



## **The Art Wars are back in full force! Are you up for the challenge?**

Each Spring, downtown Lake Charles becomes the place to be during our Spring Art Walk as cafés, restaurants, music venues, and vacant properties are transformed into art galleries for the evening. At the center of the Art Walk will be an explosion of live art at our innovative outdoor Art Wars competition, which will celebrate the creation process with an exchange of fresh ideas and new energy for our city.

Artists, both individual and teams—are invited to create a mural live in front of a street-side audience in only an hour. Art Walk attendees will vote on their favorite mural by depositing tips into each team's tip jar, and 50% of the tips will go directly to the team. All murals will be featured in the evening's silent auction, and the artists will receive 70% of their sales.

### | When |

*Art Wars* | Saturday, May 8 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. | Voting from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. | Silent Auction from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. | Winner announced at 6:45 p.m. |  
*Registration Deadline* | Friday, April 16 |

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The Arts and Humanities Council must receive a completed registration form with a \$25 registration fee on or before Friday, April 16. Registration forms and guidelines are available at the Arts & Humanities Council office.

### | Theme |

This year, the Art Wars is incorporating a specific theme with the competition. Each team is required to create a piece in the theme of The life & legacy of Nellie Lutcher. This does not necessarily limit you to portraits of Nellie Lutcher, but rather includes inspirations of her accomplishments in Blues music, Songs, Lake Charles, etc.

### | Prize |

Winner will receive the percentage of tips and sales listed below, as well as collaboration rights with Arts and Humanities Council on designing the mural for the new Nellie Lutcher park.

Send forms and payments to:  
Arts and Humanities Council of SWLA, 809 Kirby Street, Suite 202, Lake Charles, LA, 70601.  
Call the Arts Council office at (337) 439-2787 for information or questions.

**\*\*Rain or shine – no refunds\*\***

| Guidelines and registration form continue on next page |

## Adult Art War 2021 | Guidelines

1. Up to four artists can be on a team, and the Art War is limited to the first ten team registrations. Individuals may compete by themselves. The team must work together within the allotted space and time to cooperatively create a single mural.
2. All materials, except for the primed plywood (primed with gesso), must be supplied by the artists. Any mediums, any material, and any theme is accepted.
3. Each team will receive a sheet of primed plywood to create on. The size of the plywood is determined by the size of the team. Team of 1-2: **3'x4'**; Team of 3-4: **4'x6'**. Teams may request either size.
4. Unless advanced notification is given to the Arts Council, all finished murals will be in a silent auction during the Art Walk. Artists will receive 70% of the sales made off their mural. Unsold murals become the property of the artist or team. Murals that have not been claimed after 8:30 p.m. will be recycled. All purchases of murals within the Art Wars must go through Arts Council staff.
5. Each team will begin work at 4 p.m. and will finish at 5 p.m. Teams are invited to stay at the Art Walk until the winner is announced and to claim any unsold murals.
6. The Arts Council does not encourage censorship, but all teams should create work that is suitable for the Art Walk, which is a free and public event that draws families. Work that should be deemed entirely unsuitable for public view will be removed from the Art Wars.
7. Teams must sign in by 5 p.m. on April 16th to receive a plywood sheet. Arts Council staff/volunteers will host a table near the corner of Ryan and Broad Street.
8. Voting will be determined by tips for each mural. Artists will receive 50% of their tips.
9. Arts Council staff & volunteers will gather tip jars at 6 pm to determine winner. Team captain will later receive a check for 50% of tips and 70% of silent auction sale, mailed to the address provided below.

# | Registration Form | Adult Art War

Please mail this completed registration form with a \$25 check (made out to the Arts and Humanities Council of SWLA) to: Arts and Humanities Council of SWLA, 809 Kirby Street, Suite 202, Lake Charles, LA, 70601.

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The registration and payment must reach the office by Friday, April 16 (not postmarked).

Number/Names of Teammates: \_\_\_\_\_

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Main Contact E-mail (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Main Contact Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*By signing this form, my teammates and I agree to participate in the Art Wars according to the above guidelines and understand that the Arts Council reserves the right to remove obscene materials and to refuse the right to allow teams to continue in the competition if necessary. The Arts Council is not liable for lost, damaged or stolen artwork. The Arts Council reserves the right to relocate, reschedule, or cancel Spring Art Walk in the event of inclement weather or other acts outside of the organization's control. Registration fees may not be refunded in the event of such instances.*

Name/Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_