Hosting Guidelines

Are you interested in seeing the Grand Prize Winners and Finalists in the Art, Photography, and Writing categories? Would you like the Showcase to come to your city? Every year after the finalists are displayed at the Sister Cities International Annual Conference in July or August, winning entries are sent on a national tour to different sister city communities. Here is an overview of the costs and commitments required of a tour host:

Overview of the Tour:
The tour begins at the Sister Cities International Annual Conference in August. Each month from August until the following June it is shipped to a different sister city community to give members a chance to see the works up close. To ensure their protection, all pieces of art are framed with a metal or wooden frame and covered with Plexiglas. Each framed piece weighs on average about 4 pounds. The pieces range in size with a maximum of 24in x 36in.

Time Commitment:
Each sister city host community will host the tour for at most one month. This time commitment depends on the city-- some cities plan receptions around the tour while others display the art at local art galleries or public places, such as a library or a city hall.

Cost Commitment:
The main cost associated with hosting the tour is the shipping of art at the end of the month to the next host. This may require the purchasing of another box or two if they need to be replaced. As mentioned above, the average weight of one framed piece is about 4 pounds. Other costs, such as the price of renting out a display space, will vary from city to city.

Participating in the Tour:
If you have any questions or are interested in being a host for this year's Young Artists and Authors Showcase, please send the following to youth@sistercities.org:
  - City location
  - A local contact who will be in charge of the tour (with a phone number and email address)
  - A shipping address for the pieces
  - Your first, second and third preference for the month you would like to host (from August 2018 to June 2019)

All tour hosts will be given a schedule that outlines the different Sister City stops and the shipping addresses for each location. Host cities are fully responsible for the art while it is in their possession and for sending the pieces to the next stop on the tour as close to the designated date as possible. The tour schedule will also be publicized on our website at www.sistercities.org/YAAS

To reserve a month for the tour, please send in the above information as soon as possible. Assignments are made on a   first-come, first-served basis. Hosts do not need to have submitted art to the Showcase, but do need to be dues-paying members of Sister Cities International.

Thank you for your interest in hosting!