



# Call for Artists!

53<sup>rd</sup> Annual

## ART ON THE SQUARE

Saturday, June 11, 2022

City Square Park in Historic Downtown Oskaloosa

### ARTIST APPLICATION STEPS:

1. Complete your Artist Application
2. Return the following to Oskaloosa Main Street:
  - Artist Application
  - Non-refundable **\$20 Jury Fee**
  - Jury Items and/or Photos
3. If/when approved, pay the non-refundable Registration Fee:
  - \$65 Early Bird Jury** • Apply by April 1, 2022
  - \$75 Final Jury** • Apply by May 6, 2022

**EVENT INFORMATION:** Join Oskaloosa Main Street for Art on the Square, one of Iowa's oldest continuing art festivals. The 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Art on the Square event will take place Saturday, June 11, 2022, 10 AM – 4 PM, with set up beginning at 7 a.m. Like last year, in addition to artist vendors, this year's festival will feature an emerging artists booth (1<sup>st</sup> time artists, call the Chamber office at 641-672-2591 if interested), window art walk, and more! Various purchase awards and awards of excellence will be distributed.

**LOCATION:** Art on the Square will take place in Oskaloosa's City Square Park. To allow for setup, pedestrian traffic flow, and social distancing, all tents will be set up partially in the grass. To receive their spot assignment, all artists must check in with volunteers **before** the event. As in past years, the rain location is Penn Central Mall.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All work submitted, displayed, and presented for sale must be the original, handcrafted work of the applying artist. Resale items are **not** permitted. All artists must have a minimum of 12 pieces available for sale. Technique must be divulged in the "Description of Material and Technique" section of

the application. Any computer manipulation used in the creation of the work must also be disclosed in the “Description of Material and Technique” section. Failure to do so will result in disqualification. Only selected artists will be accepted into the juried booths. No artists will be accepted who do not meet these criteria, or do not submit all required materials: jury items, complete application, and proper payment of fees.

**JURY FEE & PROCESS:** Submit the non-refundable \$20 jury fee with your complete application and jury items. **All artists** will be juried regardless of prior jury acceptance. **Three** jury items must be submitted to Oskaloosa Main Street at 222 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East, Oskaloosa, IA 52577. Alternatively, photos of artwork may be submitted to [mahaska@mahaskachamber.org](mailto:mahaska@mahaskachamber.org). If original artwork is of excessive size/weight, please include a detailed description of medium or materials. To increase publicity of participating artists prior to the event, this year’s application also requires a short bio and photo to be used for print promotions and online marketing, including social media. The Art on the Square committee reserves the right to remove any items from the show that do not meet juried expectations.

**REGISTRATION FEE:** Artists must submit their registration fee upon jury approval. The fee is based on application submission dates below. Registration fees are non-refundable. Fees (including tax) are listed below:

**\$65 Early Bird** • Apply by April 1, 2022      **\$75 Final** • Apply by May 6, 2022

Registration fee covers one vendor space approximately 12x12 situated in the City Square Park. **Applicant must indicate a need for electricity on the application.** Artists are responsible for bringing their own tables, chairs, displays, and canopy/tent, including protection for wind and sun.

**EMERGING ARTISTS:** Artists who are participating in Art on the Square **for the first time** may apply to sell artwork in the shared Emerging Artists’ space. To request the Emerging Artist Application and Information Packet, email [chamber@mahaskachamber.org](mailto:chamber@mahaskachamber.org) or call the Main Street office at 641-672-2591.

**ACCEPTED MEDIA:** Please see the attached “Accepted Media Categories” sheet for more information about what kind of artwork will be accepted into the juried art show. If your creations do not fit into the accepted media categories, please reach out for vendor show/craft fair opportunities, such as Sweet Corn Serenade set for July 28, 2022. Email or call Oskaloosa Main Street for more information.

**QUESTIONS?** Additional information and event details will be posted online at [mahaskachamber.org/events/art\\_on\\_the\\_square](http://mahaskachamber.org/events/art_on_the_square). If you have questions, email, or call Oskaloosa Main Street Director (contact info below).

