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# Visual Arts Festival 2021 Syllabus

## Our World .... 2021

- ENTRIES CLOSE:** Monday 30 August 2021 (9am - 4pm)  
(Office will remain open until 4pm on this day, early entries encouraged)
- FINAL UPLOAD:** Wednesday 8 September 2021
- AWARDS CEREMONY:** Date and venue to be advised (By Invitation only)
- ENTRY FEES:** USD 5.00
- PAYMENTS:** National Institute Of Allied Arts – CABS 1002617219 (ARUNDEL)  
Ecocash Merchant Number - 314843  
(Send POP; state school name as reference/depositor)  
Swipe available at NIAA office

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Dear Colleagues

We are pleased to announce the syllabus for the NIAA 2021 Visual Arts Festival with the theme **“Our World .... 2021”**. This theme is for Grades 0 to 7. Subjects falling under this title are: Nature, People, Activities, Health and Games. As we did last year, senior school students can submit work of their own choice with their own appropriate title as long as they follow the ‘Our World ....2021’ theme.

Due to the continuing uncertainties of school dates and restrictions on gatherings etc brought about by the pandemic, we have decided to, once again, go virtual. Should the situation change we will reconsider and advise you in good time.

Due to the difficulties of adjudicating 3D work and large group items from photographs, we will only be accepting flat artwork, although this does include collage.

Many of you were disappointed that adjudicators reports were not supplied in 2020 – we will endeavour to provide them this year with grading being Honours, Highly Commended and Commended.

Please read the syllabus for administrative and presentation of artwork guidelines carefully to ensure there is no confusion and disappointment when work is not accepted.

Please note that photography is on offer with the following conditions:  
Only available to Senior School and adult candidates and limited submissions of a maximum of 3 out of the 10 individual entries.

We are excited by our upcoming virtual exhibition and very much look forward to receiving your virtual entries.

Vanessa Hounsell

Festival Director



**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES**

**MONDAY 30 AUGUST 2021**

Please note the NIAA office will be open from  
9am to 4pm

*Under no circumstances will late entries be  
accepted.*

**FINAL UPLOAD DATE**

**WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2021**

A VIRTUAL FESTIVAL is planned.

If the situation changes drastically we will  
reconsider and advise you in good time.

Please retain original artwork at schools, in the  
event a physical exhibition is possible.

# Senior Schools

Students may submit work of their own choice with their own appropriate title.

# Primary Schools

Teachers may choose to work under any of the following subject areas/titles.

**TITLES ARE NOT AGE SPECIFIC!**

## Our World .... 2021

### Maximum number of entries for ALL schools

- \* 10 individual per Grade/Form per school, regardless of Title.
- \* Any candidate may only enter ONE individual piece.
- \* ONLY Forms 1 - 6 and Adults may enter photographs. **MAXIMUM of 3 out of the 10 individual entries per Form may be photography.**

| Title      | Code |
|------------|------|
| Nature     | A    |
| People     | B    |
| Activities | C    |
| Health     | D    |
| Games      | E    |

| Grade | Category |
|-------|----------|
| o/ECD | 0        |
| One   | 1        |
| Two   | 2        |
| Three | 3        |
| Four  | 4        |
| Five  | 5        |
| Six   | 6        |
| Seven | 7        |

| FORM           | CATEGORY |
|----------------|----------|
| One            | 8        |
| Two            | 9        |
| Three          | 10       |
| Four           | 11       |
| Six/Open/Adult | 12       |

- \* All titles are broad and flexible, requiring a unique, creative, individual, innovative and original response.
- \* Children may respond in either an observational or interpretive manner. Work may be abstract or figurative.
- \* All work must be original and clearly produced entirely by the student, with merely the required guidance of the teacher. Only original source material should be used i.e. work should not be copied from pre-existing photographs or other paintings or pictures.
- \* Students should explore the use of tone, colour, materials and composition through the use of media such as watercolour, oils, chalk/oil pastels, ink, pencil, charcoal and other mediums or mixed media, photography.
- \* Artwork may only be two dimensional and/or collage.
- \* Collage should not be raised more than 5 cm from the base.
- \* 3 Dimensional work will not be accepted this year as this work requires numerous photographs from many angles to do it justice as part of a virtual exhibition. This is not suitable from either an administrative point of view, nor from the point of view of a facebook virtual exhibition.
- \* Group work will also not be accepted due to the constraints of social distancing.
- \* PLEASE DO NOT USE BLING OR GLASS FOR ANY ARTWORK WHATSOEVER.
- \* Please ensure that there are no identifying labels on artwork.
- \* NO mounts are required.
- \* Submissions are for amateurs only.
- \* Work must not have been previously published, sold or exhibited.
- \* PHOTOGRAPHY - Photographs should be printed, and NOT framed.

