



The Paul and Norma TIKKANEN PAINTING PRIZE 2025



ASHTABULA
Arts
CENTER

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Calendar:

Jun 1-Jul 18, 2025: Art Call digital first round application (include high resolution image) **YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO APPLY BEFORE JUN 1.**
July 19- July 23: Online jury process to continue to second round
Jul 24: Notification for artists to continue to second, in-person round
Aug 2-8: Drop off of second round selections
Aug 8-10: In-person jury process
Aug 11: Second round notification for artists
Aug 12-16: Retrieval of cut artworks
Oct 4: Show opens at the Ashtabula Arts Center
Oct 4: Public reception and award ceremony, 6-9 p.m.
Oct 31: Show closes
Nov 1-8 Artwork pick-up

Prizes:

2 \$15,000 First Place prizes
2 \$6000 Second Place prizes
6 Possible \$1200 Honorable Mention prizes

Eligibility (artists must reside in one of the following):

Counties in OH: Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain,
Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Summit, Trumbull
Counties in PA: Crawford, Erie, Lawrence, Mercer

Entry Fee:

\$15 per piece. Each applicant limited to 2 entries.

Rights and Responsibilities:

All accepted artworks must remain at the AAC through October 31
Gallery will collect 30% commission on all sales.

AAC shall have the right to use images of exhibited artworks for the
catalog and all promotional purposes.

Artwork dropoff and pick up must be done in person. All works will
be signed into and out of the AAC.

All pieces must be wired ready to hang. Works which are not appro-
priately wired will not be displayed. **Unclaimed artwork becomes
the property of the AAC on Nov 30, 2025.**

Artworks are covered by insurance while in possession of the AAC.

They are not covered during transportation to and from the AAC.

The Arts Center has the right to accept or reject any artworks for any
reason.

Artwork:

Prizes will be awarded for abstract & realistic work

Categorization of individual works will be decided by the judges

Accepted mediums: Gouache, Fresco, Encaustic, Ink (Sumi-e), Oil,
Acrylic, Watercolor, Alcohol Inks, Tempera, Mixed Media Painting,
Spray Paint, Airbrush

(Jurors will have final say on acceptable mediums. 85% of the paint-
ing should be a painting medium.) Originals only; no giclees,
no prints, no wet paint.

Pre-wired; include a fragile piece disclaimer if needed

Completed in the last 3 years

Maximum size 4ftx4ft; max weight 25lbs

High school students not eligible