



# FESTA ITALIANA

## 13<sup>th</sup> Annual I Madonnari Art Competition

ON THE SIDEWALKS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS

Saturday, October 12, 2019 | 11:00am - 5:00pm

Limited Spaces Available – Apply Early!



Photos of the 2018 I Madonnari participants and winners

### Who are “I Madonnari”?

The *Madonnari* – or *Madonna painters* – go back to the 1500’s, when traveling folk artists, using brightly-colored chalks, would copy paintings of the Madonna by Raphael, Michelangelo and other Masters onto the pavement of sidewalks or public squares in Italy. This creative and unique art form, also simply known as “street painting” began an artistic tradition that experienced a rebirth in the mid 1970’s and is now found throughout the world.

Today, *I Madonnari* festivals are held annually in Europe, Africa and the United States. This Competition brings this Renaissance tradition to Houston area high school students. Although Madonna images are still popular, today’s subjects range from traditional master-style works to modern images where the sky (or, more appropriately, the sidewalk) is the limit.

### The Competition

**Application:** To apply, the artist must be a sophomore or junior in high school during Spring 2019. Applications are due no later than September 7<sup>th</sup> with an application fee of \$50. Early Bird applications pay only \$35 if application and fee are received by June 30, 2019.

**Competition:** Each artist will be given a 3’x 3’ square sidewalk space and art supplies. The artist will create his/her work using the chalk supplied. Each artist will be given 6 hours to complete their square.

**Prizes:** 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner will receive a \$100 cash prize, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner will receive a \$200 cash prize, and 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will receive a \$300 cash prize.

**Admission:** Competition is held at the 41<sup>st</sup> Houston Italian Festival on the grounds of the University of St. Thomas. Admission is \$8 per adult and children under 12 are free. Each contestant will receive two free admissions, one for themselves and one for a guest.

For application and more information go to:

[www.HoustonItalianFestival.com](http://www.HoustonItalianFestival.com) or contact the Italian Cultural & Community Center at 713-524-4222 ext 3

# 2019 I Madonnari Art Competition Application

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019 FROM 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Please complete this form and return it with  
a \$35 check if applying by June 30, 2019 (Early Bird Discount)  
or a \$50 check if applying from July 1 – September 7, 2019

Make checks payable to:

**Italian Cultural & Community Center**

Italian Cultural & Community Center • Attn: Sidewalk Art Contest  
1101 Milford • Houston, Texas 77006 • 713-524-4222 ext 3

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Art Teacher's Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size (Circle One): Small Medium Large X-Large Grade Level in Spring 2019: \_\_\_\_\_

## I understand:

1. There are limited spaces available and applications will be accepted on a first come basis.
2. Artwork must be appropriate for public viewing. No political or commercial advertisements or statements, written, visual or implied are permitted.
3. Only original artwork will be accepted.
4. Only chalk and supplies provided by the event committee will be used for the artwork. No other art materials will be accepted.
5. There can only be one person working on each square.
6. You are allowed to bring a sketch of your art to the competition, but you are not allowed to transfer your art; you are only allowed to use it as a reference.
7. **All applicants MUST submit a sketch** of the proposed art piece, with an attached photo reference, if applicable, **PRIOR TO September 7, 2019**. Please mail your sketch and, if appropriate, photo reference to the Italian Cultural & Community Center, Attn: Sidewalk Art Contest, 1101 Milford, Houston, Texas 77006.
8. The *41<sup>st</sup> Houston Italian Festival* and the University of St. Thomas reserve the right to deem any submitted subject matter as inappropriate.
9. Non-compliance with the rules will result in removal from the competition.
10. Additional information concerning the competition will be mailed in September.
11. General Release & Acknowledgement: The undersigned artist and guardian, if under the age of 18, acknowledges and hereby and forever discharges, releases and holds harmless the *41<sup>st</sup> Houston Italian Festival*, the Italian Cultural & Community Center of Houston, the University of St. Thomas, its committees, sponsors, and their agents of and from any loss or damage to any person or property while in possession of or under the supervision of I Madonnari Sidewalk Art Competition and the *Houston Italian Festival* and its sponsors.

I hereby consent to the enforcement of all rules and instructions of the competition. By signing below, applicant hereby certifies that he/she has read and accepts the conditions as set above. Applicant also certifies that all information provided is true and correct. Signature also represents a commitment to participate. The *41<sup>st</sup> Houston Italian Festival* and the University of St. Thomas reserves all rights to photograph and reproduce the street paintings by the artists in any manner including photographs of the artist. The artist has no ownership right to the photo and/or reproductions of the sidewalk painting image.

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Artist Signature

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Date

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Guardian Signature (if artist is under the age of 18)

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Date