



Sidewalk Art Show: Decorum Policy

The Taubman Museum of Art sets forth the following expectations and guidelines for appropriate decorum for the Sidewalk Art Show. This policy sets expectations for communication as well as the proscription against the use of inappropriate language. The Taubman Museum of Art is committed to fostering an inclusive environment. The museum expects artists, volunteers, and patrons to adhere to generally accepted standards of conduct. This Decorum Policy shall be applied to all on an equal basis.

Prohibited Language

This policy does not prohibit language based on the expressive viewpoint of one's ideas, but rather proscribes certain language based on the disruptive or destructive manner and context in which such language is used.

Lewdness, Obscenity. Lewd and obscene language is prohibited.

Fighting Words. Language that by its very utterance tends to incite an immediate breach of the peace or imminent lawless action is prohibited. These words include those which, when directed to the hearer, would naturally tend to provoke violent resentment. Such words also include those personally abusive epithets which, when addressed to the ordinary citizen, are, as a matter of common knowledge, inherently likely to provoke a violent reaction.

Profanity. Profane, vulgar, and curse words are prohibited in limited contexts although their use is widely discouraged by the museum. The proscription against profanity shall only regulate the manner of such speech rather than the content of any message conveyed. Profanity may subject a person to administrative action when it lacks any artistic or literary value in connection with the museum's mission.

Speech in violation of State or Federal Law. Illegal speech is also prohibited. Language usage can violate specific laws depending on the context. Some examples of such laws include disturbing the peace, intimidation, stalking, harassment, defamation, or libel.

Public Slander. All artists shall treat fellow exhibiting artists, event volunteers, museum staff and the public with professional courtesy. Public ridicule and slander of others will not be tolerated.

Communication:

All official communication regarding the Sidewalk Art Show should be engaged through museum staff. Volunteers, other artists, independent judges, event sponsors, museum vendors, and the public do not have administrative authority for the fundraiser.

Artists are not to have any direct contact with any Sidewalk Art Show judge in advance of or following the Sidewalk Art Show. It is acceptable for artists to engage in conversation during the show within the parameters of artistic merit, creative process or biography. It is not appropriate for artists to engage in aggressive conversation on the selection of award winners during or following the show.



Administrative Action:

Any artist in violation of the above expectations will be addressed with administrative museum action. It is at the museum's discretion to request an artist be removed from the show, or no longer exhibit in future years in the Sidewalk Art Show.