



# Visiting Artist Application

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## I would like to participate as an "A is for Art" Visiting Artist.

I have participated as a Visiting Artist in the past.

Classroom \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) Participated \_\_\_\_\_

I have never been a Visiting Artist.

I would like to work with the following age group(s) (please check all groups that you would be willing to work with):

- Infant: 6 months to 1-1/2 years of age
- Toddler: 1-1/2 to 2 years of age
- Transition: 2 to 3 years of age
- PreSchool: 3 to 4 years of age
- Any Age Group

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this application to:

**SDSU Children's Center  
Attn: A is for Art Committee  
San Diego State University  
5500 Campanile Drive  
San Diego, CA 92182-7803**

**Thank you for your interest in becoming an "A is for Art" Visiting Artist.  
Please read the attached artwork guidelines and general information about our event.**



***Creative art expression is a highly valued integral part of our daily curriculum. Art is a language in and of itself, providing children a vehicle for exploration, choice and individual thinking. To a confident artist, the wide world is open to limitless possibilities for growth and learning.***



*Canvases from the previous exhibitions*

## "A is for Art" Events



**"A is for Art" Sneak Peek**  
**"A is for Art" Exhibition**

### **VISITING ARTISTS**

Visiting artists will work with the children and Master Teacher in one classroom.

Artist may work with the following age groups:

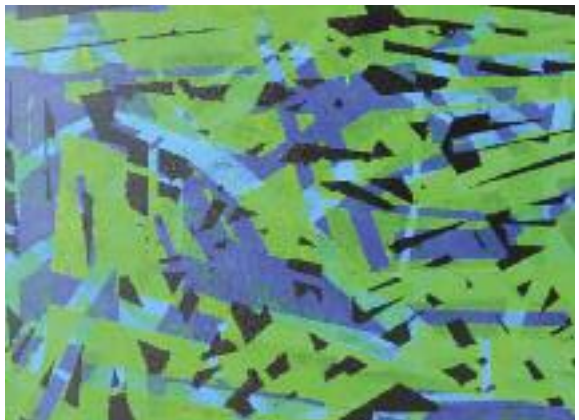
Infants: 6 to 18 months

Toddlers: 18 months to 2 years

Transition: 2 to 3 years

Pre School: 3 to 4 years

The children, Master Teacher and artist will work together to create a canvas which will be auctioned off, with all proceeds going directly to the Center for the purchase of much needed equipment and classroom supplies.



**For event details visit**  
**[childcare.sdsu.edu](http://childcare.sdsu.edu)**  
**and click on "A is for Art"**



## Visiting Artist Guidelines

1

Artists should attend the "A is for Art" Visiting Artist One-on-One Orientation.

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Artists should meet once or twice beforehand with the Master Teacher, as well as observe the children in the classroom to determine their interests and to discover where they are in their development regarding art.

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The canvas should be a collaboration between the children, with the visiting artist acting as the facilitator. We are looking for a sharing of ideas, techniques and skills between the children and the artist. Artist should attempt to involve the children in all aspects of the creation of the canvas, including decisions about subject matter and process.

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Please avoid any elements that look like "cute" coloring book images. Also the use of photographic and/or sketched images of the children does not relate to our overall goal of having the children engaged all aspects of the creation of the art.

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Artists should work with the Master Teacher to determine the style and medium of the pieces. It may be appropriate, in the weeks before, for the Master Teacher to display reproductions of artwork by artists who's work is in an abstract / impressionistic style such as Kandinsky, Braque, de Kooning, Pollack, etc.

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Artists should not provide a model of what they think the finished piece should be, for example, they shouldn't outline images for children to "color in."

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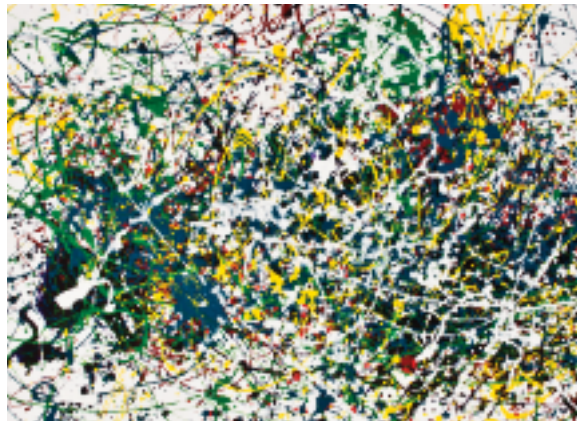
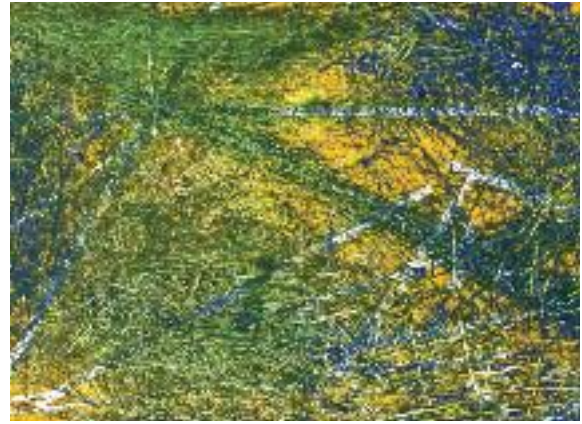
It is strongly suggested that more durable types of paint (non-toxic acrylics, no oils please) are used instead of tempera. Sealing any canvases with a fixative, if less permanent paint is used. Also include painting the edges of the canvas.

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"Treasures" — pieces of paper, small lightweight items, buttons, string, etc. — should not be added to the surface of the painting. The finished painting will have to be transported several time and glue objects tend to fall off.

our goal

The goal is to end up with canvases that clearly show how creative and capable even our youngest children are, and that the finished products will be beautiful enough to be highly sought after at the live auction.



# Thank you for your interest in "A is for Art"

For more information about the SDSU  
Children's Center visit us at  
[childcare.sdsu.edu](http://childcare.sdsu.edu).

To schedule an "A is for Art" Visiting Artist  
One-on-One Orientation, please call  
619-594-7941.

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