

Interfaith Center for Racial Justice (ICRJ)

“... invoking a community of respect and Justice”



33rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration of Macomb County Middle School Comic Book Art Contest

Who

Middle School students in Macomb County

When

Deadline is Friday, December 5, 2019. Finalists will be contacted by January 3, 2020. Winners will be announced at the 2020 MLK Holiday Celebration of Macomb County on Monday night, January 20, 2020.

What

Create comic book art that conveys your interpretation of the 2020 MLK Holiday Celebration theme: **Love is Spoken Here**. Dr. King spoke of love as the only way. “We must discover the power of love, and when we do that, we will make of this old world a new world, for love is the only way. There is power in love.”

Before starting your project, take a moment and really think about the message Dr. King was trying to get across to his audience. Imagine he selected you as the sole comic book artist that would be responsible for visually portraying his powerful message to the world.

How

Here’s what you need to do:

- Comic book art must be 8.5”x11”. Entries are to be no smaller, no larger to be considered.
- Include an index card attached to the back of your comic book art with a brief description of your entry.
- Include your name, age, address, phone number, email address, grade, school, school district,
- Submit your entry to Macomb Intermediate School District (c/o Deb Fortuna) by December 5, 2019

Judging

The art contest will be judged by the 2020 MLK Holiday Celebration Planning Committee. Judging is based on five categories: 1) quality of art, 2) creativity, 3) visual impact, 4) adherence to the theme, and 5) following our rules.

Something to Think About: The first phase of judging will be on the quality of your submission. Be mindful that the judges, including local comic book collectors will be looking for comic book art that demonstrates craftsmanship that will “wow” viewers. We encourage you to create your best work.

Other Rules

1. All artwork submitted must conform to your school and district policies regarding appropriate content
2. Comic Book Art submitted after the December 5, 2019 deadline will not be accepted
3. Entrants agree to be bound by the official contest rules and decisions of the judges

Prizes

- Cash Prizes: 1st- \$75, 2nd- \$50, 3rd-\$25
- 2 (winner, guest) complimentary tickets to the 2020 MLK Holiday Celebration
- The 1st Place winner will have a photo of their winning comic book art piece placed on the cover of the 2020 MLK Holiday publication that is available at the MLK Holiday Celebration.

Anything Else

- Understanding of Publications: By submitting your art, you confirm that you understand that your comic book art becomes property of the Interfaith Center for Racial Justice and that whether a winning entry or not, it may be used by the ICRJ in whole or in part, royalty free, in any printed or electronic media and in promotional materials, including fundraising and online publications.
- Comic book art submitted for the contest will remain the property of the ICRJ and may also be used in conjunction with ICRJ promotional material.

Why Enter Contest

EXPOSURE-

- Your work will be viewed by the Macomb County community
- Winner will be featured on the cover of 2020 MLK
- Opportunity to meet comic book enthusiasts and collectors
- All entries will be exhibited at the Comic Book Art Event scheduled for Spring 2020
- Featured in media releases

VALUABLE EXPERIENCE- Entering a contest is a terrific way to hone your craft and share what you create.

Attend Comic Book Art Event – Held Spring 2020 meet comic book collectors, view their collections and displays of all contestant work.

GOOD CAUSE – The ICRJ is a not-for-profit organization working to promote social justice, provide education, and build bridges of understanding among people of different cultures.
Your comic book art will help raise awareness of our work.

QUESTIONS

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