

Crafting Community Since 1947

BELLEVUE ARTS MUSEUM

ARTS FAIR

CALL FOR ENTRIES

BELLEVUE ARTS MUSEUM & BELLEVUE SQUARE

**JULY 25 -27, 2025
BELLEVUE, WA**

ART | CRAFT | DESIGN
BELLEVUE ARTS MUSEUM

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2025 CALENDAR

- February 28: SUBMISSION DEADLINE
- Early March: JURY
- Mid March: NOTIFICATIONS SENT
- March 28: REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS DUE
- Mid April: BOOTH ASSIGNMENTS SENT
- May 16: CANCELLATION DATE & REFUNDS
- July 24: EXHIBITOR LOAD IN
- July 25 - 27: BAM ARTS FAIR
- July 27: EXHIBITOR LOAD OUT

BELLEVUE ARTS MUSEUM proudly hosts the largest award-winning arts and crafts festival in the Pacific Northwest, celebrating handmade excellence and supporting local and national designers, artists, and craftspeople.

Join us as one of the 275+ talented artists, showcased in a vibrant marketplace that represents modern, traditional, and emerging works. The Fair also features free programming, Kids Fair activities, food trucks and more!

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Since 1947, BAM Arts Fair has been a cherished annual tradition—a gathering place for the community and a beautiful way to connect with the world of art, craft, and design.

COME JOIN US!

CATEGORIES

2-D Mixed Media

3-D Mixed Media

Ceramics

Drawing/Pastels

Fiber (non-clothing)

Furniture

Glass

Jewelry

Metalwork

Painting

Photography

Printmaking

Sculpture

Wearables (clothing)

Wood (non-furniture)

CONTACT

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[APPLY HERE!](#)

SUBMISSION PROCESS

- Apply on [ZAPP](#) by Wednesday, February 28, 2025. The fee to apply is \$55 per entry.
- Create and complete a user profile.
- Submit 4 artwork images and 1 booth image.
- **QUESTIONS?** Please email artsfair@bellevuearts.org.

PARTICIPATION RULES

- Artwork must be handmade, skillfully created, and produced by or under the direction of the artist.
- Artists must register (UBI#) with the WA State Department of Revenue to collect sales tax during the BAM Arts Fair. Out-of-state applicants are responsible for securing a temporary UBI#.
- Artists may show work only in categories in which they were accepted and represented in their submitted jury images.
- Artists may not exhibit or sell work by other artists.
- Imported items and mass-produced work are not allowed.
- All work must be for sale.
- Artists must personally attend their exhibits throughout BAM Arts Fair.
- Artists may not exhibit in other fairs in Bellevue the same weekend.
- Artists who sell out of their work must remain with their booths for the duration of BAM Arts Fair.
- Artists are expected to comply with all regulations and respect artistry standards.
- BELLEVUE ARTS MUSEUM reserves the right to remove any artist from the present or future Fairs for breach of the written participation rules, the laws of the State of Washington or for disruptive/abusive behavior.

* If accepted, participants agree to permit use of artwork images in internal publications and for publicity in external print media, TV, ancillary merchandise, radio, and resale items.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT DOES THE MEDIA & MARKETING CAMPAIGN INCLUDE?

BAM produces a highly effective marketing campaign to promote BAM Arts Fair and ensure high attendance. The media mix includes print, radio, TV, online, and social media. Significant media sponsors have included: *The Seattle Times*, King5, Xfinity, and KCTS 9 among other. As one of the longest-standing community events in the region, BAM Arts Fair is featured editorially in many regional newspapers, magazines, and on a wide range of websites.

WHAT BENEFITS DO YOU OFFER ARTISTS?

- Inclusion in extensive multi-channel promotional campaign
- Awards of Excellence program
- Drayage services
- Artist break area
- Accommodation discounts

WHO ATTENDS BAM ARTS FAIR?

BAM ARTS FAIR draws hundreds of thousands of visitors to downtown Bellevue, including a sophisticated crowd of collectors, museum representatives, and buyers, many of whom travel to Bellevue just to attend the Fair. An ethnically diverse and highly educated workforce and an above-average family household income make Bellevue and the greater region a premier destination for artists who are looking to broaden their reach.

COMPLIANCE

Artists must follow all Participation Rules (see page 3) or they will be removed from the Fair. BAM is increasing efforts to maintain artwork quality.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

All artwork must be handmade, skillfully created, and produced by or under the direction of the artist. "Handmade" is an important staple of BAM ARTS FAIR and no exceptions are made. Artists who do not comply with this rule will be removed from the Fair. See Participation Rules (page 3).

WHAT ARE THE FEES?

- \$55 fee, per entry to apply to the BAM Arts Fair (non-refundable).
- Booth fees range from \$945 - \$2,000, depending on location and size.
- Booth fees can be refunded 75% prior to May 16, 2025.
- Only one artist can participate per booth.

WHAT ARE THE BEST SELLING PRICE RANGES?

26.3%: \$1,000 - \$3000

25%: \$100 - \$300

23.6%: \$0 - \$100

DO YOU HAVE AN AWARDS PROGRAM?

The Awards of Excellence will be presented on Friday, July 25 during BAM ARTS FAIR! Jurors will preview all artwork onsite and present awards.

WHAT IF I DO NOT HAVE A BOOTH IMAGE?

We suggest you provide one, but you will not receive a lower score if you do not. Please provide an additional image of your artwork instead. On ZAPP, you will have to "trick" the system to apply without a booth image. For one of the images you submit, check the box that states it is a "Booth Image."

HOW WILL MY APPLICATION BE SCREENED?

This year's panel of jurors will review and score each entry using a 1 - 7 scoring system (excluding 4). Scores are tallied and a cut-off score is determined for each category. Artists will be juried within their selected categories. Images will be viewed on monitors.

CAN I APPLY IN MULTIPLE CATEGORIES?

YES. Work should be substantially different in medium and technique. Artists must submit separate sets of images and pay the application fee (\$55) for each submission. Separate and distinct ZAPP profiles must be created to apply in multiple categories. Artists accepted in two categories only pay one booth fee. Artists cannot apply in the same category twice.

CAN I SHARE MY BOOTH?

Artists cannot share a booth unless they are accepted with a collaborator.

CAN I COLLABORATE WITH ANOTHER ARTIST?

Two artists collaborating on single works in one category is considered one entry. Complete one application, submit one application fee, and upload one set of five (5) images.

DO YOU HAVE A WAITLIST?

A waitlist is established based on jury scores. Applicants will be notified after the jury process if they are on the waitlist.

WHAT IS THE LOCATION & LAYOUT OF THE BAM ARTS FAIR?

BAM ARTS FAIR is located in Bellevue, WA which is a satellite city to Seattle. All artist booths are located at Bellevue Square mall on the first level of the parking structure. 255 spaces are located under the parking structure and 60 spaces are located directly outside the parking structure.

DO I PROVIDE MY OWN BOOTH?

Artists provide their own booth structure. Spaces are available in 20'x10', 15'x10', 10'x10', 10'x 8' and 8'x 8'. Electricity is provided for free to all booths (max. 400 watts). Additional storage can be purchased.

DO YOU ACCEPT OFFSET REPRODUCTIONS?

All reproductions, whether framed or unframed, must be clearly and individually labeled "REPRODUCTION" or "LIMITED EDITION REPRODUCTION."