

RECOVERY FINE ARTS FESTIVAL 2025



“Showcasing the achievements of those in recovery through artistic expression.”

THIS YEAR’S SUBMISSIONS SHOULD DEPICT THE THEME:

"Renewing our Commitment to an Inclusive Recovery World"

WHO CAN SUBMIT?

Open to any artist in the NYS recovery community

You may enter submissions in more than **ONE** category – Only **ONE** entry per category

SUBMISSION CATEGORIES



Painting
(oil, acrylic, pastels and watercolor)



Poetry



Comedic or Spoken Word

**In honor of our 10th Annual NYS Recovery Conference, this special category winner will open Sunday's celebration with a live performance!*



Drawing



SUBMISSION DETAILS

MAIL ARTWORK(S):
FOR-NY (attn.: David King)
1529 Western Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

EMAIL
events@for-ny.org

The esteemed OASAS commissioners choice award will be chosen from 1 of the categories
Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each category, **JUDGING STARTS IN SEPTEMBER**

All completed forms, **ALONG WITH**, photos of your **ORIGINAL** artwork **MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 31, 2025**





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Comedic or Spoken Word

This category celebrates the power of humor delivered through the art of spoken word performance. Performers are invited to share original pieces that aim to entertain, amuse, and engage the audience through laughter.

Spoken word is a dynamic and engaging form of poetry that prioritizes performance and oral delivery. Unlike traditional page poetry meant to be read, spoken word is crafted specifically to be recited aloud, leveraging rhythm, inflection, and body language to captivate an audience. It encompasses elements of rap, hip-hop, storytelling, theater, and other art forms, often exploring themes of social justice, identity, community, and personal experience.

What we are looking for:

- Performance:** Should be performed aloud, contestants encouraged to utilize their voice, body language, and stage presence to convey the message effectively.
- Originality:** Entries must be original works created by the contestants themselves.
- Time Limit:** No more than 15 minutes
- Content:** Should relate to this year's theme, "Renewing our Commitment to an Inclusive Recovery World"

Submissions for this category should be recorded and sent in video format.



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SHOWCASING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THOSE IN RECOVERY THROUGH ARTISTIC EXPRESSION

The Recovery Arts Festival is open to all New York State artists in recovery. This year's submissions should depict the theme, *"Renewing our Commitment to an Inclusive Recovery World"*

Please submit one (1) form of art in one (1) of the following categories via:

- Poetry
- Drawing (graphite, pen & ink, colored pencil)
- Painting (oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolor)
- Comedic or Spoken Word

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A person may submit in more than one category, but only one submission per person, per category will be accepted. Please complete the fillable entry form attached for every category entered.

All artwork will be judged in September. Awards will be presented for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category during our annual Recovery Conference. The esteemed OASAS Commissioner's Choice Award will be chosen from one of the categories, as well as an Executive Director and Staff Choice Award.

1st Place Winner

\$100.00 Gift Card
Certificate of Recognition
Complimentary invite to the
Recognition Dinner (and a plus 1)
Conference Brochure Recognition

2nd Place Winner

\$50.00 Gift Card
Conference Brochure
Recognition

3rd-Place Winner

\$25.00 Gift Card
Conference Brochure
Recognition

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. Complete **both** the ENTRY FORM and the SIGNED CONSENT agreement **being sure to initial the "I agree" box**. *Incomplete entries will be disqualified.*
2. Take a photo and if possible, a video of the original art you are submitting and include it with the entry form. **This is the only way your entry will be considered.**
3. All completed forms, **ALONG WITH** photos of your ORIGINAL artwork and/or videos **Must be received by AUGUST 31, 2025.**

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Please be sure to complete all the information requested below. Incomplete submissions are subject to disqualification.

Artist Name: _____

Submission Category (select one):

- Poetry
- Painting (oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolor)
- Drawing (graphite, pen & ink, colored pencil)
- Comedic or Spoken Word

If your submission is selected as a winner, how can we reach you? _____

Do you plan to attend the recognition dinner? _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Secondary Contact Person's Information (phone / email): _____

Treatment Center Name (if currently in treatment): _____

Treatment Address: _____

Title of Submission: _____

Please tell us how this piece relates to "Renewing our Commitment to an Inclusive Recovery World" (use additional sheets if necessary):

What materials did you use to create your visual art? _____

IMPORTANT:

- Entrants **MUST** attach a photo and/or video of the art when submitting these forms.
- All submissions **MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 31, 2025** to events@for-ny.org.

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CONSENT FORM

Please be sure to complete all the information requested below. Incomplete submissions are subject to disqualification.

I, _____, in consideration for my participation in the Annual New York State Recovery Fine Arts Festival 2025, agree as follows:

- 1) I am over the age of eighteen years, or, if not over the age of eighteen years, my parent and/or legal guardian also agree on my behalf as follows.
- 2) I am the artist and owner of the art submitted for exhibition by FOR-NY and their recovery month partners and have full right and authority to consent to the exhibition of the art submitted.
- 3) Any artist submitting work which contains a photographic likeness or audio recording which implies or identifies an individual as receiving, or having received, chemical dependence treatment must provide a legally sufficient consent from that individual before the artwork can be accepted for participation in this event.
- 4) I understand, consent and agree that FOR-NY, in its sole and unrestricted discretion, has the right to amend the categories of the exhibition for any reason whatsoever.
- 5) I hereby consent to the exhibition and/or publication by FOR-NY, its agents and/or designees of the art submitted.
- 6) I hereby consent to FOR-NY posting on its website, social media channels, and/or publications my name, my photograph and the art submitted by me.
- 7) I understand, consent and agree that FOR-NY, in its sole and unrestricted discretion, has the right to reject the art submitted for exhibition for any reason whatsoever, including, but not limited to depiction of inappropriate content such as ridicule, nudity, pedophilia, pornography, or offensive or graphic violence.
- 8) I authorize FOR-NY to refer to me as a "Person in Recovery" or use my full name and/or my photography in any release or statement pertaining to the art submitted for exhibition, or in any award, release or statement pertaining to the exhibition.

_____ **Please initial here** to indicate that you agree to all the terms and conditions as indicated above.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

If a minor, signature of parent/guardian: _____