



## **Off the Wall #20** **High School Art Competition**

### **Exhibit Dates:**

December 15-January 30, 2024

### **Awards Ceremony:**

Saturday, January 6, 2-4 pm  
(Snow Date: January 13)

### **Submission Deadline:**

**Sunday, November 19 by 5 pm**  
(all categories)

### **Notice of Acceptance:**

November 21 (via email)

### **Artwork Delivery Dates:**

Thursday, Dec. 7 (10 am - 5 pm)  
Friday, Dec. 8 (10 am - 5pm)  
Saturday, Dec. 9 (1 pm - 5pm)  
Monday, Dec. 11 (10 am - 5 pm)

Students are responsible for delivering their art to ARTfactory (9419 Battle St, Manassas, VA 20110.)

### **What is “Off the Wall”?**

The highly anticipated Off the Wall competition returns for its **20th year!** Each year the area high school students are invited to share their talent by participating in a high school art exhibit and competition presented by ARTfactory. The competition encourages student expression and creativity in a professional setting. The exhibit includes student work in the following categories: **Art & Technology, Painting/Drawing, Poetry, Wearable Art, and Photography!**

Each category is adjudicated by a professional in the field. Cash prizes are awarded to the top 3 winners of each category.

### **NEW OPPORTUNITIES!**

ARTfactory has partnered with Central Library this year to offer Off the Wall participants a **FREE 3D Design & Printing Workshop** taking place on **October 4 at 4 pm in the Central Library makerspace** (8601 Mathis Avenue, Manassas). Participants can create their design AND print their design at Central Library for FREE. Art and Tech. participants can also utilize the library’s **free Adobe Creative Suite** for submissions.

In addition to assisting with the **Art and Tech. category**, Central Library’s makerspace is also equipped with a **recording studio** and **sewing and embroidery machines** suitable for the **Poetry and Wearable Art category!** See [flyer](#) for more info.

### **Who is eligible to enter?**

All students grades 9-12 who are currently enrolled in public, private or home schools in the City of Manassas, Manassas Park, & Prince William County are eligible to participate.

### **ENTRY SPECIFICATIONS PER CATEGORY**

#### **Art & Technology:**

ie: 3-d printing/digital designs - 2-d digital designs (primarily created with computer software) are included in this category. Work must be printed and framed to hang on gallery walls **or** ARTfactory can provide gallery pedestals for display if the work is standalone sculptural ([contact jexum@VirginiaARTfactory](mailto:jexum@VirginiaARTfactory) if pedestal is required for display). Entries must be submitted in .jpg format with a recommended resolution of 300 dpi.

## **Photography:**

Photos from mobile device cameras are eligible. Minor digital manipulation or alteration of content is permitted; however, please note: If the *majority* of the photograph is heavily manipulated/enhanced with software, your submission *may* be more appropriate for the Art & Tech. category. We recommend using a resolution of 300 dpi .jpg format to ensure the photograph is not grainy.

## **Painting/Drawing:**

Create an original painting/drawing using acrylic, watercolor, tempera, oil, pastel chalk, charcoal, colored pencils, graphite, etc. (or any combination of these) on a surface of your choosing (keep in mind all works must be framed). All paintings and drawings must be original artwork.

Painting/Drawing pieces will be submitted electronically as high quality photographs, in .jpg format, of the original artwork. Images should show only the artwork, not any mats or frames. Note: Mixed media works are included in this category.

## **Poetry**

Enter a one-page poem and within the structure of the poem include the phrase:

*When Poets Dream*

Submission idea: Upload a video or audio clip of your poetry recitation for additional impact! Note: Central Library's makerspace has a recording studio perfect for this!

**\*Please note: Students need to submit to this category via Dropbox.** See "Submission Instructions" for more info. *The 1<sup>st</sup> place poetry winner will be invited to recite their poem at the Awards Ceremony*

*on Saturday, January 6.*

## **Wearable Art**

Make something different in 3-D! You'll get to show off during the "Off the Wall" Awards Ceremony at ARTfactory, January 6, 2024. This category is judged on site.

Contest rules for wearable "art":

- make something original that can be worn, either you or your own selected model will wear the art for judging purposes at the "Off the Wall" Open House.

- use a layer of clothing underneath to build your art, around or attached, and be able to easily get in and out of it. Test what works: shorts and a loose top, a jumpsuit, short dress or tights and a top.

- use at least 50% recycled materials

You may not want to wear your wearable art traveling between your home and our venue, so think about this in planning your construction!

