

Artist Guidelines and Reproduction Policy

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Pelham Art Festival requires that 80% of artworks be original, with up to 20% allowed as reproductions (such as giclée or limited-edition prints). Only individual artists may apply, businesses are not eligible.

General Guidelines

- **Photography:** Entries must be signed, numbered, limited editions with no more than 25 prints of each image. Once an image is declared a limited edition, that status must be upheld wherever it is shown.
- **Copyright:** All work must be the artist's own and must not infringe copyright.
- **Replacement:** Artists may replace original works or prints on display as needed.
- **Currency of Work:** Original artworks must have been completed within the last three years.
- **Exclusions:** Work created from assembly kits, manufactured items, or produced by commercial means is not permitted.

Artist Responsibility

The Festival's goal is to offer the public the opportunity to acquire original art, created directly by the hands of the artist. Applicants must be the designer, creator, and producer of all work for sale. When applying, artists must describe their medium as specifically as possible. At the in-person Festival, a hard copy of your artist statement describing your process must be available in your booth.

Exceptions:

- **Youth Artist Group Exhibit:** Each youth artist may exhibit three original works, with one numbered limited-edition print available per original. Sold prints may be replaced.
- **Photography, Digital Media & Printmaking:** These inherently edition-based media are exceptions. Limited, signed, and numbered editions (maximum 25 of the same image in any size) are permitted. Traditional printmaking methods (intaglio, lithography, relief, etc.) are not considered reproductions.

The Festival Committee reserves the right to inspect booths and online pages to verify edition numbers at any time.

Community Standards

Pelham Art Festival is a family-friendly event welcoming visitors of all ages. Artists are expected to ensure that the subject matter of their displayed work is suitable for a general audience. The Festival Committee reserves the right to request the removal of any artwork deemed inappropriate for this setting.

Compliance

Artists will be notified if work does not meet Festival standards. The Festival may take any necessary action, including dismissal without refund. Dismissed artists may also be deemed ineligible for future participation.

If unsure whether your work complies, please contact pelhamartfest@gmail.com before the Festival. No exceptions will be made on-site for non-compliant reproductions or merchandise.

Agreement

By checking the box in your application, you indicate that you:

- Understand and agree to this Reproduction Policy.
- Accept that violation of the policy may result in disqualification or dismissal without refund or compensation.
- Acknowledge that Pelham Art Festivals and affiliates will not be held financially responsible or liable in such cases.

Pelham Art Festival is a not-for-profit corporation.