

# 2009 CALL TO ARTISTS



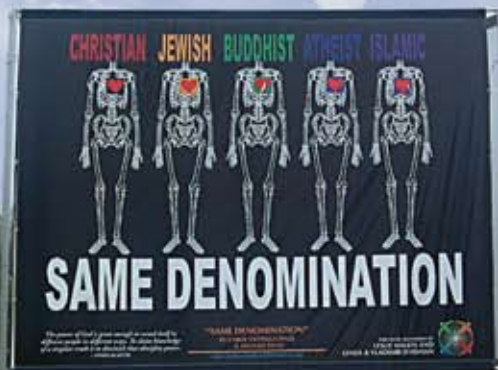
## Embracing Our Differences®

THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OUTDOOR  
ART EXHIBIT CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

OPEN TO STUDENTS,  
PROFESSIONALS & AMATEURS  
ALL AGES

*A Juried Show of 39 Billboard Size Selections  
on display April 2009, Island Park  
Sarasota, Florida*

CASH AWARDS

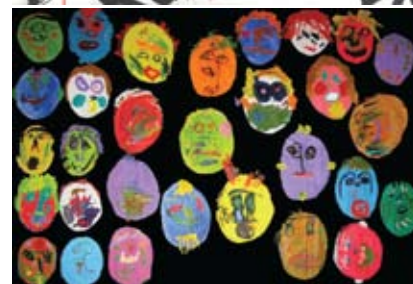


**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:  
MUST BE POSTMARKED BY  
JANUARY 12, 2009**



**Diversity adds up!**

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"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

– MAHATMA GANDHI



The mission of **Embracing Our Differences®** is to use art as a catalyst for creating awareness and promoting, throughout our community, the value of diversity, the benefits of inclusion and the significance of the active rejection of hatred and prejudice.

*Embracing Our Differences®* will be displayed throughout the month of April 2009 at Island Park along Sarasota's beautiful bayfront. The exhibit will contain 39 billboard-sized (16 feet wide by 12 feet high) selected works of art. Six additional images (honorable mention) will be displayed in a smaller format.

Since 2004, the *Embracing Our Differences®* exhibit has been viewed by more than 550,000 visitors. During the same period, over 35,000 students and teachers attended the exhibit – free of charge thanks to our education program – for a firsthand observation and discussion concerning the importance of diversity in our lives.

After viewing the exhibit, one 8-year old student poignantly commented, "I learned that everyone is going to be someone."

We invite you to participate in creating a society that is more inclusive for all. Please consider submitting a work of art and know that you are helping make a difference in the lives of many, especially those of our children.

To view previous exhibits in their entirety, please visit us online at [www.embracingourdifferences.org](http://www.embracingourdifferences.org)



**Embracing Our Differences®**

*The Outdoor Art Exhibit Celebrating Diversity*

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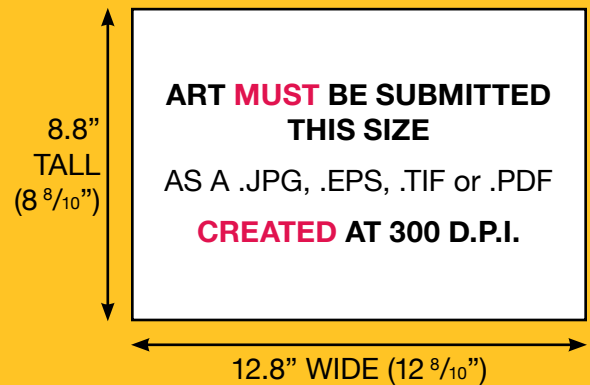
## 1 CREATING YOUR ARTWORK

**A. Your art must measure 12.8" wide by 8.8" tall.**

**Your art should be horizontal.**

**B. Your art must be submitted on a CD and should be saved as either a JPG, EPS, TIF or PDF.**

**IMPORTANT: ALL ART MUST BE CREATED & SUBMITTED AT 300 D.P.I.**



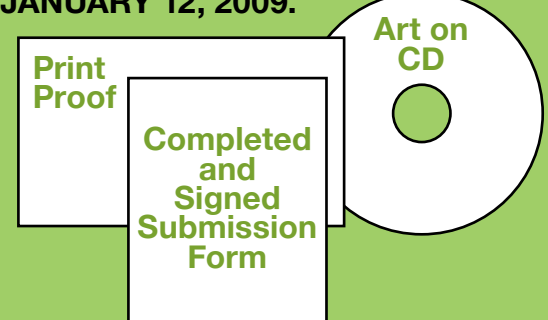
## 2 SUBMITTING YOUR ARTWORK

**A. Your art must submitted on a CD, as a JPG, EPS, TIF or PDF, created and saved at 300 d.p.i.**

**B. You MUST included an 8.5" x 11" PRINT copy of your submission..**

**C. You MUST included a completed & SIGNED submission form (page 4).**

**D. ALL of the above MUST be POSTMARKED no later than JANUARY 12, 2009.**





# Embracing Our Differences®

The 6th Annual Outdoor Art Exhibit Celebrating Diversity

## WHAT IS THE THEME?

Artists are asked to submit their interpretation of the theme “*Embracing Our Differences®*” in the required format detailed on the next page. Artists are encouraged, but not required, to explore variations on the theme of diversity beyond the typical areas of race, religion, color, etc.

