

## 2012-13 Hildegard “Heroes Among Us” Art Competition Guidelines For Grades 6-12

**Purpose:** To learn about and identify “Heroes” in the community and create an art piece that tells a story or creates an image of that selected “Hero” or his/her heroic act.

**Theme:** Heroes Among Us

Students are invited to show their artistic talent and understanding of heroism through this special art competition. The students may create visual art that honors and/or tells the story of “Heroes” in their midst. This is an opportunity for students to share their opinions, insights and feelings through artistic expression about:

- 1) A “Hero” personally known to them (either living or deceased)
- 2) A “Hero” from the community
- 3) Displays of heroism in the students’ communities

Entrants have a responsibility to secure permission (if applicable) of any living “Heroes” featured in their art entries prior to beginning their work. A **‘Hero’ Release Form** must be signed by each “Hero” the entrants have selected to be part of their artistic creations.

Through their teachers/facilitators (including youth leaders, administrators and/or parents/guardians), students may submit a piece of visual art that is an original creation employing any of the following media: drawings, paintings, collages, textiles/quilts, sculptures/ceramics, photography, assemblage, graphic art and mixed media. This creation gives voice to the artist to share a “Hero’s” story to touch and inspire the viewer. No group efforts will be accepted for this Competition; only creations by individual entrants will be eligible for judging. There will be limits on the number of art entries each school/facility may submit.

**Who May Enter:** Students in grades 6-12 within a 50-mile radius of Lincoln. Art entries must be from a current student (public, private or home-schooled) as of February, 2013.

**Deadline Date for Submission of Art:**

Teachers/facilitators may select **a maximum of 10 art entries per school/per site** for submission to the Hildegard Art Competition.

Teachers/facilitators will be responsible for submitting all art entries and artist statements along with all required forms (***Competition Participation Entry Form*** and ***'Hero' Release Form*** completed with appropriate signatures), permission and disclaimer forms and waivers. Art must be received at **Old City Hall, 920 "O" Street**, Lincoln (second floor Court Room) from **2-6 p.m. on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 or 2-6 p.m. Monday, March 25, 2013**. Please contact Liz Shea-McCoy (402-430-5923 or Liz\_Shea@windstream.net) if you need to make special arrangements for art drop off. Any entry that is incomplete or has been received past the deadline will not be eligible for judging.

**Judges:** To be announced.

**Time of Judging:** Judging will take place between March 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013. All entrants will be notified of judging results via email the week of April 1, 2013.

**Judging Criteria:** Artwork will be judged in three areas with equal weight being given to each: 1) originality and creativity, 2) appropriate theme/subject matter, 3) aesthetic appeal.

**Reclamation of Non-Chosen Art:** After notification of judging results, Teachers/facilitators of students who submitted non-chosen art will be asked to pick up the art from **2-6 p.m. on Friday, April 5 or Saturday, April 6, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Old City Hall, 920 "O" Street**, Lincoln (second floor Court Room). Please contact Liz Shea-McCoy (402-435-3140) if you need to make special arrangements for art pick up. Any unclaimed art may be discarded.

**Reception:** A special reception for winning artists (along with their teachers/facilitators, administrators, parents/guardians and "Heroes" honored in their art) will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at Lincoln Southwest High School.

**Art Display:** The selected pieces of art will be digitally photographed and saved to disks as a gift to the winning student artists. Following the "Heroes" Reception, the winning art will be displayed the Lincoln/Lancaster County/City Building (first floor) located at 555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Lincoln where it will be on exhibit from May 3, 2013 through August 30<sup>th</sup> 2013. The winning artists will be invited to a special reception at the County/City Building on the evening of May 3, 2013 for the May "First Friday Art Walk" when the "Heroes" art display will unveiled to the public for viewing. Teachers/facilitators will be responsible at the conclusion of the exhibit for reclaiming this art and will be notified of the time and place. Hildegard Center for the Arts may use digital images of the winning art and pictures of the student artists on their respective websites and promotional materials.

**Pertinent Forms and Contact Information:** Please go to [www.hildegardcenter.org](http://www.hildegardcenter.org) to obtain **"Competition Participation Entry Forms"** and **"'Heroes' Release Forms"** for the Art Competition. These legibly completed and signed forms must be submitted with the artwork entries. Please make sure all forms are typed and completed thoroughly with all appropriate

signatures. Failure to complete all forms and obtain necessary signatures will disqualify the art entry from consideration. Please call Liz Shea-McCoy (402-430-5923 or Liz\_Shea@windstream.net) if you have questions or concerns.

