Embracing Our Differences 2026

Category: Multiple Disciplines
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Website: graphiccompetitions.com

Embracing Our Differences 2026 is a renowned international outdoor juried art exhibition designed to celebrate diversity, foster inclusion, and inspire meaningful dialogue through creative expression. The exhibit showcases 50 selected billboard-sized artworks measuring approximately 16 by 12.5 feet each, prominently displayed in publicly accessible outdoor settings across Southwest Florida from January through April 2026. With powerful visual art complemented by thought-provoking quotations, this unique event attracts thousands of visitors annually, transforming communities into vibrant spaces for reflection and engagement on crucial social topics.

Participants from around the globe (artists, photographers, students, and creative minds of all backgrounds and ages) are encouraged to submit original visual art and inspirational quotes that highlight and embrace individuality, respect for differences, and collective humanity. Through this inclusive platform, Embracing Our Differences promotes critical conversations on tolerance, equality, social justice, and human rights. By amplifying diverse voices and artistic perspectives, the exhibition serves as a catalyst for education, understanding, and societal progress, enriching local and international communities alike.

Beyond its visual impact, Embracing Our Differences actively engages educational institutions by offering extensive educational programs, workshops, and resources designed to extend the dialogue beyond the physical exhibition. These educational initiatives encourage schools, teachers, and community groups to integrate themes of diversity, acceptance, and social responsibility into curricula and daily interactions. Supported by partnerships with local cultural organizations, civic groups, and businesses, Embracing Our Differences 2026 continues its mission of fostering a more compassionate, empathetic, and interconnected world through the universal language of art.

There is no entry fee.

Eligibility

Open to all artists, photographers, professionals, amateurs, students, of any age or nationality.

Prize

Cash prizes totaling US $6,000 are awarded across three categories: US $2,000 for Best-in-Show Adult, US $2,000 for Best-in-Show Student, and US $2,000 for People’s Choice (voted by exhibit visitors).