



# Gertrude Herbert INSTITUTE OF ART

Dear Art Educators,

Get ready to ignite your students' creativity! The Gertrude Herbert Institute of Art is thrilled to announce the **47th Agnes Markwalter Youth Art Competition and Exhibition**, running from **February 26th to March 21st, 2026**.

This annual tradition not only honors the legacy of Augusta artist Agnes Markwalter but also proudly coincides with National Youth Art Month. This is your students' chance to express their vision and compete for awards under the compelling theme: **"The World Needs Art."** We encourage broad interpretations to truly capture their unique visions!

We're especially excited to welcome this year's juror, **Genevieve Lucas, Westobou's Artist in Residence**. Her fresh perspective will undoubtedly bring an exciting dimension to the judging process. We also invite you to explore her exhibition, *In The Web of Wire*, at Westobou Gallery from February 6th to March 21st, 2026.

## Key Dates for Your Calendar:

- **Student Artwork Drop-Off:** February 5th and 6th, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM.
- **Awards Reception:** Celebrate student achievements on February 26th, from 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM.
- **Open Family Day:** A special day for all participants and their families on March 21st, from 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM.

To ensure a diverse and high-quality exhibition, each teacher may submit up to **three entries per division** across four categories: Elementary School (K-2), Elementary School (Grades 3-5), Middle School (Grades 6-8), and High School (Grades 9-12).

## Submission Guidelines:

- **Two-dimensional work:** Must be securely mounted on backing board under a mat, not exceeding 18 x 24 inches (excluding matting).
- **Three-dimensional work:** Restricted to a base size no larger than 15 x 15 inches.
- Artwork in heavy frames and/or glass will **not** be accepted.

- All entries must be available for the **entire** exhibition duration.
- A completed Label and Waiver must be attached **to each submission** (see attached).
- Each submission requires an entry on our online form (link: <https://www.ghia.org/open-calls>).

**Look out for more detailed information this November!** We can't wait to see the incredible art your students create.

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