

Application Form

CHECKLIST . . .

- Application Form
- Stamped, self addressed #10 envelope
- Entry fee \$85.00 per booth
- Application Fee (\$10.00 per category)
- Three slides/photographs

Applicant's Name (Please Print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

I agree to abide by the rules of Meridian Council for the Arts and I understand that Meridian Council for the Arts, The City of Meridian, Lauderdale County and/or any Arts in the Park sponsors are not responsible for any loss, damage, or stolen merchandise or any personal injuries, nor will I be a party to any legal action. I authorize Meridian Council for the Arts to use my slides, photographs, biography and information for publicity purposes in advertising and festival publications.

Applicant's Signature _____

Social Security/Federal ID Number/Resale Number _____

Email Address _____

Fax _____

Please circle the category and check the medium that most closely describes your work. Artists may exhibit in more than one category by paying the additional application fee and submitting additional slides/photographs.

- (1) PAINTING
 Oil
 Acrylic
- (2) WATERCOLOR/MIXED MEDIA
 Drawing/Graphics
 Pen & Ink
 Pencil
 Pastel
 Other _____
- (3) PHOTOGRAPHY
 Traditional
 Digital
 Hand Tinted
- (4) SCULPTURE
 Metal
 Wood
 Other _____
- (5) DRAWING/GRAPHICS
 Pen & Ink
 Pencil
 Pastel
 Other _____
- (6) CLAY
 Functional
 Non-Functional
- (7) HANDMADE
 Baskets
 Jewelry
 Other _____
- (8) GLASS
 Blown
 Slumped
 Other _____

37th Annual Arts in the Park April 5, 2008

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Meridian, MS 39302
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Arts in the Park, held the first Saturday in April every year, is an outdoor celebration of the visual and performing arts. To be held at Bonita Lakes Park, the future site of the Mississippi Arts & Entertainment Center, the Festival promises to be a fun, family affair. Arts in the Park is a "Top Twenty Events in the Southeast" award winner. Meridian Council for the Arts, Inc. is a tax-exempt art organization and all proceeds are used to produce two annual festivals, to present educational art programs throughout the year, and provide community art grants to various other organizations.

JURYING

The jury panel will be made up of three prominent representatives in the artist community. The panel selects exhibitors who best reflect creativity, quality and originality in their overall body of work.

Selection is based solely on the submitted slides/photographs; high quality is recommended. An artist accepted to show may only display work reflected in slides/photographs submitted for jurying. All decisions of the jury are final.

PRIZE MONEY & JUDGING

Prize money will be available for artistic awards in the four categories. An independent juror is invited each year to evaluate the work of the artists in the festival and select the merit awards, Best in Show and Award of Distinction. On-site awards are given for outstanding work in each category. Handmade crafts are allowed in the festival, but are not eligible for awards.

AWARDS

- Best in Show \$500.00
- Award of Distinction \$250.00
- Merit Awards \$150.00 each (up to 8 awards)

ARTIST SERVICES

The artist Hospitality Committee is dedicated to making your time here enjoyable. Packets will be mailed to accepted artists with information on lodging, restaurants, maps, parking pass and other necessary forms and information. Artist's amenities include:

- Complimentary continental breakfast
- Free, convenient parking
- Special rates at local hotels

FEES

Checks must be submitted for each of the following:

1. Application fee: \$10.00 per category (non-refundable)
 2. Entry fee: \$85.00 for single booth/\$170.00 for double booth (Entry fee will be returned if application is declined)
 3. Late fee after March 1, \$25.00
- Checks are payable to Meridian Council for the Arts.

DEADLINES

March 1- Application deadline (Must be postmarked by March 1)
March 8- Notification mailed to artists. Do not call - all notifications are mailed via U.S. Postal Service

ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS

An applicant is required to submit three slides/photographs of your current work. The slides/photographs must be representative of work to be exhibited for sale at the Festival. To receive notification of acceptance, you must furnish a stamped, self-addressed #10 envelope with your application.

RULES & STANDARDS

1. 80% entry fee will be refunded through March 1 with a written request at least one week prior to March 1.
2. Only artists accompanying their original work may participate in the Festival
3. Only original prints properly signed and numbered may be hung in the booth. Unframed commercial reproductions may be shown in a portfolio or in flip bins and must be clearly marked "reproductions".
4. Artists are required to man their exhibits during Festival hours. 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
5. Artists bear the responsibility for all setup and security needs for their exhibit. The Festival will not be responsible for loss or damage of any kind.
6. Booth space is a maximum of 10' x 10'.
7. Artists must provide their own display booths, tents, weights to anchor tents, racks, tables, and chairs. They are responsible for the assembly and disassembly of all items. Prepare for the possibility of inclement weather conditions such as wind and rain.
8. Booth space cannot be shared, but one artist can purchase more than one booth.
9. Artists retain 100% of their sales and are responsible for reporting their own taxes. Sales taxes must be paid to Mississippi Tax Commission (7%). Tax forms will be included in the registration packet.
10. Any and all requests or special needs must be made in writing with your application. All efforts will be made to honor such requests; however, the Committee cannot guarantee that all requests will be granted.
11. 75% of the work displayed in each booth must be for sale at the Festival

The Meridian Council for the Arts reserves the right to prevent an artist displaying work that is not representative of the slides/photographs originally accepted by the jury and reserves the right to make final interpretation of all rules.