# Entry Rules & Regulations

- \* **Excel Entry Deadline: Monday 30 August 2021**
- \* All entries need to be submitted on the 2021 excel entry form (no other forms will be accepted) on email to **niaa@yoafrica.com**
- \* Entry Fees are USD 5.00. Please call the office cell number for the rate when making payments. No payments will be accepted before Monday 23rd August.
- \* **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED; NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED WITHOUT PROOF OF PAYMENT.**
- \* Please leave a line between each Grade/Form on the excel entry form.
- \* Pen names must be used on entry forms. Please limit to 12 characters and place in the spaces provided. Pen names **MUST** be **UNIQUE WITHIN EACH SCHOOL**, regardless of Class/Grade/Form.
- \* Labels do not have to be added to the artwork.
- \* Please remember to include the title code on the entry form.
- \* Senior Students please give your artwork an appropriate title (to be recorded in appropriate column on the entry form).
- \* Once entries have been checked and payment received, teachers will be given access to the Visual Arts 2021 dropbox for uploads.
- \* **Final upload date: Wednesday 8 September 2021**
- \* **PLEASE DO NOT** email any entries.
  
- \* THE ADJUDICATORS' decision is final and not open for discussion under any circumstances.
- \* THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE is the administering body and reserves the right to:
  - ⇒ Accept or reject any submission without being bound to give any reasons.
  - ⇒ Appoint new substitute adjudicators should the need arise.
  - ⇒ Settle all disputes concerning candidates or procedures. No public protests are permitted.
  - ⇒ Reject any work which does not conform to the specifications.
- \* **GRADES, CERTIFICATES AND EXHIBITION**
  - ⇒ No award shall be made unless candidates attain the required standard, namely: **HONOURS, HIGHLY COMMENDED** and **COMMENDED**.
  - ⇒ Only teachers and lecturers or their accredited representatives may collect certificates from the Allied Arts offices.
  - ⇒ The committee's decision on the criteria for the selected work for the exhibition is final.

## Size Guidelines

- \* **2D WORK MAY BE A3, A2 OR A1.** Alternative sizes and work on hardboard will be disqualified.
- \* **Photography not larger than A3.**



# Dropbox Upload Instructions

## Upload Dates:

- \* Upload onto the dropbox must be completed by:  
**WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER**
- \* No submissions after this date will be processed or adjudicated.

## Upload Requirements:

- \* **NO** photos will be accepted via email.
- \* **NO** physical submissions will be accepted.
- \* **ONLY** teachers may upload photos – no submissions from individual candidates will be accepted.
- \* All entries to be uploaded onto the Visual Art 2021 dropbox (please do not place in any subfolders)
- \* Each piece of artwork must be submitted as an individual **jpeg file**, Maximum photo size **2MB**.
- \* Please ensure that there are no identifying labels on artwork.
- \* Artwork size — this should fill the photograph as much as possible.
- \* All uploaded submissions must be labelled as follows:
  - Grade/Form
  - Title Code
  - Pen name
- \* In the comments tab next to your upload insert the “Title” of the piece for SENIOR SCHOOL submissions.
- \* Please **DO NOT** include the candidates name or school on the artwork or in the comments box.

## Dropbox Advice

- \* If you already have dropbox, you may need to upgrade to the Free Business Trial Version (to give you enough space on your dropbox for upload). You may have to create a new account if you have already done this for a previous festival/application.
- \* If you haven't, look for the **Business Trial Version** option. This will give you 30 days free trial without asking for your credit card numbers.
- \* Follow this link: <https://www.dropbox.com/business/>
- \* Please make sure you cancel the **Business Trial** before the 30 days are up so that you can go back to your normal account otherwise it will stay locked until you pay. So as soon as the festival ends, or all queries have been solved, please cancel the free trial.

## Indemnity and Disclaimer:

- \* All entries and submissions that are accepted may be uploaded to the NIAA Facebook page.
- \* Teachers should get permission/acceptance from parents and their school head that they are aware of this exposure on social media, before submitting artwork.
- \* NIAA will presume that this has been received for all candidates which they receive entries/submissions for.

*Please state when submitting entries if the return of certificates and adjudicators' reports are required by a specific date. We will try and accommodate such requests where possible.*

*If you require the office to send to you by courier, please supply name of courier, account name and number for “carriage forward option”.*