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The Arts Council of Wilmington invites artists to Paint Out Wilmington!, its annual *plein air* in downtown Wilmington, NC, May 1-6, 2017. Picturesque backdrops abound in North Carolina's "favorite" city, including the USS North Carolina, a 230+ block National Register Historic District, and a host of unique and contemporary scenes.

Sponsored by the Arts Council in association with the Wilmington Art Association, Paint Out Wilmington 2017 will feature adult and youth divisions. The entry fee for the Adult Division is \$30. There is no entry fee for the Youth Division. [Entry fees may be paid online.](#)

WHERE

The prescribed boundaries are Water St. to 17th St. from the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge to the Isabel Holmes Bridge. The artwork will be available for purchase in an open air gallery on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 10-2 p.m. in and around Bijou Park in the 200 block of North Front St.

AWARDS

Adult Division: Cash prizes will be awarded to: Best of Show - \$1000; Second Place - \$500; and Third Place - \$250.

Youth Division: Cash prizes will be awarded to Best of Show - \$100; Second Place - \$50; and Third Place - \$25.

A People's Choice Award and five (5) Honorable Mention Citations will also be awarded.

THE JUDGE

Mike Rooney is recognized as one of North Carolina's top *plein air* painters and instructors, and he travels from Maine to Key West, Italy and Cuba, teaching and painting for his galleries there. He has been on the cover of the Art Issue of Cape Cod Magazine and is collected both privately and by corporations.

RULES

1. Plein air paintings are executed outdoors. Both painter and subject must be outdoors. Photographs are not used. Canvases shall not be pre-painted or pre-drawn.
2. The event is open to any artist who uses oil, watercolor, acrylic, pastels, pencil, or pen/ink.
3. Artists may paint any subject/scene outdoors, as long as it is within the prescribed boundaries of Water St. to 17th St., from the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge to the Isabel Holmes Bridge. The sites must be accessible to the public and should not impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
4. All canvas/panels/paper will be stamped PRIOR to painting. NO unstamped art will be accepted for judging. An unlimited number may be stamped but only two can be submitted for competition.
5. Advance registration is encouraged and begins March 15, 2017. Simply complete the attached form and mail in your entry fee or [pay online](#). Artists must still have their substrate stamped the week of the event.
6. The size of unframed art work is not to exceed 18" x 24".
7. The artwork must be for sale. The Artist must agree that 30% of the sales price shall go to the Arts Council of Wilmington. The monetary transaction for each artwork sold will be handled by the Arts Council. The state's 7% sales tax will be added to the price of each painting that sells. Artists must provide their Social Security Numbers or Federal EINs for any sale over \$600.00.
8. Artists under the age of 18 must include a consent form from a parent or guardian to be eligible to participate.
9. Artists must provide their own materials and a sturdy easel for display during the judging process. Artists, or artist-designated representative, will be required to remain with their easels during the exhibition and will be responsible for the safety of their paintings. The Arts Council of Wilmington shall assume no responsibility for loss or damage to any work, display or person during this event.
10. After the judging, all participants must keep their entries on display until 2:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for artists to interact with people who will be viewing the art.

JUDGING

1. Registration is required.
2. Paintings must be delivered to the judging site by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, 2017. Event Staff will assist Artists in setting up their easels and artwork for the exhibition.
3. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m.
4. Each artist may submit two finished paintings for the competition.
5. Each finished painting submitted must be signed on the front. Attach an index card stating the artist's name, hometown, title of the work, and price.
6. The "Plein Air Stamp" provided at registration must be visible on the back of each painting at the time of submission.
7. Paintings must be appropriately framed, mounted, and have a secure wire for hanging.

RIGHTS:

Entrant of Paint Out Wilmington! 2017 understands that the Arts Council of Wilmington reserves the right to not accept paintings that do not fall within the contest rules.

Entrant acknowledges receipt of the rules governing the event and agrees that as a condition of being selected as a winner and accepting any prize, the Arts Council shall have the right to publicize and/or broadcast Entrant's name, likeness, voice, photographs and the fact that he or she was selected as well as the dissemination of other information related to the selection.

Entrant declares that the painting is his or her own work, and that the Entrant is not aware of any ownership of copyright infringement of another person through this submission.

To expedite the registration process, please pre-register or complete the following form and bring it with you!

POW ARTIST REGISTRATION FORM

NAME:

STREET ADDRESS:

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

MEDIUM: _____ TENTATIVE PLEIN AIR LOCATION: _____

The entry fee is \$30 and is due at the time of registration.

Make checks payable to the Arts Council of Wilmington & NHC.

I have read the above rules and information and agree to those terms. I am 18 years of age or over.

(Signature)

I have read the above rules and information and agree to those terms for my son/daughter/legal ward _____ who is under the age of 18.

(Signature and relationship to minor artist)

Printed Name

Date

Return to: The Arts Council of Wilmington, 221 N. Front St., Suite 101, Wilmington, NC 28401

Questions: 910-343-0998 or info@artswilmington.org

FOR OFFICE USE ARTIST NUMBER: _____ (Assigned at registration)

Fee Paid: _____ Cash _____ Check # _____

Credit Card Number _____ Exp _____

Billing Address _____

Billing Zip Code _____ 3 Digit Code _____

Signature _____