

SPARK A SPECTRUM

World Autism Awareness Day | April 2, 2026

Art Competition

Share your creativity with the world. The Spark a Spectrum Art Competition invites young artists ages 5-25 to create original artwork celebrating autism awareness. Entries will be shared on the Spark a Spectrum Gallery throughout March as they are received, serving as inspiration for others worldwide.

Title	Kanye Riding His Bike
Open To	Individuals ages 5 to 25
Competition Opens	March 2, 2026
Deadline	April 2, 2026 at 6:00 PM (local time at your center)
Where	At your registered Spark a Spectrum center
Cost	Free to enter
Winners Announced	April 5, 2026

About the Title

This year's art competition title, Kanye Riding His Bike, is inspired by Kanyeyachukwu Tagbo-Okeke, a 16-year-old autistic young man who cycled from Lagos to Enugu, Nigeria to prove that autism does not limit what a person can achieve. Create artwork showing Kanye on his bicycle, or interpret what his journey means to you. Your artwork can capture the movement, the determination, the joy, or the impact of his ride.

Categories

Entries are grouped by age:

- Category A: Ages 5 to 12
- Category B: Ages 13 to 18
- Category C: Ages 19 to 25

What You Can Create

All art forms and mediums are welcome, including but not limited to:

- Drawing (pencil, pen, charcoal)
- Painting (watercolor, acrylic, oil, gouache)
- Digital art
- Collage or mixed media
- Photography
- Sculpture (submitted as photo)
- Any other visual art form

Artwork can be any size. Original work only. Artwork must be the participant's own creation.

How to Enter

Option 1: Register Online

Complete the online registration form at: sparkaspectrum.org/art-competition/register

You will need: your name, age, country, center name, and a clear photo of your artwork.

Option 2: Contact Your Coordinator

Reach out to your center coordinator directly. They will help you submit your entry and photograph your artwork.

Once submitted, your artwork will be uploaded to the Spark a Spectrum Gallery for the world to see.

What Happens on April 2

Artwork will be displayed at your center on April 2 for families, visitors, and participants to enjoy. This is your moment to celebrate your creativity with your community.

Judging

All entries are judged by a panel of 4-5 judges from April 3 onward. Each category has assigned judges to ensure fair review. Entries are scored using a structured rubric covering creativity, connection to theme, technical effort, and emotional impact.

Final scores: 50% judges + 50% public vote.

Public Voting

Public voting opens April 3 and closes April 4 at 6:00 PM. Anyone can vote online. Voting links will be posted at sparkaspectrum.org and shared by centers on social media. You may vote once per category.

Prizes

First place winners in every age category receive a laptop. We are fundraising to provide as many additional laptops as possible — the more we raise, the more winners we can recognize. All winners also receive certificates of achievement. Check sparkaspectrum.org for prize updates as we approach April 2.

Rules

- Entry is open to individuals ages 5-25 at registered Spark a Spectrum centers.
- Artwork must be original and created by the participant.
- One entry per participant.
- Artwork must be appropriate for all ages.
- By submitting, participants give Spark a Spectrum permission to share artwork on the gallery and social media.
- Winners are selected globally. There are no regional prizes.
- Organizer decisions are final.

Questions? Contact your coordinator or email sekinah@sparkaspectrum.org

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