



## 2026 MAEA RECOGNITIONS JURIED VIRTUAL ART EXHIBIT

### **MEDIA CATEGORIES**

Drawing, Painting, Mixed Media, Photography, Digital/Graphic Design, Ceramics, Sculpture, Jewelry, Wearable Art (Fashion), Printmaking

### **JUDGING CRITERIA**

#### 1. VISUAL COMMUNICATION

- . Effectively communicates a message, idea, or concept.
- . Uses aesthetic and design choices deliberately to enhance effective communication and convey meaning

#### 2. EXECUTION

- . Uses media effectively to communicate an idea.
- . Demonstrates technical competence and excellence in skill or craft in the use of media.
- . Chooses media deliberately.

#### 3. FORMAL ELEMENTS

- . Designs a strong composition that is powerful, imaginative and inventive.
- . Effectively applies knowledge of the elements and principles of design.

#### 4. ORIGINALITY/CREATIVITY

- . Demonstrates creativity incorporating existing image content into new visual product.
- . Demonstrates a personal vision in which the student's view is prominent.

#### 5. ARTIST STATEMENT

- . Clear and concise - the how, what, and why the work was created (to give the viewer understanding of the artwork)
- . 400 character maximum (will be published with accepted artwork)

#### **PROHIBITED CONTENT: Artwork that does not comply with these rules will be disqualified.**

**1. NO RE-SUBMISSIONS:** Submitted artwork must not have been previously submitted to MAEA Recognitions.

**2. NO PLAGIARISM:** All artwork must be original, created by the student. It must not infringe upon the intellectual property rights of any other individual or entity. No collaborative work.

**3. NO AI GENERATION:** Artwork generated by AI is strictly prohibited.

**4. NO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT:** Artwork must not contain any subject matter that is highly controversial, items, symbols, or themes that may represent racism, prejudice, profanity, or are of a violent or lewd nature. The Massachusetts Art Education Association maintains the right to determine which works of art are appropriate for this exhibit.

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