Poster Design Competition for the 2016-2017 Healing Art Showcase

Counseling and Testing Services (CTS) invites all University of North Texas (UNT) students to participate in the Poster Design Competition for the 2016-2017 Healing Art Showcase. The Healing Art Showcase exhibits artwork created by UNT students, that represents empowerment and resilience related to mental health. The goals of the Healing Art Showcase are to educate about and address mental health issues that can impact academic and personal functioning among students, as well as decrease mental health stigma. This event will be held in Spring 2017, with a reception open to the public, where awards are presented and refreshments are served.

We invite you to submit an electronic poster, that may represent the 2016-2017 Healing Art Showcase. It will be distributed to the UNT and Denton communities via print and email, to inform students of the opportunity to enter the Showcase and invite the community to attend the reception. Additionally, it may be used for advertising purposes for Counseling and Testing Services after the Showcase.

According to the National College Health Assessment (2014) data, the top five areas of concern for students at UNT are identified as stress, sleep difficulties, anxiety, internet/computer games usage, and depression. Artists are informed of this, and are indicated that their artwork may focus on one of these areas if they choose.

Please see the following social media pages for examples of artwork from the Spring 2016 Healing Art Showcase:

UNT Counseling and Testing Services’ Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/UNTCTS/
Twitter account - https://twitter.com/UNT_Counseling

The designer of the selected poster will win a UNT item, as well as be announced at the Healing Art Showcase reception and on social media (optional).

Entry Deadline is Friday September 30, 2016.

Eligibility

All entries must be an original creation and poster designers must identify as a current University of North Texas student.
**Process of Entry**

1) Fill out entry form (see below).
2) Attach your poster to the email as a PDF, to allow for distribution via email and print.
3) The image must be saved at least at 125 dpi.
4) Fill out an entry form for each separate poster design (maximum of three) **BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2016.**
5) Email the entry form to steffanie.grossman@unt.edu, with the subject “Poster Design Competition Entry”.
6) Poster designers will be notified of the decisions **BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2016.**

**Rules of Entry**

1) There is no entry fee.
2) The maximum number of submissions is three.
3) Poster must be saved as a PDF, to allow for both print and email distribution.
4) Poster can be created in any form that is able to be saved as a PDF (e.g., computer-generated imagery, picture of a physical drawing).
5) Details of the Healing Art Showcase entry process and reception will be added to the poster, with input from the poster designer regarding location of wording.
6) All poster submissions will be displayed at the Healing Art Showcase reception.
7) All poster submissions will be posted on social media after the Competition closes and the judging is completed.
8) You may choose if you would like to have your name used on the poster, along with the poster (e.g., attachment), or remain anonymous.
9) If your poster is selected to represent the 2016-2017 Healing Art Showcase, it will be distributed via print and email to the UNT, Denton, and other psychology- and art-related communities. Additionally, it may be used for advertising purposes for Counseling and Testing Services after the Healing Art Showcase.
10) Your entry acknowledges acceptance of the rules of entry.

**Criteria and Judging**

1) The panel of judges will the judges from the prior Healing Art Showcase (April 2016), which consisted of two professionals in the field of art, one professional in the field of psychology, and one UNT student.
2) Judging will take place during a two week period, from September 30 to October 14, 2016.
3) The designer of the poster selected to represent the 2016-2017 Healing Art Showcase may choose to have their name announced via social media and at the Healing Art Showcase reception as well as put on the poster, or if they would like to remain anonymous.
4) The poster will be selected on the basis of original concept, expressive use of media, artistic excellence, and representation of the Healing Art Showcase (e.g., theme of empowerment and resilience).
Submit entries to Dr. Steffanie Grossman, at steffanie.grossman@unt.edu. Be sure that all information is complete on submissions.

**Poster Design Competition Entry Form**

Name:
Address:
Phone number:
Email Address:
Are you a UNT student?
What is your year in school?
What are your pronouns (e.g., she, they, ze)?

Poster Completion date:
Is your electronic poster attached?
Do you prefer your name is used on the poster, along with the poster (e.g., attached announcement), or that you remain anonymous?
Artist Statement/Inspiration for your Poster (Optional):