

ART AND DESIGN

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Dear Art Teacher or Counselor:

This academic year we will celebrate the **30th Annual High School Art Exhibition** sponsored by Art and Design at the University of Idaho. To give you ample time to inspire projects in your course delivery, we are sharing this year's theme and online submission deadline early.

We've learned a lot in 2020, especially about the importance of truly listening. **On that note, the 2021 exhibit theme is "I'm Listening."** The goal of the theme is always to provide an opportunity for students to be self-reflective or to be observational of their world. The theme can be interpreted literally, metaphorically or playfully. We are hopeful to have a wonderful range of artwork that includes entries from your school.

New this year, we are asking for students to submit a short artist statement about their work. We believe this will add to the strength of the viewing experience whether online or in-person. We are also anticipating that this will benefit the student by offering an opportunity for practice in this important component of putting artwork into the world.

The online submission deadline is Friday, March 5, 2021. The exhibit will be installed on the U of I campus and posted to an online platform in April 2021.

As a reminder, all entries should be submitted in a digital format. Participants will upload images of their artwork. Scans or photographs of 2-D and 3-D traditional media — paintings, mixed media, prints and 3-D works—are invited. Digital design and photography are also welcome.

Your school may submit as many pieces as you would like, however, please limit your entries to one per student. Awards selection will occur after the work is installed. We are thankful to Ednetics for their continued support and sponsorship of this event.

Please visit the following link to find artwork specifications and upload information for online entry: https://www.uidaho.edu/art-exhibition.

Please call 208-885-6976 or email Lauren McCleary at laurenm@uidaho.edu with questions.

Sincerely,

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