## WHO CAN ENTER?

Artists, photographers, professionals, amateurs, teachers, students – all ages – everyone can participate. You may submit more than one entry; however, no more than two images per artist will be chosen for display. National and international submissions are encouraged.

## WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA?

Final selections will be chosen based on artistic excellence in reflection of the theme “*Embracing Our Differences®*”. The artwork will also be evaluated on how effectively it will read outdoors when enlarged to billboard size – 16 feet wide by 12 feet high. Artists are encouraged to use bold saturated colors and strong lines. Final selections will be made by a 3-judge panel of professional artists, curators and art professionals.

**THERE IS NO SUBMISSION FEE.**

## WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?

The submission deadline is January 12, 2009. Judging will take place in February, 2009 and those selected for the exhibit will be notified in late March, 2009. Only selected artists will be notified. Selected art will be available online in late March, 2009. “Best In Show” winners (see below) will be announced at the Artists & Quoters Press Reception in March, 2009. The *Embracing Our Differences®* exhibit will be on display for the entire month of April 2009 at Island Park in Sarasota, Florida.

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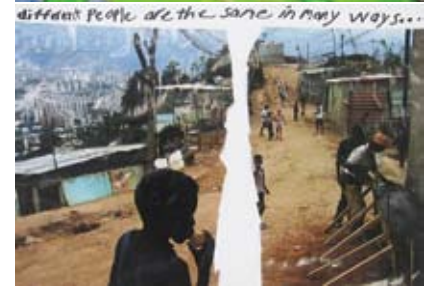
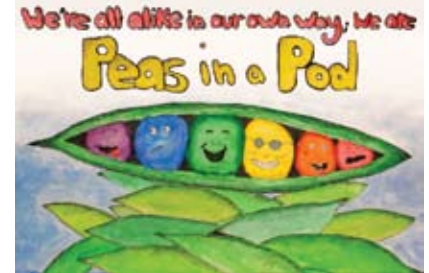
## BEST IN SHOW CASH AWARDS

**Best In Show (Adult):** A single \$1,000.00 cash award will be presented to one submission deemed “Best In Show” (adult). College students will be judged in this category.

**Best In Show (Student):** A \$1,000.00 cash award will be presented to one submission deemed “Best In Show” (student). Students high school-age and below will be judged in this category. This prize money will be awarded directly to the student’s school.

**People’s Choice:** A \$1,000.00 cash award will be presented at the end of the exhibit to the submission that receives the most votes by visitors to the exhibit who complete our survey form.

[WWW.EMBRACINGOURDIFFERENCES.ORG](http://WWW.EMBRACINGOURDIFFERENCES.ORG)



## HOW TO SUBMIT

1. You **MUST** include a signed copy of this submission form. Each artist must sign the submission form. Teachers may sign on behalf of students.  
Additional submission forms are available online at [www.embracingourdifferences.org](http://www.embracingourdifferences.org)
2. By signing this form you acknowledge that: (a) your submission is original in conception and execution and is not a copy or reproduction of any other work and (b) *Embracing Our Differences*® has your irrevocable permission, without restriction, to use your work in reproduction for display, catalogs, posters, advertising, educational and promotional materials for this event as well as other events as *Embracing Our Differences*® may determine in its sole and absolute discretion.
3. **Your original artwork may be any size and in any medium; however, you MUST submit a HIGH-RESOLUTION digital file on a CD. Your digital file MUST measure exactly 12.8" (12-8/10 inches) wide by 8.8" (8-8/10 inches) high, and it MUST be saved at 300 d.p.i. (dots per inch).**
4. Art **MUST** be submitted on a CD, in a .jpg, .eps, .tif, or .pdf format, for Mac & PC viewing. Artwork should be created or scanned at 300 D.P.I. Please print your name and artwork title clearly on the CD.
5. You **MUST** include a color print of your artwork (an ink jet proof will suffice), with your name and artwork title clearly printed. Please reduce the image to fit on 8.5" x 11" paper for this print proof.
6. You **MUST** include a separate sheet of paper with your "Artist's Statement" telling us something about your creative process, your artwork, and how it relates to our theme "embracing our differences".
7. Mail your CD with signed release form, artist's statement & print proof to:  
Embracing Our Differences, P.O. Box 2559, Sarasota, FL 34230-2559



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8. You may email questions to: [info@embracingourdifferences.org](mailto:info@embracingourdifferences.org) or call (941) 928-0567 if you need help with your submission. **Art submissions will not be returned.**

***Please Print Clearly***

Title of Artwork: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please Print Clearly***

Artist Name(s):\* \_\_\_\_\_

Artist Signature(s):\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

School/Grade/Art Teacher Name (required for students): \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Use and attach a separate sheet of paper for additional names or comments if necessary.*

**THIS SIGNED FORM MUST ACCOMPANY ALL SUBMISSIONS.  
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