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Call for Artists:

National Accordion Association Musical Conference Juried Art Show

The Forney Arts Council (FAC) is now accepting entries for participation in the 2026 National Accordion Musical Conference Juried Art Show! Artists who submit an entry will receive 2 free tickets to the National Accordion Music Conference evening concert of their choice. For more concert information please visit: www.accordions.com/naa/cConcerts.html

Art Show Theme: This is a juried art show that invites artists to visually interpret music. It is a creative competition where participants produce visual artwork inspired by a musical piece, genre, or theme. This contest aims to bridge the sensory gap between sound and sight, encouraging artists to translate rhythm, emotion, and narrative into visual form.

Prize Amount: \$500

Art Show Event Hours: March 19, 2026, from 8am-9pm - March 21, 2026, from 8am-9pm

Artist Reception: Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 5pm-7pm

Art Show Location: TownePlace Suites by Marriott Forney (503 E US Hwy 80, Forney, TX 75126)

How to Apply: Visual artists in the Forney area and greater North Texas are eligible to participate. Please fill out the FAC Art Show Entry Application and submit by **Friday, January 30, 2026**. All applications will be reviewed and approved or denied in the week of February 2, 2026. Space is limited and the visual arts committee reserves the right to choose the best artists suited for this art show. You will be notified via email of your application status. Accepted applicants will have 5 business days to reply back confirming their participation in the art show.



Application Fee:

National Accordion Conference Members	FREE
FAC Members	FREE
Non-FAC Members	\$40

of Entries Accepted: Artists are welcome to submit 1-3 artworks.

Mediums Accepted: All drawing and painting mediums, mixed media, photography art, digital art, illustrations, small scale sculptures.

Judging Criteria:

- Creativity and originality
- Emotional resonance with the music
- Technical execution
- Interpretation of musical elements (tempo, mood, dynamics)

Art Dimensions / Framing: Canvas art should be no larger than 24 x 30 inches. Art sculptures must be less than 12 inches tall. Art must be framed or canvas painted on the edges; no staples may show (may be taped/painted). Art and frame must be in good condition. Art must be able to be strung with wire (sawtooth is acceptable) or otherwise be ready and suitable for hanging with the hanging system. Make the wire fairly taut and 1/4 to 1/3 from the top of the piece. Please twist or tape raw wire ends to protect those hanging your art. FAC will manage the artwork labels. Please include a brief description of your artwork, artist statement, and price for purchase (if applicable) in your application for the label.

Art Quality: All artwork must be original. Art must be family-friendly. The committee may reject the display of some artwork for any reason and at its discretion.

Sales: FAC will NOT be making a commission on artwork sales and neither the location nor FAC will make sales or collect money. If the artist chooses to make art available for sale, they must include their contact information/website/link/QR code with clear instructions to manage their own sales. Generally, art is to remain until the end of the show, but if the buyer would like the art immediately, be prepared to replace the art with another work.

Art Delivery and Pickup: Artist or artist's representative must deliver the artwork to the location at the designated date and time. On closing date, the artist or representative must pick up artwork or make arrangements no later than 72 hours in advance for FAC to take down on their behalf and store the work until the artist can pick it up. FAC takes no responsibility for art.



Artist Set Up Date: Thursday, March 19, 2026, from 7:00am - 9:00am

Artist Tear Down Date: Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 7:00pm - 9:30pm

Disclaimer: Please understand that utmost care will be taken with your art, but your art is not insured by the Forney Arts Council or the National Accordion Musical Conference. Neither FAC nor its members nor the locations where you hang your art are liable for any loss or damage to your art. Insurance on art is the responsibility of the artist. Please fill out and sign the art show entry application.

If you have additional questions, please email visualarts@forneyarts.org or call 469-489-0850.

FAC Art Show Entry Application

Contact Information

Artist Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Email: _____

Artist Statement / Background: _____

Artist Medium: _____ Total # of pieces entered: _____

Please include a high-quality image of artwork(s).

Please list the title, size, price, and full description of artwork(s) below.

Artwork # 1

Title: _____ Size (include frame if applicable): _____

Description: _____



Price: _____ Purchase Link: (if applicable) _____

Artwork # 2

Title: _____ Size (include frame if applicable): _____

Description:

Price: _____ Purchase Link: (if applicable) _____

I hereby grant to the Forney Arts Council the right to use and publish photographs of me and/or my entry for promotional purposes. For and in consideration of the above and foregoing and the Forney Arts Council showing my art, I hereby agree to the attached Forney Arts Council Art Show eligibility criteria and hereby release and hold harmless the Forney Arts Council, its members, and the display location and its owners and employees from all claims and liability. I understand that The Forney Arts Council retains the right not to display any art it deems unacceptable.

Artist signature (parent if under 18) _____

Artist name (printed) _____ Date _____

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