

# Youth Art Month 2026 Artwork and Registration Checklist

Portland Museum of Art and Maine Art Education Association

## Preparing your student's artwork:

- Artwork must be framed, including artwork on stretched canvas or canvas board. \*Note, glass OR unblemished plexi-glass is now allowed.
- Artwork (unmatted and framed) may not exceed 18 x 24 inches.
- Artwork on shelves or pedestals is not allowed. If you would like to submit a 3D artwork you may do so in one of two ways: 1. It is enclosed in a shadow box frame of 5 inches or less or 2. it is wall mounted relief work not exceeding 5 inches in depth. If dimensions exceed this, please submit the artwork for digital only.
- Mark the back of artwork with an up arrow (↑) to identify the top of the artwork.
- Label back with student name, school, and teacher.
- Artwork must be ready to hang\*. Any artwork that does not come with appropriate hanging hardware will be returned to the teacher.

\*Ready to hang means: sturdy backing (mat board, Masonite or foam board); proper hardware on the back of the frame (such as d-rings, eye hooks or gallery clips) and wire strung between the hardware. Hardware must be nailed, screwed, or factory installed. Hot glued hardware will not be accepted. No saw-tooth hangers are allowed. Glass or plexi-glass must be clean and free of scratches. Questions about preparing your work? Contact MAEA chair Alex Taraschi. **Artwork will be inspected at drop-off and will only be accepted if proper hanging protocol is followed.**

## Preparing for online registration:

- Complete Permission and Liability Waiver. **This must be signed and completed by a parent or guardian prior to online registration.** You cannot register artwork without this signed waiver.
- A digital JPEG image of artwork is required for artwork registration. Please photograph the artwork before framing to avoid glare and make the image as high resolution as possible. JPEG file must be labeled in this format: student LastName\_StudentFirstName.JPG (ex. *Nevelson\_Louise.JPG*)

**Questions?** Please contact the MAEA Youth Art Month chair: Alex Taraschi, [tarasa@portlandschools.org](mailto:tarasa@portlandschools.org) reach out to PMA contact Meghan Quigley Graham, [mquigley@portlandmuseum.org](mailto:mquigley@portlandmuseum.org)