

Art Students Invited To Participate in Int'l Show
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“Culture and art transcend time and last for all eternity,” Egypt’s Minister of Culture Farouk Hosni once told SGI President Ikeda. If that’s so, SGI-USA youth division members who are college-level art students have a chance to participate in the eternal — with the 11th Soka Student Art Exhibit.

The Executive Committee for the exhibit and the SGI-USA student division are inviting art students to submit entries for the exhibit, to be held at the Soka Gakkai Ota Ikeda Culture Center in Tokyo. The exhibit, which will be open from March 23–April 18, will be viewed by thousands of SGI members and their friends.

Entries from the United States will be highlighted in a special section of international works. “We feel this is a great opportunity for art students in the newly established student division to participate in an international student division effort for culture,” SGI-USA Student Division Chief Valerie Thomas said. “It’s a way for us to communicate with the world.”

While the exhibit carries the theme “We Are the Ones To Link the World — Believing in Our Limitless Possibilities,” entries are not required to match this theme. The Executive Committee asks only that artists include an explanation of their work’s theme — which can be in the form of a quotation from a novel, poem or whatever the artists feel is appropriate — when they send in their artwork.

Entries must arrive in Japan by March 9 at:

Executive Committee of the 11th Soka Student Art Exhibition
c/o World Youth Culture Center
Students Office
25 Shinanomachi, Shinjuku
Tokyo 160, Japan

The committee asks that artists roll up their artwork and send it in tubes to avoid in-transit damage. While the artists must bear the expenses of sending their submissions to Japan, the Executive Committee will cover the return postage for all pieces.

Artwork will be accepted in the following four categories and sizes only:

Oil and water paintings: 76 inches X 100 inches (194 cm X 259 cm) or smaller

Prints (wood block, etching, lithograph, silk screen): 76 inches X 100 inches (194 cm X 259 cm) or smaller

Graphic design: 27.5 feet X 39 feet (841 cm X 1189 cm) or smaller (*floppy disks are also welcome*)

Free-style design (other two-dimensional pieces such as collage or mixed media work): 27.5 feet X 39 feet (841 cm X 1189 cm) or smaller

Participants should include their name, address, telephone number, school, the organization in which they practice, date of birth, the date they joined the SGI-USA and the title of their work. If they can also let Valerie Thomas at (310) 260-8957 know when they have sent their piece, she’ll notify the Executive Committee that it’s coming.

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