## Contact:

**Vicki Van Donselaar or Deb Bruxvoort**

**[chamber@mahaskachamber.org](mailto:chamber@mahaskachamber.org) • 641-672-2591**

# Art on the Square

## Accepted media categories

**Ceramics:** All original clay work, either functional or decorative, made by shaping and then firing. If displaying multiple pieces of the same design, artist must sign each piece.

**Digital Art:** Original work using computer technology to craft or manipulate images. (Traditional photographs taken by a digital device and digitally post-processed should apply in the photography category.)

**Drawing:** Drawings made with pencil, crayon, ink, charcoal, and other marking media.

**Fiber:** All work crafted from fibers such as basketry, embroidery, weaving, leatherwork, or tapestry. No machine-tooling, machine-screened patterns, or other forms of mass production.

**Furniture:** Unique, original, hand-crafted items, either functional or decorative.

**Glass:** Glass work that is functional or decorative, kiln-formed, or created by glass blowing, molding, or casting. Work may be etched or engraved.

**Jewelry:** Artwork created through hand-forging, twisting, and fabricating of various materials. All jewelry produced from metal, glass, clay, fiber, paper, plastic, or other material. No commercial casts, molds, or production studio work.

**Metal:** Decorative, functional, or sculptural metal artwork created by forging, twisting, or fabricating of various metals.

**Mixed Media:** Two- or three-dimensional pieces that incorporate more than one type of physical material in the same piece, including but not limited to, paint, pencil, watercolor, photographs, prints, or found objects.

**Painting:** Creation of an image on a flat surface using oils, watercolors, or acrylics.

**Pastels:** Creation of an image on a flat surface using dry or oil pastels.

**Photography:** Images must be from original negatives or digital files that the artist has created and processed. Photographers must disclose both creative and printing processes.

**Printmaking:** Hand-pulled original works from a brick, plate, stone, or other object. Prints must be properly signed and numbered. Reproductions are allowed but must be marked as such.

**Sculpture:** Three-dimensional original work done in any medium.

**Wood:** Woodworking primary material must be wood. Original works in wood that are hand-tooled, machine-worked, turned, or carved are acceptable. Wood pieces can be either functional or decorative.

## Not sure? Need more info?

**Other:** If the work does not fit into any of the above categories, or if the artist has any questions about the rules for a category, please contact Oskaloosa Main Street, **before** submission of application, to discuss: 641-672-2591 or [chamber@mahaskachamber.org](mailto:chamber@mahaskachamber.org).

If Art on the Square is not the right fit, your creative work may be better suited for one of a local craft/vendor fair—such as Sweet Corn Serenade or other events!

# Art on the Square

## 2022 ART ON THE SQUARE ARTIST APPLICATION

Early Bird Jury Deadline: April 1, 2022 • Final Jury Deadline: May 6, 2022

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Iowa Sales Tax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (work): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (home/cell): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Description of Material and Technique (may also be attached as a separate document of 1000 characters or less; computer manipulation is required to be disclosed in this section):

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Canopy Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of spaces (approx. 12x12 feet): \_\_\_\_\_

Price Range of Artwork: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Electricity (\$3.00): Yes No

Special Requests (requests cannot be guaranteed): \_\_\_\_\_

### Along with this application, submit the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jury Items/Photos            | <input type="checkbox"/> Photo of Booth Setup               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$20 non-refundable jury fee | <input type="checkbox"/> Artist Photo and Bio for Publicity |

Submit to Oskaloosa Main Street at 222 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue East, Oskaloosa, IA 52577 or email to [chamber@mahaskachamber.org](mailto:chamber@mahaskachamber.org) no later than May 6, 2022. Make all checks payable to Mahaska Chamber Attn: Main Street. No artist will be considered without a completed application, jury fee, and required materials. Early registration is recommended. If/when you are notified of application approval, you will be responsible for the registration fee according to the date by which you applied: \$65 if you applied by April 1, 2022; \$75 if you applied by May 6, 2022).

*It is hereby agreed and understood that the undersigned will carry all necessary insurance covering all property displayed by him/her and any necessary Iowa tax permits at Art on the Square, June 11, 2022.*

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

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### Office Use Only

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Jury Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Jury Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ Jury Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Computed: \_\_\_\_\_ Medium Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Medium Returned: \_\_\_\_\_ Acceptance Form Returned: \_\_\_\_\_