

ABOUT THE SHOW: The 9-time award-winning Atlanta High School Art Exhibition (AHS AE) is a tradition established by the Arts Festival of Atlanta in the early 1970's to recognize and encourage the fine quality of art created by area high school students. Cheryl Myrbo directed this show for nineteen years, and Becky Raffalovich has been the director for the last ten years, drawing entries from high school art students from 17 counties throughout Georgia. In the last 25 years, the Atlanta Dogwood Festival board has elected to support this highly competitive event by providing an indoor venue to showcase the student art, a more professional space for the art to be viewed by the thousands of Dogwood Festival onlookers. Due to the pandemic in 2020, our spring show was hosted at Ponce City Market, and in 2021 we were back at Piedmont Park with a hybrid show during the Dogwood Festival—which was postponed until August. In 2022 we had a full show of 176 works displayed in the space provided by ADF. In 2023 we hosted an additional Satellite Show to showcase more student work. Due to the weather, both shows were hosted in the indoor space at the Piedmont Park Community Center. Recent renovations to that space have allowed us to accommodate more work and we hosted a slightly larger show in 2023. The 2026 show will continue to honor the 2025 changes in awards: Best in Show as well as a 1st, 2nd and 3rd in specific categories.

MISSION: The Atlanta High School Art Exhibition (AHS AE) encourages young artists to reinvent and take risks with their art. Instructors are encouraged to submit unique, non-traditional as well as traditional work created by their students. Artworks are judged as work produced by high school students and not as professional art in general. There is no theme. Work is judged on the criteria of originality, creativity, follow-through, and good craftsmanship.