OTAKON®

Walter E. Washington Convention Center
801 Mt Vernon Pl NW
Washington, DC 20001
August 6th - August 8th 2027

Art Show Requirements & Guidelines

Artists Requirements

ARTIST REGISTRATION

1. Only the original Artist may submit Artwork to the Art Show. You must be at least 18 years old to register as an Artist for the Art Show. This includes the use of the online auction.
    a. If you are under 18 years old and would like to submit Artwork, you must have your parent or legal guardian sign all documentation on the Artist Agent form along with a copy of their valid government-issued photo identification. Artists under 18 years old may NOT submit or view Hentai Artwork (18+ section) to the Art Show.
    b. Current, active staff of Otakorp, Inc. are prohibited from submitting Artwork as an Artist and/or on behalf of their child(ren).
2. All Artists submitting Artwork to the Art Show must:
    a. Accompany the Artwork (Be present at the convention). Proxy-selling is prohibited.
    b. Have a valid government-issued photo identification.
    c. Have a current year Otakorp, Inc. membership.
    d. Have completed the Artwork Online Picture Submission via email.
    e. Have completed the Artist section of the Art Show Registration form.
    f. Have a completed Form W-9.
    g. Have a valid credit or debit card for submission payment. Art Show is cashless.
    h. Have signed the Acknowledgement.
3. Mailed-in Artwork will not be accepted.
4. Artist Registration for Art Show will close at 2pm on Saturday, August 7th, 2027.

ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS

1. ALL ART MUST BE THE ORIGINAL WORK OF THE ARTIST.
2. Artwork or reproductions of work created by other artists will not be accepted unless you are the authorized agent of the original artist and that artist is present at Otakon.
    a. A signed Artist Agent Authorization Form and all required paperwork must be submitted by the Original Artist prior to artwork being submitted for verification.
    b. If an Agent wishes to enter the Art Show as an artist, they must register separately.
    c. If an Agent attempts to register their art under another Artist's registration, both the Agent and the Artist will be disqualified from participating in the Art Show.
3. AI Generated Artwork (Artwork generated via the use of artificial intelligence, machine learning or similar algorithms) is strictly prohibited at Otakon and will be considered a form of bootleg/counterfeit merchandise.
4. Submitted Artwork must be able to fit on an art flat (36' by 72') or stand freely upon a standard table (20" by 68"). Freestanding art must be less than 23" tall.
5. If your Artwork is done in ink, pencil, and/or any other easily damaged medium, we recommend protecting it with a layer of fixer, a covering, or a frame. These will not be provided by the Art Show.
6. Multiple prints or copies of an artist's original work will NOT be accepted
    a. Any and all art which is not an original "one of a kind" work, such as a cel photocopied from the artist's original sketch and painted in, must be clearly marked as such. ((i.e. digital art, print label, etc.)

7. Items such as T-shirts, magnets, puppets, plushies, and so on, will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
8. Art that is for sale in the Dealer's Room or the Artist Alley will NOT be accepted for submission in the Art Show.
    a. There must be a significant difference between copies that are found elsewhere. Artwork will be rejected unless they are different size or scale, they are signed, numbered, and/or of a different medium than the artwork for sale in the Dealer's Room or Artist Alley. Refunds will not be given for artworks in violation of this policy.
9. Otakorp, Inc., will not be responsible for or defend and any claims of trademark or copyright infringement raised against or in connection with artwork submitted for the Art Show.
10. While we heartily encourage free expression and exploration into varying media, Otakorp, Inc., at the discretion of the Art Show staff, reserves the right to reject any submitted Artwork or to remove submitted Artwork from display. If you feel that your artwork was rejected or removed in error, please contact the staff at the Art Show table.
11. Refunds will not be given for Artwork that violates guidelines and/or requirements. Artists that violate guidelines and/or requirements may be banned from submitting Artwork to future Art Shows. (No Exceptions)

HENTAI SECTION (18+)

1. The Hentai Section (18+) of Art Show is for adult artwork that is suggestive, sensually explicit and not limited to revealing positions, scenery, clothing and/or body parts.
2. Artists under 18 years old may NOT submit Artwork to the Hentai Section (18+) of the Art
3. Hentai Artwork is NOT viewable online; Hentai is only viewable in person in the Hentai Section (18+) of the Art Show. A "view in person only" place holder image will be uploaded online for such artwork.
4. If you believe your Artwork was mistakenly placed in the Hentai Section (18+), you may appeal the decision to the Art Show Department Head.

