

## “AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL” PROSPECTUS FOR ARTISTS

Help us celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of our country. We hope to have a painting representing every state (and maybe territory!) of the union! June 27<sup>th</sup> - August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Opening Reception Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 11am-5pm

### OVERVIEW DETAILS

- This is a juried show, 2-D mediums only, no photography nor digital art.
- Work is to be original, created in the last 3 years,
- **Maximum size of artwork is 154 sq. inches, such as 11”x14” size**, frame not included.
- Enter up to 3 images. Backgrounds, including frame, should be cropped out of image.
- Artists must be able to deliver and pickup their work. (No shipping).
- Artwork is to be properly framed. Wrapped paintings that are 1.25” deep are acceptable but must have finished sides. No raw glass edges.
- All work must be properly wired, no saw-toothed hangers.
- Cash awards: Award of Excellence, Award of Merit, and People’s Choice. Cash awards are based on the number of entries. Creative Brush artists are NOT eligible for the Award of Excellence or the Award of Merit.

### FEES

- Fee \$25 for up to 3 pieces.
- There will be a payment link on the Creative Brush website, [www.creativebrush.com](http://www.creativebrush.com)
- If preferred, a check can be mailed, postmarked by May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Artwork must be for sale. Creative Brush will retain 30% of the sale price.

### SUBMISSIONS

- Image files should be between 1 MB-3 MB each and in either JPEG or PNG format.
- Label Image files: State\_Title\_ LastName\_FirstName.  
Example #1: Oklahoma\_OpenSky\_Smith\_John or  
Example #2: PuertoRico\_TheWater’sEdge\_Smith\_Jane.
- Files improperly labeled are in danger of not being juried.

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- Email your image files to [Entries@creativebrush.com](mailto:Entries@creativebrush.com) ; subject line: “Entry for America the Beautiful”
- In the email include: your name, address, phone. For each image: include state or territory, artwork title, art size, medium, retail sale price.
- When you email your entry information, be sure to also pay the \$25 using the payment link or mail a check postmarked by May 20<sup>th</sup>. Make check payable to “Creative Brush Studio.”

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Submissions open **May 16<sup>th</sup>** and close **May 24<sup>th</sup>**. If you have not received an email acknowledgement within three days of your submission, please contact [mary@creativebrush.com](mailto:mary@creativebrush.com)
  - **June 5<sup>th</sup>**: Jury results are emailed. If you do not receive notification on the 5<sup>th</sup>, please contact [mary@creativebrush.com](mailto:mary@creativebrush.com)
  - **June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**: Deliver art, 11am-5 pm.\*
  - **June 27<sup>th</sup>** Show opens; Opening Reception, 11-5 pm.
  - **August 15<sup>th</sup>** official last day of show 11am-5pm
  - **August 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> or August 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>**: Pick up art, 11am-5 pm.\*
- \* Contact us **in advance** to schedule alternate delivery or pickup dates/times

### JURY PROCESS

- The first thing we’re looking for is a quality painting.
- The next most important thing is that your painting follows the rules outlined here.
- Finally, we’re looking for a painting from each state. If you have a quality painting, followed the guidelines, and painted a state or territory for which no one else has entered a painting, you’re in!
- If there are several entries representing the same state, not all will be accepted.
- If your painting is of a state flower or bird, it should be in a natural setting representative of that state.
- While not a criteria for judging, we’re hoping some entries will have a state or U.S. flag where appropriate.

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- The painting is to be created by you, using reference photographs you took yourself or from a friend or family member who gave you permission to use them. You may not use internet photos or AI images as your references. We only accept traditional art paintings, not photography or digital illustrations. We may ask to see your reference photos in case of concern.

**DISCLAIMER** Creative Brush takes all possible care of your artwork. However, artists display at their own risk. None of the entities involved are responsible for any loss or damage to artwork. Photos of your art may be used for marketing before and during the show. **Your entry will constitute that you agree and acknowledge the terms and conditions set forth in this Prospectus.**

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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### **FOR ACCEPTED WORKS**

- The painting is to be dry.
- The painting may be left unframed if the depth of the canvas is at least a 1.25” with neatly painted sides. Otherwise, it needs to be properly framed. Poor framing diminishes the quality of your work. Look for frames that complement your painting and don’t overpower it.
- The painting should be wired, preferably with D-rings. No sawtooth hangers allowed. When hung on a hook, no part of the wire or wall hook should show above the artwork. Works improperly wired will be turned away.
- Labels will be provided. Please make sure there is one label on front, one on back, both attached with blue painter’s tape (so it doesn’t damage the painting).

**Thank you for sharing our vision! Your participation helps us reach our goal of having a quality painting representing each of the fifty states and five inhabited United States territories!**

**Fees received will be used to off-set show expenses and for award money.**