



**Phoenix Sister Cities**

# **International Young Artists Competition FAQ**

Each year, Phoenix Sister Cities sponsors the International Young Artists Competition which is open to young people between the ages of 13 and 18 residing in Phoenix or in one of our 9 sister cities located throughout the world.

## **Organization & Program Information**

### **Q: What is the International Young Artists Competition (IYAC)?**

**A:** The International Young Artists Competition encourages youth to interpret an international theme through original works of art. Artwork from students in Phoenix and its sister cities will be judged locally, with the finalists moving on to the Young Artists Showcase in Washington, D.C. The competition presents a great way for young people to earn prizes and have their art appear in a local exhibit. By inspiring youth from around the globe to consider mutual respect, understanding and cooperation, Sister Cities International hopes to promote peace through one individual, one community at a time.

### **Q: What is Sister Cities International?**

**A:** Sister Cities International is a nonprofit citizen diplomacy network that creates and strengthens partnerships between U.S. and international communities. We strive to build global cooperation at the municipal level, promote cultural understanding, and stimulate economic development.

Sister Cities International is a leader for local community development and volunteer action. We motivate and empower private citizens, municipal officials, and business leaders to conduct long-term sister city programs. We believe that sister city programs involve two-way communication and should mutually benefit partnering communities.

**Q: What is Phoenix Sister Cities?**

**A:** Phoenix Sister Cities exists to create and nourish people-to-people relationships between Phoenix and its sister cities through a variety of educational, cultural, commercial, cooperative and disabilities awareness programs. Phoenix Sister Cities is committed to promoting global understanding and appreciation on a continual, long-term basis by creating exceptional opportunities and international partnerships for the citizens, businesses and organizations of Phoenix.

**Q: Where are Phoenix' sister cities located?**

**A:** Phoenix has ten sister cities located throughout the world: Calgary, Canada; Catania, Italy; Chengdu, China; Ennis, Ireland; Grenoble, France; Hermosillo, Mexico; Himeji, Japan; Ramat-Gan, Israel; Taipei, Taiwan.

**Participation Information**

**Q: Who is eligible to enter?**

**A:** Eligible artists must be between 13 and 18 years of age on the date of the submission deadline.

**Q: How much does it cost to participate in the IYAC?**

**A:** Participation in the local competition is free. Fees associated with local winning pieces submitted to the Young Artist Showcase will be absorbed by Phoenix Sister Cities.

**Q: May I submit more than one piece of artwork?**

**A:** Multiple submissions are allowed based upon the availability of space in the exhibition.

**Q: What kind of artwork can be submitted?**

**A:** All entries must be original works of art inspired by the theme. Entries must not be plagiarized, stolen, or copied from any other source. Entries from previous years will not be accepted. Entries must not defame or invade the rights of any person, living or dead. Entries not

adhering to these guidelines will not be considered. Entries must be of appropriate content; entries deemed vulgar or inappropriate for the competition will not be considered.

Only two-dimensional artwork, no larger than 24" x 30" (60 cm x 75 cm), including matting is accepted. Water color, oils, pastels, pen and ink, charcoal, photography, two-dimensional mixed media, as well as computer generated art are all acceptable. Please do not submit framed artwork. Entries should be mounted on foamcore or matted, so they are firm enough to stand on easels.

**Q: Where do I submit the artwork?**

**A:** Artwork can be mailed or delivered personally to  
P.J. Conover  
Phoenix Sister Cities office,  
17 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85003.

**Q: Will my artwork be returned to me after the IYAC?**

**A:** If you would like to have your artwork returned to you after the competition, please make the request when the artwork is submitted, on the entry form. It is the responsibility of the artist to arrange pick up of the artwork after the IYAC exhibit has been struck. *If it is not picked up 10 days after the IYAC exhibit has been struck (taken down), the art will become the property of Phoenix Sister Cities.*

**Competition Information**

**Q: When is the IYAC?**

**A:** The theme will be promoted annually on the first of the year with the submission deadline in February. The exhibit will be on display during the month of March at the Irish Cultural Center and then again in the City of Phoenix, City Hall Atrium shortly after.

**Q: Where will the IYAC exhibit be displayed?**

**A:** In an effort to maximize the exposure from events such as First Friday, Art Detour, and the St. Patrick's Festival, the exhibit is typically displayed at the Irish Cultural Center in Phoenix. However, an alternate venue may be selected based upon that year's needs.

**Q: Who chooses the theme?**

**A:** Each year, Sister Cities International selects a different theme.

**Q: Who judges the competition?**

**A:** Each year, Sister Cities International assembles a new panel of judges comprised of local artists, community members, and sponsors. In addition, a People's Choice Award is given out based on the votes of the viewing public.

**Q: What is the judging criteria?**

**A:** Entries are judged on the basis of theme interpretation, composition, and originality. Each entry is scored by the judges, and pieces are ranked based upon average score.

**Q: What are the awards?**

**A:** The winning submissions in the Phoenix-hosted IYAC will be entered in the Young Artists Showcase in Washington D.C. Winners of the Young Artists Showcase will receive additional cash awards in the form of visa gift cards of their respective denominations. All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

**Q: How many entries from Phoenix can be submitted into the Young Artists Showcase?**

**A:** Phoenix Sister Cities may submit one piece of artwork from an artist in Phoenix as well as one from each of its sister communities.

**Q: What is the reception? Who is invited?**

**A:** The reception is held each year to kick off the competition's artwork exhibit. It is open to all young artists, family, friends and supporters. The reception serves as a time to recognize the

young artists for their talents and to present the awards from the competition. Invitations with details of the reception will be sent out in advance of the event.

**Q: How will I be able to see the exhibit if I don't live in Phoenix and/or can't make it to the reception?**

**A:** All International Young Artists Competition submissions can be viewed online at [www.phoenixsistercities.org](http://www.phoenixsistercities.org), along with information on purchasing the works of art.

### **Sale of Artwork**

**Q: If I participate in the International Young Artists Competition, do I have to sell my art?**

**A:** No, you may request that your art not be sold.

**Q: Who sets the price of the artwork?**

**A:** A selection committee will determine the price of each work.

**Q: Who gets the profits from sold artwork?**

**A:** The profits will be split between the artist and Phoenix Sister Cities.