



Children's Art Exhibition 2026

Artful Balance

Exhibition: April 17-May 23, 2026

Free Reception: 5:00-7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2026

Balance in art is the distribution of the visual weight of objects, colors, texture, and space. *Symmetrical* balance creates a mirror image across a central point, offering a sense of order and formality. *Asymmetrical* balance uses different elements of varying visual weight on either side of a central point, creating a more dynamic and engaging composition. *Radial* balance elements radiate from a central point, creating a dynamic and focused look. A balanced artwork feels stable and pleasing to the eye, while an unbalanced one can appear unstable or create tension.

*Pieces selected for display will be determined by how well they represent **Compositional Balance in Art**, the quality of work, and available gallery space. To help us create the best collection possible, we ask **teachers** submitting art on behalf of their class to **make a pre-selection of entries** so that there is a variety of inspired works.*

Kindergarten through eighth grade **students or their teachers may submit art**. Artwork must have been created August 2025–March 2026. Only one entry per person -this includes collaborations. **Submitted art should have a title**. Wall hanging art should be unframed and **no larger than 12"x18"**. We suggest it be mounted on or matted with colored construction paper. Sculptural forms with a base larger than 10"x10" must receive approval prior to submission. Contact Kathy Martin, Director of Education, at 406-755-5268 or e-mail education@glacierartmuseum.org about collaborative art or with any questions about art for this exhibition.

Each artwork must be accompanied by a **completed entry form** and **delivered to the Museum** located at 302 Second Avenue East, Kalispell, MT. Entries will be accepted **March 17- April 1, 2026**.

Artwork may be picked up from the Museum between May 26 and June 5, 2026

The Glacier Art Museum reserves the right to dispose of unclaimed artwork after June 5, 2026.

CUT OFF ENTRY FORM AND SECURELY ATTACH TO BACK OR BOTTOM OF ART.



<p>PLEASE PRINT – Artwork With Incomplete Information Will Not Be Displayed</p> <p>Submission of artwork indicates the artist's parent or guardian has granted the Glacier Art Museum permission to use images of the piece to advertise the exhibition or create promotional products without consultation or copyright fees.</p>	<p>GAM 2026</p> <p>Artful Balance</p>
<p>Artist Name (print first & last):</p>	
<p>Age: _____ Grade in School: _____</p>	
<p>School (name) _____ OR _____ Homeschool</p>	
<p>Teacher/Parent Name: _____</p>	
<p>Phone / e-mail contact: _____</p>	
<p>Title of Artwork: _____</p>	
<p>Medium (circle or list): _____ acrylic cardboard clay colored pencil crayon graphite pencil ink markers mixed media oil paint paper pastel tempera watercolor</p>	
<p>Wall Hanging Size: _____" high x _____" wide (no larger than 12"x18")</p>	
<p>Sculpture Size: _____" high x _____" wide x _____" deep (base no larger 10"X10" without prior approval)</p>	
<p>Write a sentence about the type of balance found in your artwork.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	