

NRH ART FEST PLANS & ARTIST AGREEMENT

ABOUT

NRH ART FEST, organized by the **City of North Richland Hills with the Parks & Recreation Department**, celebrates creativity and community with a vibrant showcase of fine art, interactive experiences, and live entertainment. The festival will feature a group of juried artists, local and regional, showcasing original art in different media categories. Our mission is to connect a curated selection of 20-30 professional artist in an outdoor gallery designed to showcase high-quality fine art and craft in the heart of North Richland Hills. This one-day event offers artists an opportunity to connect with art enthusiasts from across North Texas in a welcoming, family-friendly environment. As a first-year event, we are prioritizing Artistic Excellence, Cohesion, and Professional Presentation, while proudly supporting the initiative that **Art Lives in Our City**.

Communication

Email is used for all communication, application process, booth assignments and show details. Email Laura Seale, NRH Cultural Arts & Community Events Coordinator with any of your questions or concerns. Email: lseale@nrhtx.com

GENERAL INFORMATION

NRH ART FEST – COLOR ME SPRING 2026

Event Date: Saturday, April 11, 2026

Location: 6000 Hawk Ave, North Richland Hills, Texas 76180

Duration: 1 Day; 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

Timeline

Artist Application Opens	January 12, 2026
Application Deadline	February 22, 2026
Jury Review Dates	February 24-26, 2026
Acceptance Notifications Sent	February 27, 2026
Artist Agreement & Booth Fee Due	March 6, 2026
Event Day	April 11, 2026

Awards

Three winners are awarded check prizes.

\$750 for First prize

\$500 for Second prize

\$250 for Third prize

Applications

NRH ART FEST applications can be made online ONLY at nrharts.com.

All artists age 18 and above are eligible. All work must be original, handcrafted, created and exhibited by the approved artist themselves. An artist may sell prints of original artwork, but those prints may not comprise more than 50% of the work displayed for sale. All applications require 4 photos of your work plus 1 photo of your outdoor display. *Emerging Artist applicants may substitute a fifth artwork image for the booth shot.* An artist statement is required and should not exceed 200 words, be sure to explain process, describe material and technique, philosophy or meaning behind the work. All entries will be reviewed, juried and screened prior to your acceptance.

Categories

- **Ceramics:** Original clay and porcelain work (excluding jewelry).
- **Digital Art:** Original work created or manipulated by the artist using digital tools. Must be limited editions, signed and numbered on archival materials. Digital photography should apply under Photography.
- **Drawing:** Works using dry media (chalk, charcoal, pastels, pencil, crayon).
- **Emerging Artist:** For artists with no prior experience in large juried shows, residing in Texas (priority for NRH artists).
- **Fiber:** Basketry, embroidery, weaving, tapestry, papermaking. No machine-screened patterns or factory-produced wearables.
- **Glass:** Original glasswork only; no mass production.
- **Jewelry:** Original jewelry in any material. No commercial casts, molds, or production studio work.
- **Metalworks:** Non-sculptural, non-jewelry works in metal.
- **Mixed Media:** 2D or 3D works combining multiple materials.
- **Painting:** Oils, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
- **Photography:** Original photographic prints, signed and numbered as limited editions. Artist must disclose creative and printing process.
- **Printmaking:** Original prints created by hand manipulation of plates, stones, or screens. Signed and numbered limited editions only.
- **Sculpture:** Three-dimensional original work in any medium.
- **Wood:** Original woodwork, hand-tooled, machine-worked, turned, or carved.

Fees

The application fee is \$25, non-refundable, per category entered.

Tents are provided by NRH ART FEST, including 4 side walls and weights.

- Single Booth (10' x 10', tent included): **\$75** (*Emerging Artist : \$50*)
- Corner Booth (10' x 10', tent included): **\$125** (*must request in advance*)
- **Electricity:** Limited availability, with jury approval, for an additional fee: \$25

If accepted, you will receive an email from the NRH Cultural Arts & Community Events Coordinator stating that you've been accepted. You will then need to confirm your participation and pay your booth fee by March 6. No refunds after March 20.

Jury Process

The jurors and jury process is closed. The jury panel is made up of artist, art professionals, and art invested community members. The jury views the submitted images and reads the artist statement. Jurors score applications on a 1(low) to 7(high) scale with no 4.

Exhibitor Conditions

By submitting an application, the artist acknowledges and agrees to abide by all rules, regulations, and policies outlined in the NRH ART FEST Artist Agreement.

Rules & Regulations – NRH ART FEST 2026

Artist Responsibilities

- The Artist shall supervise and maintain their assigned booth space and is solely responsible for all labor, materials, equipment, and tools used during the event.
- The Artist must enforce discipline and good order among any assistants or volunteers and ensure all individuals are skilled for their assigned tasks.
- The Artist is responsible for initiating and maintaining all safety precautions within their booth.
- Booths must be maintained in an orderly manner and comply with all applicable City of North Richland Hills ordinances and codes.
- Artists act as independent contractors and are responsible for all acts or omissions of their employees or volunteers. This agreement does not create a partnership or joint venture with City of North Richland Hills, or NRH ART FEST.
- Artists will be provided with a branding package that can be used for promotion.

Sales & Taxes

- Artists retain **100% of their sales**.
- Artists are responsible for collecting and remitting all applicable sales taxes. Contact the Texas Comptroller's Office for details on filing requirements.

Compliance & Dispute Resolution

- Artists must comply with all event policies and procedures. If issues arise, the Artist agrees to cooperate fully with event staff to resolve disputes. Decisions by the NRH ART FEST Director or representatives are final.

Refunds

- Refund request/cancellations must be done in writing (email) by March 20, 2026 to receive a booth fee refund; administrative fee is non-refundable. After March 20, all paid fees are non-refundable and there is no rain out date.

Check-In & Booth Occupancy

- Artists must check in with event officials by **8:00 AM on Saturday, April 11, 2026** (load-in day) or make alternate arrangements in advance.
- **Set up window is from 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM.**
- **A white 10'x10' tent provided by NRH ART FEST** and pre-installed with weights.
- All artists listed on the application must **personally attend and be present for the entire event day** (Saturday, April 11, 2026) during posted exhibit hours.
- Artists must show **photo identification at check-in** and may be asked to verify identity during the event.
- **Breakdown happens no earlier than 6:30 PM.**

Signage & Booth Setup

- Only event-approved signage may be displayed outside the booth.
- Booth extensions, appendages, or display elements outside the assigned space are prohibited.
- All work and storage must remain within the booth footprint.
- Electrical usage should be battery powered and provided by artist. If additional power is needed, it must be approved by jurors and additional fee paid, please include that in your setup notes and it should not exceed **200 watts per booth**.

Weather & Force Majeure

- NRH ART FEST is a rain-or-shine event. No refunds will be made for inclement weather or circumstances beyond the control of the event organizers.
- In the event of postponement or cancellation due to force majeure, NRH ART FEST will not be liable for damages or losses incurred by participating artists.