



Iconic: Portrait Edition

The Morean Arts Center is seeking portrait artists residing in the Tampa Bay area to participate in an exciting event/fundraiser to be held at the Morean on Saturday, February 25th.

In the spirit of the BBC's hit TV series "Portrait Artist of the Year," the Morean has recreated its own version in the gallery during this signature fundraising event. There will be three

local "icons" who will serve as models, and three artists assigned to create a portrait of each model, for a total of 9 portrait artists. During the event, artists will create one portrait of their model.

PLEASE NOTE: Each artist will have 2.5 hours to create a portrait of their model during this live event. If you are applying for this competition and selected for this event, you are committing to create a complete portrait within that period of time. The size range for the portraits may be 18 x 24 to 22 x 30 inches.

Benefits:

- 1) Eligibility for the top prize of \$1,000 from the 9 completed portraits, selected by a panel of judges
- 2) Eligibility for the People's Choice award of \$500
- 3) Possible sale of your portrait (all portraits are pre-priced at \$500 and the artist retains a 50% commission)
- 4) Opportunity for future portrait commissions

Eligibility: The competition is open to any artists (age 18 or older) living in the Tampa Bay area. Preference will be given to artists working in 2D mediums, particularly painting and drawing. No photography or sculpture, please. The Morean's curatorial staff has the final authority for selection.

To submit, please email the following information to

Amanda.cooper@moreanartscenter.org **no later than midnight on December 1:**

- 1) A brief biography and artist statement describing your work/process (1 page/1000 characters or less)
- 2) 3 to 5 images of work showing your portraiture skills. One image must be a self-portrait.
- 3) Your full name, mailing address, phone number, and email address
- 4) \$20 entry fee (please call the front desk at 727-822-7872 x2110 to make payment)

Agreement: Submitting an entry form to this competition constitutes an agreement on the part of the artists with all conditions in this prospectus. Sales of portraits are encouraged and the Morean retains a 50% commission on all works sold during the event. Artists will be paid for sold works within 30 days of the close of the event. The Morean will supply basic supplies such as an easel, lighting, and seating for the event. Artists are expected to supply their own materials.

Judging: Selection of artists for the event will be done by the curatorial staff based on the images submitted. The committee reserves the right to eliminate any work which does not meet the standards of quality for the event.

Calendar:

December 1, 2022–Submission deadline (midnight)

January 25, 2023–Acceptance notification

February 25, 2023–Iconic Portrait Edition event, 7 to 10pm

Contact information

Please direct questions regarding the competition and application process to Amanda Cooper, Chief Curator, at 727-822-7872 x 2112 or Amanda.cooper@moreanartscenter.org