests (requests cannot be guaranteed): _____

Along with this application, submit all of the following:

- Jury Items/Photos Ideas/photos of needed display materials
 \$20 non-refundable jury fee Artist Photo and Bio for Publicity

Submit to Oskaloosa Main Street at 222 1st Avenue East, Oskaloosa, IA 52577 or email to chamber@mahaskachamber.org no later than May 6, 2022. Make all checks payable to Mahaska Chamber Attn: Main Street. No artist will be considered without a completed application, jury fee, and required materials. Early registration is recommended. If/when you are notified of application approval, you will be responsible for the registration fee according to the date by which you applied: \$65 if you applied by April 1, 2022; \$75 if you applied by May 6, 2022.

It is hereby agreed and understood that the undersigned will carry all necessary insurance covering all property displayed by him/her and any necessary Iowa tax permits at Art on the Square, June 11, 2022

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Date Submitted: _____ Jury Date: _____ Jury Fee: _____ Jury Status: _____ Registration Fee: _____
Computed: _____ Medium Received: _____ Medium Returned: _____ Acceptance Form Returned: _____