



Kiwanis Club of Tifton 2026 Art and Music Showcase

The Kiwanis Club of Tifton is excited to announce the 2026 Art and Music Showcase to be held on Friday, March 20, 2026 at 6 pm at the Tift County High School Performing Arts Center.

Thanks so much for your support in helping provide a community forum for the talented young performers and artists to display and showcase their skills. Enclosed you will find a **MUSIC** and **ART** application for your students or those you know with talent. Please make as many copies as you need and distribute these applications to your students or their parents.

This competition is for Tift County students in public, private, or home school in grades 4-12 (unless from a local county that does not have a competition), and may be individual or group entries. GA District of Kiwanis talent guidelines state: “Only 4 minute vocal and instrumental performances will be allowed by the contestants. Soundtracks that are used for vocal performances should be instrumental only. Groups of 5 or fewer members including the accompanist may participate.”

A participant may enter only ONE category – music or art. The first place MUSIC winner from the Tifton showcase in the 9-12 grade division will compete at the GA District of Kiwanis Art and Music Showcase in Macon, Ga. on April 25, 2026. The first place ART winners from each grade level (6-12) will exhibit their artwork at the GA state competition. Admittance is free for both shows in Tifton and in Macon, GA. **The top winners in the GA Statewide Art and Music Showcase in grades 9-12 will receive educational scholarships up to \$3500! A total of \$15,000 will be awarded.**

Additional opportunity: All art work will also be displayed at the Syd Blackmarr Arts Center in Tifton, GA from March 22 – March 29. All music show participants are invited to participate at the opening reception on Sunday afternoon, March 22. To sign up contact: Cassidy Guess, 229.472.0934, cguess@tiftonarts.org.

Please take the time to reach out to our young, talented youth in Tifton. We know our community is more than capable of producing several state winners. This competition is also an opportunity to build self-esteem and all around development of the youth of our community.

ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE ON FRIDAY, March 6th

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Kiwanis Club of Tifton
2025 Art and Music Showcase
ART Guidelines - grades 4-12 in Tift County
Friday, March 20, 2026 ♦ Free show 6 pm ♦ TCHS Performing Arts Center

1. Students from grades 4-12 of a Tift County public, private, or home school and in good standing (unless from a local county that does not have a competition).
2. **Applications with ENTRIES ARE to be submitted by FRIDAY, March 6th to:**
 - ☐ Music/Art Teacher from whom the application was received.
 - ☐ Tom Shoup, show coordinator – 229.388.2142 (c) or tlshoup.kk58@gmail.com
 - ☐ Travious Acree 229.449.2459 – TCHS Key Club, One Blue Devil Way, Tifton, Ga.
 - ☐ Amy Henderson 229.382.0436 – Tiftarea Academy Key Club, U.S. Hwy 41, Chula, Ga.
3. Contestants can only participate in one local Kiwanis Art Showcase per school year.
4. Ribbons will be awarded in each grade category. The 1st place winner from each grade 6-12 category will be eligible for the state contest. The Best in Show from grades 9-12 will be eligible for the state competition.
5. 1st place art entries must make their winning entry available for the GA District of Kiwanis Art & Music Showcase in Macon, GA on April 25th. Transportation of art exhibits to the state competition will be provided by the Tifton Kiwanis Club. *Art Exhibitors are not expected to attend the state competition.* The overall first-place award in the art contest at the state competition will receive a \$3,500 educational scholarship with a total of \$7,500 available.
6. Art categories: painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, ceramics, sculpture, metal work, graphic design, mixed media, crafts, or video media. Only the 1st 4 minutes of the video media entries will be judged. For the State Competition, all framed art work should have a wire hanger & lightweight matted artwork must have 6 pieces of Velcro attached. **Contestants may submit only one art item.**
7. **All entries shall be the original work of the contestant and may not be copied from a photograph (unless the contestant is the photographer). An exception will be made for mixed media collage.**
8. Any art deemed unsuitable or objectionable by the show committee will be excluded from the competition.
9. Art work is to be displayed on Friday, March 20 at the TCHS Performing Arts Center. Art may be viewed prior, during, or after the music show that begin at 6 pm. Art winners to be announced during the music show. Art work will be displayed at the Syd Blackmarr Arts Center exhibit in Tifton, GA from March 22 – March 29 and then returned to each school.

Contestant's Name: _____ Date: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____ Phone : (____) _____

Address: _____ City: _____, GA

Email: _____

Type of Media – Please Circle: painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, ceramics, sculpture, metal work, graphic design, mixed media, crafts, or video media.

Title: _____

Contestant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return Application ATTACHED to the Art Entry by Friday, March 6, 2026



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MUSIC Guidelines – Tift County grades 4-12

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1. Three categories: ☐ Grades 4-5 ☐ Grades 6-8 ☐ Grades 9-12 in good standing from a Tift Co. public, private, or home school and a Tift Co. resident (unless from a local county that does not have a competition).
 2. **Applications are to be submitted by Friday, March 6th to:**
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 3. Trophies will be presented to local winners in each grade category. **The Grade 9-12 Music Winner will represent the Tifton Kiwanis Club at the Georgia District of Kiwanis Art & Music Showcase at the Douglas Theater in Macon, Ga on April 25th.** The same talent piece must be used for this competition. Assistance in transportation expenses to compete will be provided by the club. The first-place award in the state music competition will receive a \$3,500 educational scholarship with a total of \$7,500 available.
 4. Contestants can only participate in one act or local Kiwanis Music Showcase (competition path) in a school year. Acts *may* require approval and if deemed unsuitable will be excluded from the competition.
 5. Only **VOCAL** and **INSTRUMENTAL** talents are allowed because of state competition guidelines. **An act exceeding a four (4) minute time limit will be disqualified.** FCFS practice at 5 pm at the PAC before the show.
 6. All participants must be amateurs (except accompanist). An amateur is one who has not signed a contract to receive payment or valuable compensation for performing the talent being submitted.
 7. Individuals or groups up to five (including the accompanist) may participate.
 8. Judges criteria: 40 pts. Musicianship: ability, difficulty, confidence, and execution; 30 pts. Artistry: challenge, variety, and creativity; 30 pts. Presentation: poise, intensity, and professionalism. Other factors: length of act, etc.
 9. *Instrumental* background soundtracks can only be used for vocal performances. Arrive by 5:45 pm with a CD/USB drive (name/ track #), send electronic version to Josh Bowyer 443.739.0712, josh.bowyer@tiftschools.com.
 10. **Additional opportunity:** Perform at the opening reception of The Syd Blackmarr Arts Center Kiwanis art exhibit, on Sunday pm, March 22. Cassidy Guess, 229.472.0934, cguess@tiftonarts.org. ☐ *Check to participate.*
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Contestant's Name: _____ Date: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ City: _____, GA

Type of Talent: Vocal ____ Instrumental ____ Title: _____

Email: _____

Contestant Signature: _____

Return Application by Friday, March 6, 2026