



Altrincham Open 2014

Information For Artists

What is the Altrincham Open?

The Altrincham Open is an annual exhibition that coincides with the North west in Bloom Regional Competition.

Who can enter?

Anyone can enter whether a professional or non-professional artist. We accept artists from any race, background and nationality and artists of any age can enter.

How many works can I enter?

Each artist can enter up to 3 works for consideration. All artforms are eligible for entry including painting, drawing, printmaking and photography plus digital and 3D work such as sculpture, ceramics, installation art and site specific work. We will also accept digital and video work but please read the submission guidelines before entering this type of artform.

How much does it cost?

A non-returnable administration fee of £5 per entry.

How do I enter?

Entry form can be downloaded from our website, requested by email or a paper version can be provided from Art with a Hearts Arts Centre in Altrincham. All forms must be brought with the proposed work to Art with a Heart on **14th-15th June and 18th -19th June**. Any forms submitted after this date will not be considered.

What is an Artist Statement?

An artist statement is a short piece of text (usually around 250 words) that tells us a little bit about you and your work. It can include things such as your background and education in the arts, the type of medium you work in and what your interest are. You can also mention other artists or art movements that influence your work and places you have previously exhibited. The artist statement will be used during our exhibition and on our website to promote you and your work. Please tick the box on the form if you do **not** want an artist page created for you.

What are the dates that I need to know?

1st April- 15th July: Entry Forms available for submissions

14th -15th, 18th-19th June: Deadline for delivery of work and entry form to Art with a Heart

20th -25th June: Judging of work

27th June: Artist will be notified if their work has been accepted or declined

28th -29th June: Collection of Unselected work

1st -31st July: Exhibition

11rd July: Private viewing

2nd -3rd August: Collection of sold and unsold work(please bring proof of identity)

Awards and Judging

There are a number of awards available for any successful applicant.

These awards include:

Visitors Choice: Selected by the visiting public to Art with a Heart who will vote for their favourite

piece within the exhibition.

Art with a Heart Choice: Judged by the curatorial team at Art with a Heart.

North West In Bloom Judges Choice: Selected during the In Bloom judging of the Altrincham Entry

Altrincham Open Award Choice: Selected by Sue Aldridge, President of the Altrincham and Sale Chamber of Commerce.

Exhibited works cannot be removed before the end of the exhibition or the artist will be excluded from any awards.

How do I present my work?

All work must be completed and dry prior to delivery at Art with a Heart.

Please bring your entry form with your work on the submission dates.

Please also attach a small label to your work. Labels must clearly show your Name, Title, Medium, Price, and Size. Attach the label to the back of your entry.

All works should include a means of hanging. Eg: d rings and wire, mirrorplates etc.

If you have any queries about this please email us at contact@artwithaheart.org.uk

We will take great care of your work, however we accept no liability for accidental damage. Works damaged on arrival or unsuitably framed will not be entered.

Is my work insured?

No, you need to arrange your own insurance.

How will I know if my work has been sold?

A red dot will be attached to the label on the wall. Payment will be required in full by the purchaser prior to the end of the exhibition. Purchasers can collect their art works from 2nd -3rd August. We will inform Artists if their work is sold during the exhibition.

Does the gallery take commission if I sell my work?

Yes, a commission of 20% on the actual price realised during the exhibition will be payable to Art with a Heart to help support its artistic programme. Your fee minus commission will be sent to you by post or available to collect after 3rd August.

What happens after the exhibition?

Work that has been exhibited and unsold can be collected from Art with a Hearts Arts Centre between 2nd-3rd August, 10am-4pm. Art with a Heart accepts no responsibility for any unsold works after 2nd August 2014 and any work that remains at the centre after this date will be donated to charity.

