



2026

30 Seconds to Masterpiece Schedule and Themes

Round 1 – Theme: Expressionism

Round Rules:

- i. Standard Rules
- ii. Any Media
- iii. No AI

Schedule:

A. Meet the Contestants:	Sunday - 1/11/2026
B. Submission Due:	Sunday - 2/1/2026
C. Artist Show of Work:	Sunday - 2/8/2026
D. Critique by the Critics:	Sunday - 2/15/2026
E. Grand Finale:	Sunday - 2/22/2026

Round 2 – Theme: Open Theme

Round Rules:



- i. Standard Rules
- ii. Required Media - Charcoal on Paper
- iii. No AI

Schedule:

A. Meet the Contestants:

Sunday - 3/15/2026

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| B. Submission Due: | Sunday - 4/5/2026 |
| C. Artist Show of Work: | Sunday - 4/12/2026 |
| D. Critique by the Critics: | Sunday - 4/19/2026 |
| E. Grand Finale: | Sunday - 4/26/2026 |

Round 3 – Theme: Humor

Round Rules:

- i. Alternate Rules
- ii. Any Media
- iii. Can use AI (Optional)

Schedule:

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| A. Meet the Contestants: | Sunday - 5/17/2026 |
| B. Submission Due: | Sunday - 6/7/2026 |
| C. Artist Show of Work: | Sunday - 6/14/2026 |
| D. Critique by the Critics: | Sunday - 6/21/2026 |
| E. Grand Finale: | Sunday - 6/28/2026 |

SUMMER BREAK



Round 4 – Theme: Halloween Special

Round Rules:

- i. Standard Rules
- ii. Any Media
- iii. No AI

Schedule:

A. Meet the Contestants:	Sunday - 9/13/2026
B. Submission Due:	Sunday - 10/4/2026
C. Artist Show of Work:	Sunday - 10/11/2026
D. Critique by the Critics:	Sunday - 10/18/2026
E. Grand Finale:	Sunday - 10/25/2026

Round 5 – Season Finale - Self Portrait

Round Rules:

- i. Standard Rules
- ii. Any Media
- iii. No AI

Schedule:

A. Meet the Contestants:	Sunday - 11/8/2026
F. Submission Due:	Sunday - 11/22/2026
B. Artist Show of Work:	Sunday - 11/29/2026
C. Critique by the Critics:	Sunday - 12/6/2026
D. Grand Finale:	Sunday - 12/13/2026