MAKE YOUR MARK
THE MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOLS
JURIED DRAWING COMPETITION
JUNE 13 – SEPTEMBER 10, 2016
CALL FOR ENTRIES

ENTRY DEADLINE
APRIL 22, 2016

The University of Southern Mississippi Museum of Art and the Department of Art and Design are pleased to announce Make Your Mark: The Mississippi High Schools Juried Drawing Competition. This competitive exhibition is open to all Mississippi high school juniors and seeks to recognize the broad range of creativity, artistic talent and drawing skills of students across the state.

An exhibition of the selected works will be professionally displayed in the Gallery of Art and Design on The University of Southern Mississippi’s Hattiesburg campus throughout the summer of 2016 and will feature cash awards and a scholarship competition.

CASH AWARDS
Three cash prizes will be awarded: $300 Best of Show, $200 Second Place and $100 Third Place. Additional non-cash Honorable Mention awards will also be presented. Award recipients will be announced on Saturday, September 10, 2016, at the closing reception.

ELIGIBILITY
This competition is open to all high school juniors (to be seniors in the fall of 2016) currently enrolled and in good standing at any Mississippi public or private school. All entries must be original drawings made solely by the artist and completed no more than two years prior to April 22, 2016.

Drawings in the following media are eligible for entry: pencil, graphite, charcoal, pen and ink, black marker, ink wash and mixed media. Monochromatic works are encouraged. Representational, abstract and non-representational drawings are eligible.

SIZE AND FORMAT
Works must not exceed 18 x 24 inches. Drawings may be unmounted, mounted, or mounted and matted (white or off-white mat board only). Works SHOULD NOT BE framed or under glass or Plexiglas. Unmounted drawings on paper are eligible but may be temporarily mounted to mat board by USM museum staff for gallery display or may be pinned directly to the wall for exhibit.

JURY PROCESS
This exhibition will be juried by a panel of professional artists and faculty in the Department of Art and Design at USM.

All accepted drawings must be available for the duration of the show. No substitutions or modifications may be made once a drawing is juried into the show.

SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION
The top three award winners will also each receive a $1,000 scholarship. All scholarships are contingent upon full-time enrollment as an art major in the Department of Art and Design at USM for the fall of 2017.

Scholarship awards may be reallocated to Honorable Mention winners upon non-acceptance by first, second or third place winners.
ENTRY PROCEDURE AND FEE
An entry fee of $5 allows each artist to enter up to three drawings in the show. All entries must be submitted online by uploading a digital photo of each drawing being entered. Simple instructions and the online entry form can be found at www.usm.edu/visual-arts/make-your-mark. The entry fee must be mailed by check to the address below and postmarked on or before April 22, 2016.

DELIVERY AND RETURN OF WORK
All works accepted for exhibition must be shipped in reusable packaging or hand-delivered no later than 5 p.m., Saturday, May 21, 2016. Artists, or their parents or guardians, are responsible for the cost of shipping to USM and must include a postage-paid, return shipping label. Hand-delivered drawings must be picked up in the same manner they were delivered. Specific instructions for shipping and delivery will be sent to all accepted artists.

CALENDAR
April 22, 2016 - Entry deadline
May 6, 2016 - Notification letters emailed
May 21, 2016 - Delivery deadline for accepted works
June 13–September 10, 2016 - Exhibition on view in gallery
September 10, 2016 - Awards presentation and closing reception
September 10–16, 2016 - Artwork picked up or return shipped

LIABILITY AND CARE
Great care and every reasonable precaution will be made during receiving, handling and return of all drawings included in this exhibition, but USM, its employees, staff and volunteers will assume no responsibility for any unforeseen loss or damage that may occur to any drawing included in the show, while on the USM campus or in transit to or from the gallery.

INQUIRIES
For further information or questions about the entry process or competition, contact the Museum of Art at artmuseum@usm.edu or by calling 601.266.5200 or 601.266.6389. For questions about the Department of Art and Design, call 601.266.6379.

ENTRY FORM CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.USM.EDU/VISUAL-ARTS/MAKE-YOUR-MARK.

The entry fee of $5 can be paid by cashier’s check, personal check or money order and mailed to the address below.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO USM MUSEUM OF ART.
Entries will not be considered until payment is received.

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