

Annual Graffiti Art Contest

Rules & Regulations

Graffiti Art can be seen almost anywhere as an artistic form of public expression. However, it can also be considered vandalism and an eyesore in underused or abandon areas. Many cities such as New York, Atlanta, DC, and Denver have organized designated graffiti art spaces to combat this costly problem. Business owners have partnered with local artists to create murals on their buildings.

This contest provides street artists with an opportunity to showcase their graffiti techniques, and, for three winners, their pieces exhibited inside the museum.

Details:

The theme for the artwork is limited to crime and law enforcement/justice-related subjects. Of the qualifying entries, up to 10 finalists will be selected to compete. Three winners will have their pieces displayed in Alcatraz East Crime Museum's "Graffiti Alley" exhibit.

Candidates must attend the [scheduled](#) graffiti art contest, located at Alcatraz East, 2757 Parkway, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863. Candidates must arrive between 6:00 am and 9:00 am EST on the contest date and will have until noon EST to complete their piece.

In cases of severe weather, the contest may take place the following day of the scheduled contest. If bad weather persists, the art contest is subject to change. It is recommended that invited participants check their emails during this time.

To Enter:

1. Artist must be at least 18 years old.
2. Artist must pre-qualify to compete by filling out an entry form at <https://www.alcatrazeast.com/graffiti-contest/> with 3 photos of their original artwork.
3. Individual artists only, no teams.
4. Entry forms and art samples are accepted May 1st - August 31st for that year's November contest. The museum does not carry over entries from year to year. Finalists to compete in the contest will be notified in early September.

Guidelines:

1. The art must reflect a theme suitable for public display inside Alcatraz East Crime Museum. The art must be appropriate for museum visitors of all ages.
2. Use of nude characters is prohibited.
3. Use of foul language is prohibited.
4. Use of blood or gory imagery is prohibited.
5. Competitors who are rude, abusive, or deemed otherwise unsuitable by the organizers will be disqualified from the competition.

6. Art should be colorful. No black and white only. No photography or glitter may be used. Markers, crayons, colored pencils, stencils, or other paint formats are acceptable.
7. The artwork must be original in concept and not violate U.S. copyright law.
8. Waiver & Release of Liability: Each artist must submit a Release of Liability Form and Waiver before the competition from liability for any accident or injury occurring during the contest.
9. The organizer will provide the canvass, but the artist must provide their art materials.
10. All graffiti must be completed on the provided canvass, plywood, measuring 48" inches wide x 72" inches tall. The top 3 artists' pieces will be mounted within the museum vertical (portrait).
11. All contestants must complete their mural within 6 hours, from 6:00 am to 12:00 pm.
12. If an artist pulls out or is a no show after 6:00 pm the day before the competition, they will be disqualified from the competition.
13. Artists must be present to be eligible to be judged and present to win.
14. All contestants must allow their pieces to be photographed and available for use in all forms of media platforms.
15. The organizer has full ownership and copyright of the three winning pieces.
16. If a piece is not by one of the three winners, the artist may either keep the piece or it will be disposed of at the museum's discretion.

Art Size:



Plywood will be provided to each artist. Size: 48"l x 72"h

Vertical (portrait) only will be accepted due to exhibit space.

Artists are responsible for bringing their own paint and materials.

Judging:

Judging will be the sole responsibility of Alcatraz East Crime Museum.

1. Pieces will be judged by a panel selected by the museum.
2. Artists will have the chance to explain their artwork to the panel.
3. Judges score each criteria 1-10, with 10 being the highest. Scores are totaled for each painter, and then all the judges' scores are added together. In case of a tie, judges must deliberate and pick a winner.
4. Judges can award a zero (0) if the artist broke a rule.
5. Incomplete paintings and misspelled words are disqualified.
6. Judges will have an opportunity to explain their decisions.
7. Winners will be announced on the day of the competition.

8. Decision by the judges is final. There is no appeal process.
9. Pieces will be judged on 1) adherence to the crime/law enforcement theme, 2) use of color, and 3) originality.
10. Walk-up participants will be allowed only in the case of a finalist no-show after 9:00 am.

Prizes:

The top three finalists will have their pieces displayed in the museum for a minimum of one year.

Cash Prizes:

- 1st place \$750
- 2nd place \$350
- 3rd place \$200

Media:

The grand prize winner will be featured on the museum's social media and future press releases regarding new exhibits in the museum.

For more information, please contact: press@alcatrazeast.com