### Art Competition Guidelines

- The art submission must follow the theme “Heroes Among Us”.
- The art submission must be the entrant’s original work.
- The art submission must be the sole work of the entrant and not a collaboration.
- The art submission must meet all of the Competition Guidelines in order to be eligible for judging.
- The art falls within a category of acceptable media: drawings, paintings, collages, textiles/quilts, sculptures/ceramics, photography, assemblage, graphic art and mixed media.
- Two-dimensional art pieces (which may include textiles/quilts) must be in **finished form and matted** and must meet the following finished size (with mat) specifications:
  - 1) 11” x 14” (finished with mat)
  - 2) 16” x 20” finished with mat)
  - 3) 18” x 24” finished with mat

Note: winning two-dimensional art will be framed by Hildegard Center for the Arts so it is imperative that all submitted art meets these finished size standards.

- Three-Dimensional Art must not be greater than 12 inches in size in any direction.
- No logos, signs or other trademarks should appear in the art; if a trademark or logo must appear, the artist must secure a signed release for its use and submit it with the entry forms.
- The entrant’s teacher/facilitator must submit the art on behalf of the entrant.
- The art entry must be from a current student (public, private or home-schooled as of February, 2013) grades 6-12 within a 50-mile radius of Lincoln, NE.
- A legibly-printed and fully completed **Contest Participation Entry Form** must be signed by the entrant, teacher/facilitator submitting the art and parent/guardian in order for the submission to be eligible for judging. The form may be downloaded at [www.hildegardcenter.org](http://www.hildegardcenter.org).
- A legibly-printed and fully completed **‘Hero’ Release Form** signed by the “Hero” portrayed in the art (if applicable) must be included with the art submission to insure eligibility for judging. If more than one “Hero” is represented in the submission, a release form for each “Hero” must be submitted with the entry. This form may be downloaded at [www.hildegardcenter.org](http://www.hildegardcenter.org).
- The entry must include a typed, artist statement written by the entrant reflecting the inspiration for the artwork, the title of the art piece, artist’s name, grade and school attended (if applicable). The statement must be attached to the submitted art (please do not tape or staple the statement to the art) and should be affixed to the art in such a

way so it is securely attached yet easily removable without damaging the art or statement. This statement will be displayed with the winning artwork.

- If the entry is not affiliated with a school or site (home-schooled student or student whose school is not participating in the “Heroes” project), the student should indicate the entry is individually entered.
- Entrants should respect privacy rights and avoid including license plates, phone numbers or other personal information (e.g. photography) in their art.
- The complete entry, following all guidelines, must be received by a representative of Hildegard Center for the Arts by no later than 6 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2013 at the Old City Hall, 920 “O” Street, Lincoln (second floor Court Room).
- Artwork will be judged in three areas with equal weight being given to each: 1) Originality and Creativity, 2) Appropriate Theme/Subject Matter, 3) Aesthetic Appeal.
- Winning two-dimensional art will be framed for display by Hildegard Center for the Arts.
- All entrants will be notified of the judging results via email the week of April 1<sup>st</sup> and the winning artists will be invited to a special reception on the afternoon of April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in Lincoln as well as a special artist reception and unveiling of Art on the evening of May 3, 2013 at the Lincoln/Lancaster City/County Building.
- All winning artwork must be reclaimed by the sponsoring teacher/facilitator at the conclusion of the display.
- Hildegard Center for the Arts will not be responsible for unclaimed artwork.

### Checklist for Entry Eligibility

Each Art Entry:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1) is submitted by the entrant’s teacher/facilitator on behalf of the entrant
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2) reflects the competition theme “Heroes Among Us”.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3) that is two-dimensional is matted, is in final display form and meets size requirements outlined in the Competition Guidelines.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4) is submitted in a media form stipulated in the Competition Guidelines.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5) contains no logos, signs or any other trademarks in the art (or the artist has secured a signed release for their use and is submitting it with the entry forms).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6) has an indication made on the back of the art piece (with arrows) as to which side of the art is “up” if there can be some confusion as to how to position the artwork.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7) includes a legibly printed and fully completed **Competition Participation Entry Form** (with all necessary signatures).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8) includes a legibly printed and fully completed **‘Hero’ Release Form** for each “Hero” portrayed in the art entry.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9) includes a typed artist statement which is attached to the art submission in an acceptable manner.

\_\_\_\_\_10) is received no later than 6 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2013 at the Old City Hall, 920  
"O" Street, Lincoln (second floor Court Room).