Belmont University's Department of Art and The Tennessee Art Education Association present the

**Ninth Annual Middle Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibition**

**Deadline for entries:** November 18, 2016

January 09 – 27, 2017

**Reception:**
Thursday, January 12th 5-7PM

**Awards Ceremony:**
Grades 6-8 will begin at 5:30
Grades 9-12 will begin at 6:30

**Artists Eligible**
The competition is open to students, grades 6-12, attending public, private, or home schools in the counties of Middle Tennessee. The number of entries entered into the competition may not exceed 2 artworks per student, and no more than 25 students per teacher.

**Works Eligible**
All entries must be the original work of the student and not copies of another artist’s work. Do not submit any work copied from published photographs, magazines, book illustrations or other artwork. The student, parent or teacher attesting to its originality must sign off on all work. If there is doubt as to the originality, the teacher should NOT submit it.

- **Two dimensional** works may not exceed 4 feet in any direction.
- **Sculptures** may not exceed 3 feet in any direction; weight limit is 30 pounds. They must be individually boxed and sturdy enough for easy handling.

Works submitted to previous Middle Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibitions are ineligible. Works completed from November 2015 through November 2016 are eligible to enter the competition.

**Categories, Awards and Prizes**

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Awards will also be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, as well as honorable mentions, in each grade level.
The Best-of-Show Purchase Award
All entries are eligible for the Best-of-Show Purchase Award for which the winner will receive a Purchase Award of $500. Additionally, the artwork will become a permanent part of the collection of Mr. James Dodson, on loan to the Knoxville Museum of Art’s Education Collection until needed for other exhibitions held by the Tennessee Art Education Association.

The Best of the Best Exhibition
All artwork winning the Best-of-Show Purchase Award or any of the Best-of Categories will remain with Belmont University’s Department of Art until the Tennessee’s Best of the Best Student Art Exhibition in the summer. This artwork cannot be entered into any other competition until the closing of the Best of the Best Exhibition. While this date is still to be determined, the Best of the Best Exhibition usually runs from late June through late August.

If you are a NAEA/TAEA member and the teacher of the student who is selected as this year’s Best-in-Show, you will receive an additional $100 Art Educator Award from TAEA as our thanks for the excellent work you are doing in your school! Join today at www.arteducators.org.

Judging
Selections for MTRSAE entry must be made in the schools. Entries violating any of the rules will be automatically disqualified before final judging selections. Final selections for the exhibition and awards will be made by jury, and teachers will be notified of students’ acceptance or non-acceptance of entries. Judging will be by categories and then by grade levels: 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th.

Presentation Form
• Photographs/works on paper must be framed or matted.
• Mats should be white (or off-white), gray or black.
• Paintings/Works on canvas do not require a frame, but do require a hanging wire.
• All 2-D works must arrive WIRED and ready to hang. If an accepted entry relies on any of the following materials to hang, it will be excluded from the show: duct tape, thread, saw-tooth hangers, yarn, masking tape, scotch tape, and/or sticky putty.
• All entries must be sturdy enough to withstand normal handling and display.
• Video submissions should be no longer than 10 minutes, and preferably submitted on a DVD that loops.

Reasonable care of entries will be taken by the MTRSAE Committee; however, the committee and staff at the Leu Center for the Visual Arts assume no responsibility for the loss or damage to entries.

Delivery of Artwork
All accepted work must be delivered to the Leu Center for the Visual Arts, 1900 Belmont Blvd, Nashville, TN 37212, between the hours of 12-2:00p on December 11, 2016. Our building is located just off Belmont Blvd curb, across from the Circle K.

Picking Up Artwork after the Exhibition
After the exhibition closes, artwork must be picked up at the Leu Center for the Visual Arts by a teacher or designated representative on January 28, 2017, between 12-2p. Any artwork remaining at the Leu Center for the Visual Arts beyond 30 days of the pick-up date will be discarded.

Calendar
• November 18, 2016: Entry deadline
• November 28, 2016: Announcement of Accepted Entries
• December 11, 2016: Accepted artwork must be delivered
   (Awards will be announced at the ceremony on January 12)
• January 12, 2017: Awards Ceremony & Reception, 5-7p
• January 09-27, 2017: Exhibition Dates
• January 28, 2017: Pick-up date for artwork 12-2p
**Entering Work**

- Please complete one entry form for each student. Label file by student's last name, first name, school, and grade level. *e.g. painting_untitled_lastname_11x14_11.jpg*

- Submit one flash drive per teacher, containing high-resolution JPEGs of artwork, video files, and completed entry forms. Please note that flash drives will not be returned.

- Entries may also be submitted via Dropbox, but only with prior authorization from the Exhibition Coordinator, Katie Boatman. These submissions require teachers to organize their own folder of student work to be shared directly with the Exhibition Coordinator. **ALL APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE MAILED OR DROPPED OFF.**
  - For new users, visit [https://www.dropbox.com/](https://www.dropbox.com/) to create a free account.

- Label each file with the category entered, title of work, last name of student, dimensions, and grade, as in the examples below.
  - *painting_untitled_lastname_11x14_11.jpg* or *sculpture_untitled_lastname_20hx20wx10d_12.jpg*

Again, all entries **must** be received by **November 18, 2016**.
MIDDLE TENNESSEE REGIONAL STUDENT ART EXHIBITION ENTRY FORM

All application forms, regardless of image submission process, must be mailed for completion of students’ application. Additionally, print and sign completed forms to accompany accepted artwork.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name: ___________________________________________ Grade: _____
Parents(s)/Guardian Name(s): ___________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________
City: __________________________ County: __________________________ State: TN Zip: __________
E-mail: ___________________________________________ Phone: _______________________
Cell: ___________________________________________

TEACHER/SCHOOL INFORMATION

Teacher's Name: ___________________________________________
Teacher's Home Phone: __________________________ Cell: _______________________
School's Name: ___________________________________________ Phone: _______________________
Teacher’s E-mail: ___________________________________________

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry Title #1: ___________________________________________
Category: __________________________ Dimensions: _______________________

Entry Title #2: ___________________________________________
Category: __________________________ Dimensions: _______________________

RELEASE INFORMATION

I give permission for the Leu Center for the Visual Arts to display my art and to use it in any promotional materials created for the Middle Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibition. I fully understand that the Leu Center for the Visual Arts and the MTRSAE Committee will take reasonable care of entries and that I must reclaim my work by the date requested. I understand that Belmont University will assume no liability for lost or damaged work. I also understand that if selected for the Best of the Best exhibition my work cannot be picked up until the conclusion of that exhibition. Also, if selected as Best of Show my artwork will be purchased for a permanent collection.

Parent/Student's Signature __________________________ Date __________

Teacher’s Signature __________________________ Date __________