Show up at 2:15 pm at the "Off the Wall" Awards Ceremony. You can wear or bring your wearable art with you, and we will allow you a private space on our second floor to change.

\*Please note: Wearable art participants can submit "in progress" pics for this category via Dropbox. See "Submission Instructions" for more info.

## **SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

ALL online entries due by  
**Sunday, November 19**  
(5 pm - all categories).

**\*Please send your entries via DROPBOX.\***  
(Two entries per student allowed)

**Click this link to upload your submission:** [tinyurl.com/OTWSubmit20](https://tinyurl.com/OTWSubmit20)

### **\*Instructions for Dropbox:**

#### **1. Create a folder on your computer.**

Folder should be named: ARTIST  
NAME\_High School  
example: EMILY SMITH\_Osbourn HS

#### **2. Your folder should include the following files:**

- Clear images of your artwork
- [Student Entry Form](#)  
(journal entry required for **all** participants)
- [Exhibit Release Form](#)
- [Artist Contract](#)

#### **3. Upload your entire folder to the [OTW #20 Dropbox](#).**

### **\*Submission Note:**

**For Poetry participants**, please upload all of the required docs listed above, in addition to your poem (PDF/Word Doc format). If you created a video/audio file of your poetry recitation, please include that file in your folder as well. Your journal entry should describe the inspiration behind your poem, and how you interpreted the prompt (*When Poets Dream*).

**For Wearable Art participants**, please upload all of the required docs listed above, in addition to **any available images of the current progress** (if you

do not have any available yet, that is ok as the category is judged on site). Your journal entry should describe the design, the inspiration behind the design, the materials, etc.

## **Preparing your artwork**

- *DO NOT enter artwork needed for college/Governor's School adjudication.*
- NO POSTER FRAMES/NO SAWTOOTH HANGERS ALLOWED. **Please review the [framing guidelines document](#).** This document will be sent out again via email to all participating artists after the deadline. **Works that are not framed appropriately could be excluded from the exhibit.**

### **Questions?**

Contact Gallery Director,  
Jordan Exum  
[jexum@VirginiaARTfactory.org](mailto:jexum@VirginiaARTfactory.org)  
or call 703-330-2787.

## ARTfactory Student Entry Form

*Off the Wall #20*

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Art Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Art Teacher Contact Info \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Artwork \_\_\_\_\_ Date created \_\_\_\_\_

Category \_\_\_\_\_

Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Dimensions (approximate) \_\_\_\_\_

### Journal Statement

Please use the section below to submit your required journal statement. **Each submission should be accompanied by a journal statement that includes biographical information. Please tell us about yourself, your artwork, and your process when creating your piece.**

Recommended length: At least 3 sentences, but no longer than 5-6 sentences.

**This form must accompany ALL student artwork loaned for display. Please DO NOT send a photo of the completed form.**



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**ARTfactory Exhibit Release Form**

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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Artwork & Medium \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

I give permission for my child's artwork to be exhibited in "Off the Wall" #20 at **ARTfactory** in Manassas from December 15 – January 30, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

I give permission for my child's artwork to be exhibited **virtually** in "Off the Wall" #20 on **ARTfactory's website** ([VirginiaARTfactory.org/manassas-art-gallery](http://VirginiaARTfactory.org/manassas-art-gallery)) from December 15-January 30, 2024.

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

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## ARTfactory Artist Contract

### *Off the Wall #20*

**Contract for:** Off the Wall (Enter artist name here).

Center for the Arts of Greater Manassas/Prince William County, d/b/a ARTfactory (herein-after ARTfactory) is pleased to partner with you on the upcoming/current exhibition titled *Off the Wall* (herein-after "Exhibit"). The dates for the Exhibit are December 15-January 30, 2024. The Exhibit will be installed in the Caton Merchant Family Gallery at the ARTfactory.

Entering this agreement allows ARTfactory to retain your artwork for these specified dates with no allowances for removal unless mutually agreed upon by the artist and ARTfactory in writing.

The artist(s) also understands that the ARTfactory space is also used for other events and food and drink may be within the premises of the exhibit during the specified dates of Dec. 15 through Jan. 30, 2024. ARTfactory reserves the right to alter the exhibit during such events by temporarily removing and storing portable walls that may be hung with the artist's works.

ARTfactory uses precautions in handling and securing artwork. Exhibiting artist agrees the ARTfactory is not liable for any damages due to accidental fire, flood, theft, vandalism or other unforeseen incidents.

Exhibitor's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_.

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