

Muslim Youth Expo ‘Fresh Palettes’ Contest Rules

- As a competitor in CIOGC’s Fresh Palettes competition, all prize winners understand, agree, and authorize CIOGC, its employees, and agents to use their name and their photo for promotional purposes for the present and future events of CIOGC.
- Three winners per category:
 - 1st place receives \$200 and two tickets to CIOGC’s Annual Dinner. The winning artwork will be required to be available for display at the CIOGC Annual Dinner.
 - 2nd place winners will receive a \$100 gift card
 - 3rd place winners will receive \$75 gift card
- A contestant who is found to be plagiarizing or presenting material not written or created by him or her, is automatically disqualified.
- Each artist is allowed to submit one submission per category
- Final date for all submissions is September 17, 2017
- Contestants must present original artwork for viewing and the contest. All artists are solely responsible for the delivery, care, and removal of their artwork to and from the designated gallery area of the Youth Expo. CIOGC is not responsible for any submission that is lost, stolen, or damaged.
- All contestants must be present in the Youth Expo gallery area during the Youth Expo in order to explain to visitors the nature and purpose of the artwork and in order to participate in the competition.
- All artwork, whether poetry, spoken word, and visual art, shall not contain foul language, language deemed inappropriate and/or un-Islamic, or depict nudity or be sexually suggestive. Artwork in violation of these restrictions, and the responsible artist shall be disqualified.
- All artwork must be reviewed by one or more of the judges prior to being displayed in the designated gallery area. A transcript of any spoken word submission or a copy of the text of any poetry entry shall be submitted for review before midnight on September 17, 2017. All submissions must be emailed to: communications@ciogc.org.
- The final determination whether a piece of artwork violates the restrictions set forth herein shall be in the sole discretion of the judges.

Categories of Art

Poetry & Spoken Word: A-cappella only, raps and song lyrics are accepted

Visual Art: Painting, drawings, photography, sculptures, engravings

Judging Process:

- All pieces will be judged by a panel of 3 judges in each category of art. Each judge will contribute to a complete score for each submission.
- **5 criteria** will be used for judging the artwork:
 - **Thematic content** (theme of the work): 25 points
 - **Originality**: 25 points
 - **Technical form** (How well does the artist use techniques found with in his or her style of art) 25 points
 - **Execution of work** (how well was the work put together and presented): 25 points
 - **Popularity** (how well the work was received by Expo's guests... **These points are extra**): 10 points

Possible total score of 100

- In the event of a tie, all 3 judges will deliberate on the submissions of artwork in question and shall reach a unanimous decision as to the winner.