



VISUAL ARTS SHOWCASE
April 2025 & Friday, May 2, 2025

This annual event, sponsored by Watauga Education Foundation (WEF), showcases the artwork of Watauga County Public School Students at the Jones House throughout the month of April and the historic Appalachian Theatre of the High Country as part of the Shooting Stars ticketed showcase.

Selected artwork will be displayed in the following manner:

- April 4-28, 2025: Selected artwork will be on display throughout the month at the Jones House.
- Monday, April 28: Artwork will be transported from the Jones House to Appalachian Theatre for display as part of the Showcase on May 2nd.
- An artist reception will be held at the Appalachian Theatre on Friday, May 2 from 4:30-6:30pm.
- Photos of student artwork will also be featured before and during the Showcase.

Requirements:

Artwork may be submitted by any student currently enrolled in the Watauga County School system (WCS) through their art teacher. Only one entry per student. Schools may use their own selection process and WEF will not be involved in the selection process for each school. The number of entries is determined by the school's population. Listed below is the maximum number of entries per school:

Bethel - 7
Mabel - 7
Cove Creek - 9
Blowing Rock - 10
Green Valley - 10
Valle Crucis - 10
Parkway - 13
Hardin Park - 16
Watauga High - 20

All work must be original artwork created by a student or group of students without adult assistance (other than a county-employed art teacher). No purchased art, prints, or copies will be permitted. Maximum size 2' x 3'. 3D artwork is also eligible, but must adhere to this size limit.

Works will not be accepted if they contain detailed nudity, sexually explicit material, profanity, offensive humor, racial or ethnic slurs, satanic symbols or other inappropriate and/or offensive subjects, inferences, images, etc.

Submission Guidelines:

Art teachers will need to submit a completed Visual Arts Participant Form for each piece of artwork to be included in the showcase.

Art teachers, please attach the completed [Visual Arts Participant Form](#) to each piece of artwork selected for the Shooting Stars Visual Arts Showcase so we may match the artwork with the Shooting Stars labels created for gallery display.

Artwork Delivery/Pickup:

All artwork must be delivered to the county office by the school art teacher by Friday, March 28.

All artwork will be returned to school Art teachers and available for pick-up by the student from their school Art teacher by Monday, May 12, 2025.

Are There Prizes? Prizes will not be awarded as this is a showcase of selected artwork. All selected participants will receive a certificate acknowledging their participation.

Showcase Ticket Information: Tickets to attend the Performing Arts Showcase are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students ages 5 and up. Children under 5 are free, but may be required to sit on a parent's lap depending on ticket sales numbers.

Tickets go on sale at 11 a.m. on April 1, 2025 at www.apptheatre.org. Presale tickets will be available to artists selected for the show. Up to 2 complimentary tickets may be provided for each performing arts participant upon request.

Questions? Email wef@wataugaschools.org