ARTWORK ONLINE PICTURE SUBMISSION PROCESS

1. The Artist must follow and complete the Artwork Online Picture Submission prior to registering as an Artist for the Art Show.
2. Take at least one photo of each piece that will be submitted to the Art Show. These images will be used to view pieces in the online auction, except for submissions to the Hentai Section (18+).
3. Send an email to art-show@otakorp.org using the same email address on the Registration form. Include the following:
    a. The subject line of your email must be your full legal name as it appears on your valid government issued photo identification.
    b. Attach all individual photographs of each Artwork that you are submitting to the Art Show.
    c. Include the following information in the body of your email:
        i. Artist/Studio Name/Nom De Plume.
        ii. The filename of your Artwork's photograph as it appears as in the attachment.
        iii. The title, medium, and starting bid of each Artwork.
        iv. All photographs must be PNG or JPG/JPEG. Other formats will NOT be accepted.
        v. All Artwork photographs will be given an official Otakon watermark by Art Show staff prior to being uploaded to the auction website.

SUBMISSION PAYMENT

Payment must be made with a credit or debit card. Cash and check/money orders will not be accepted. The Art Show is cashless.

1. The fee for the Art Show is $25 per lot; a lot is 10 pieces of artwork
2. The fee for the Hentai Section (18+) $10 per Hentai lot; a lot in the Henati Section (18+) is 5 pieces of artwork
3. If you wish to submit to both the Art Show and the Hentai (18+) section, the fee is $30 for both lots. This includes 1 lot (10 pieces) in the Art Show and 1 lot (5 pieces) in the Hentai Section (18+).

ONSITE ARTIST REGISTRATION

1. Prior to arriving in the Art Show registration line, the Artist must:
    a. Complete the Artwork Online Picture Submission via email.
    b. Complete and submit the Artist section of the Art Show Registration form and/or Agent Authorization Form.
    c. Complete and submit a Form W-9.
    d. Sign and submit the Acknowledgement.
    e. Bring their valid government-issued photo identification.
    f. Bring all Artwork to be submitted to the Art Show.
    g. Have payment for the appropriate fees
    h. Have a current year Otakorp, Inc. membership.
    i. Submit all paperwork via email before arriving at Art Show
2. Bid cards will be filled out by Art Show staff with the Artist during the Art Show registration to ensure and verify all information matches the online entry, forms, and Artwork submitted to the Art Show.
    a. The Artist may not keep any bid cards. They must be signed and handed back.
3. Artist Registration for Art Show will close at 2pm on Saturday, August 7th, 2027.

ARTISTS PAYMENT FOR SOLD ARTWORK

1. All payments for sold artwork will be electronic only; no paper checks will be mailed.
2. All artists with sold artwork will receive their sales receipt via email within six (6) weeks of the close of the convention. This email will contain a link to the payment form.
    a. Artists with US based banking should choose ACH payment
    b. Artiists with non-US based banking should choose Wire Transfer

ARTISTS ARTWORK PICK-UP (UNSOLD ARTWORK)

1. Artists must pick up their unsold artwork on Sunday during the times listed in the Hours of Operation. Shipping unsold art is NOT an option.
2. The Artists pick up line is separate from the bidder pick up line.
3. Only the original artist may pick up unsold artwork.
    a. If the artist is not able to pick up artwork they can authorize another person prior to pick up; The Artist must provide a signed letter along with a photocopy of both the Artist's and the designated pick-up person's valid government-issued photo identification.
4. All unsold artwork must be signed for.
5. All bid cards must be signed by the Artist/Agent and returned to Art Show staff upon receipt of unsold artwork.
6. Any unsold/unclaimed artwork left behind after the convention closes on Sunday, August 8th, 2027, becomes the property of Otakorp, Inc and will be discarded at the discretion of Art Show staff. NO artwork will be held/or stored.

ARTIST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By completing and signing the Artist section of the Registration form and/or Agent Authorization form, you represent and warrant that you have the right to offer and sell all Artwork or other goods submitted to the Art Show and that such offering and selling will not infringe upon or violate any copyright, trademark, common law or statutory right of any person, firm or corporation. Further, by signing the Registration form and Acknowledgment, you agree to indemnify and hold harmless Otakorp, Inc., its successors, licensees, and assignees, and the officers, agents, staffers, employees, directors, and representatives of each, from and against all claims, losses, liabilities, judgments, costs, expenses and damages (including without limitation attorneys' fees and legal costs) in connection with a claim arising out of the offer or sale of the Artwork in the Art Show and of the usage of the online auction.

Bidder Requirements

BIDDER REGISTRATION

1. In accordance with Washington DC law, you must be at least 18 years old to register as a Bidder for the Art Show.
    a. If you are under 18 years old and would like to bid on artwork you MUST have a parent/legal guardian register as a Bidder to bid on your behalf.
2. The Art Show's Silent Auction is online only. You must register at the Art Show with your mobile device to bid in the auction during the listed Hours of Operation. Your mobile device is not required to view Artwork in the Art Show.
3. When registering as a Bidder at Art Show, you must:
    a. Complete the Registration Form /Acknowledgement.
    b. Bring your Government issued Photo I.D.
        iii. Your student I.D and/or bank/credit card will NOT be accepted as valid Identification.
    d. Bring your cellphone or other mobile device; This will expedite registering you for the auction.
    e. Have a valid debit or credit. Art Show is cashless.
4. Do not share your BIdder login information with anyone. You will be held resposible for all bids made in your name.
5. Bidder Registration will close at 8:45pm on Saturday August 7th, 2027.

