



RAPTOR ART CHALLENGE 2024

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES AND RULES

Cascades Raptor Center aims to promote and ensure the wellness of birds of prey and foster a greater appreciation for the role wildlife plays in the natural and cultural heritage of the Pacific Northwest. We believe artwork can be an effective way to build connections with local wildlife and raise public consciousness around key issues impacting the natural world.

To highlight raptors in our community and the Oregon landscape, Cascades Raptor Center is launching its first ever Raptor Art Challenge that will culminate in a collaborative native birds of prey exhibition with artwork from various Oregon artists.

Together, the exhibition will build creative avenues for the community to connect with native raptor species, introduce a variety of artists spanning generations and mediums, invoke a sense of outdoor wonder, and inspire viewers to discover more about raptors and the vital roles they play in Oregon.

Please carefully read our rules and procedures before applying.

- We welcome all artists residing in Oregon to enter
- Artists must be 18 years or older to submit an application
- Artwork entries must include a theme of raptors native to the Pacific Northwest
- Limit to one artwork entry per artist
- Submission is free
- CRC does not sell artwork but provides the opportunity for artists to connect with potential buyers

ELIGIBILITY

The Raptor Arts Challenge is open to all Oregon artists 18 years of age or older. Artwork must include a Pacific Northwest raptor species. A variety of media will be accepted (painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, digital, printmaking, fiber art, ceramics, and collage). At this time, we are unable to accept video and sound art.

HOW TO APPLY

- Fill out all required information on the electronic submission form. (link available [here](#) and on Cascades Raptor Center website)
- Select an image and submit your artwork digitally (up to 2.0 MB) via email to **Melissa Green – melissa@cascadesraptorcenter.org**
- Include a short biography with your artwork

SUBMITTING IMAGES

- Artwork image should be labeled as: First Name_Last Name_Title of Art.jpg
- Image size should be up to 2.0 MG in JPG format
- Only the artwork should be visible, clear and in focus. Please crop out any background images
- Images must be original work created by the artist

JUDGING CRITERIA

Submitted artwork will be evaluated by a panel of judges. The evaluation criteria includes interpretation of the theme; creativity, originality and quality of art; overall design; demonstration of artistic ability; and usage of medium. A selection of artwork will be chosen for the Raptor Art exhibition and featured at the Cascades Raptor Center.

EXHIBITION

All selected artists will receive recognition on Cascade Raptor Center's website, social media channels, and newsletter. Depending on the artwork media and size, selected artwork will be displayed at the Springfield City Hall Gallery in May 2024 and at the Cascades Raptor Center. Artwork must be pre-prepared and ready for installation in April.

USAGE RIGHTS

By submitting the application, the artist agrees to allow Cascades Raptor Center (CRC) to: Use images for marketing, promotional, and display purposes on CRC's website, newsletter, and social media. Allow CRC to archive images as part of the exhibition available for public viewing on our website. CRC will make reasonable efforts to attribute the artist as the contributor of content where feasible and appropriate. Images will not be sold and artist shall retain copyrights of any image submitted to CRC.

IMPORTANT DATES

Submission of application form artwork must be received by March 20, 2024. Artists selected for the exhibition and all submission contacts will be notified in April 2024