



## AFRICAN AMERICANS AND THE ARTS

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2024's theme for Black History Month is "African Americans and the Arts" which takes a look at how African Americans have used art to preserve history and community memory as well as for empowerment.

### ART CONTEST (Grades 1-4 & 5-8)

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Submit a painting, drawing or collage of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and include the words **history**, **community** and **empowerment** within your artwork.

#### CONTEST RULES:

- Open to all Yonkers students in grades 1-4 & 5-8; one entry per student
- All entries must include a cover page with the student's name, grade level, school, home address and contact phone number
- Winning artwork will be displayed at Yonkers City Hall and on all social media platforms
- One winner will be chosen from grades 1-4 & 5-8
- Winners will be selected to present their artwork at the Yonkers Black History Month Celebration on February 28, 2024 at Yonkers City Hall

### VIDEO CONTEST (Grades 9-12)

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Submit a 3-5 minute video depicting how African Americans have used art to preserve history and community memory as well as for empowerment. Also, include two prominent African American artists who fought for equality.

#### CONTEST RULES:

- Open to all Yonkers students in grades 9 -12; one entry per student
- Complete Submission form
- Upload the video to a cloud platform (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc.) and email the URL
- Video format should be in MP4 or MOV
- Video cannot exceed three minutes in length
- Winning video will be displayed on the City of Yonkers website and all social media platforms
- One winner will be chosen from grades 9-12

### IMPORTANT DATES:

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**Thursday, January 11, 2024..... Contest Opens**

**Wednesday, February 14, 2024..... Submissions Due**

**Friday, February 16, 2024..... Winners Are Notified**

**Wednesday, February 28, 2024..... Winners will present their artwork or video at the City of Yonkers Black History Month Celebration, City Hall Ceremonial Courtroom (4th floor), 6:00PM-7:00PM**



### **COVER PAGE:**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Class/Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

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Email a photo of your artwork along with this cover page to [contest@yonkersny.gov](mailto:contest@yonkersny.gov) by Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

For questions regarding the art contest email Dwanita Crosby at [dwanita.crosby@yonkersny.gov](mailto:dwanita.crosby@yonkersny.gov)



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Video URL: \_\_\_\_\_

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