Mariposa Arts Council

Youth Artist Statement Guide

What is an artist statement?

An artist statement is a paragraph or two written by the artist that describes their artwork. Simply put, it describes what you make and why you make it.

It might include details about the process of creating this specific piece, someone or something that inspires the artist, why they like drawing, painting, photography, etc., or even their goals as an artist.

Our Suggestions:

Be honest – try to capture your authentic voice. Don't worry about using art jargon or fancy words.

Think about what you want the viewer to know about the inspiration, emotion and intention behind your work.

Some prompting questions to help you get started:

- What do you love about art?
- What ideas, issues, themes, topics do you want to explore in your art?
- Where and how do you create?
- What art forms inspire you?
- How do you feel when you create art?

For *In Frame* Youth Art Show, participants must submit a 50-100 word artist statement.

Please note: Portions of your artist statement may appear on an identification label displayed with your artwork or used to promote the exhibition.