ART SHOW ARTISTS AS BIDDERS

1. If an Artist chooses to be a Bidder they must fill out the Bidder section of the Registration form; The Artist's login/email and password will be the same for their Bidder login.
2. Artists are NOT allowed to bid on their own Artwork. In the event an Artist bids on their own Artwork the bid and Artwork will be removed, the Artist will no longer be allowed to bid on any Artwork, and the Artist's online I.D. will be removed.

BIDDER REQUIREMENTS

1. Do NOT bid more than you feel comfortable with spending across all bids. All bids are binding; you are agreeing to pay the price of all bid(s) you win. Failure to do so may result in eviction from Otakon.
2. All bids Must be made in WHOLE dollar increments.
3. Bidders will receive email notifications if they are the top Bidder and/or if they have been outbid.
4. If the total number of bids online on any item is more than 6, the item will be sent to Live Auction. All potential winners on items will receive emails informing them they are the winning bidder and/or the item(s) have gone to Live Auction.
    a. You must attend the Live Auction in person to bid in the Live Auction held on Sunday, August 8th, 2027 beginning at 11am.
5. Bidding ends at 10 PM EST on Saturday, August 7th, 2027.
    a. The only exception if anything happens to slow or stall internet connection with last minute bids, we will use our Extended Bidding Option. If this occurs the Extended Bidding Option will be turned on by the Art Show Department Head.
    b. The Extended Bidding Option automatically extends the time of an Artwork by three (3) minutes when a bid has been made during the final three (3) minutes. This process continues until no new bids are made during the final three (3) minutes of the item bidding window and/or the auction has reached the maximum limit of thirty (30) minutes beyond the original end time. When an auction is extended you will see the message for Extended Bidding displayed throughout the auction with a link to easily view all extended items.)

BIDDER ARTWORK PICK UP

1. Only the Bidder may pick up the items won.
2. The Bidder Pick up Line is separate from the Artists Pick up line.
3. The cost for each won item will be the winning bid price plus sales tax.
4. All payments must be made in person by 2pm on Sunday, August 8th, 2027.
5. Payments must be made with a valid debit or credit card. The Art Show is cashless.
6. All Live Auction Payments must be received by the end/conclusion of the Live Auction
7. Shipping will not be an option at Art Show 2027.
8. Bidders who do not pay for item(s) won will be considered Delinquent.
    a. Delinquent Bidders will not be allowed to register as an Artist and/or Bidder for any future Art Shows.
    b. Delinquent Bidders must pay the Delinquent Bidder Fee of $100 to be reinstated and allowed to participate in any future years of the Art Show.

ART SHOW VIEWING GUIDELINES

1. All devices with photo-capturing capabilities are NOT allowed to be used inside the Art Show.
    a. If you have a camera, please keep the lens cap on while you are in the Art Show. If your camera does not have a lens cap, please ensure it is turned off and the lens is pointed towards you.
    b. NO game consoles with photo-capturing capabilities are allowed.
    c. Cellphones are not allowed to be used while you are in the Art Show. If you are a Bidder and need help finding a piece of Artwork from the online auction, please ask a staff member for assistance; do not use your phone.
    d. If you must use your phone for any purpose, please leave the Art Show and return when you are finished.
    e. If you use your phone or other electronic device inside the Art Show, a staff member will remind you to put it away in your pocket, purse/bag, and/or at your side with your hand covering it completely. Failure to comply may result in eviction from Art Show or Otakon.
    f. Please show respect for our Artists and do NOT take pictures of or touch their Artwork. If you are caught taking pictures, you will be warned and asked to delete them from your device. Failure to follow this, or any other rule, may result in consequences up to and including your removal from the convention.

VIEWING THE HENTAI SECTION (18+)

1. The Hentai (18+) section of the Art Show is for Artwork that is suggestive, sexually explicit, and not limited to revealing positions, scenery, clothing, and/or body parts.
2. Hentai Artwork is NOT viewable online, and is only viewable in person in the Hentai (18+) section of the Art Show. A "view in person only" placeholder image will be uploaded online for such Artwork.
3. You must have an 18+ wristband to enter the Hentai (18+) section of the Art Show.
4. You Must have an 18+ wristband to pick-up winning Hentai (18+) art from the Art Show.
    a. 18+ wristbands can be obtained at a booth near Registration during their Hours of Operation. Please have your valid government photo identification ready when obtaining your wristband. Otakon staff will not be able to check identification at the Art Show.

Art Show Hours of Operation: Are located on the Otakon website, click on Art Show under Exhibitions. You may also find Art Show Hours of Operations located in the Awesome Sheet of Awesomeness and Guidebook.

Thank you All Very Much, have FUN at Otakon and in Art Show 2027!