

# Call for Artists



CFUW is a local, provincial, national and international organization made up solely of women.

- **CFUW** is non-partisan, voluntary, and self-funded with 94 clubs located in every province across Canada.
- Since its founding in 1919, CFUW has been working to improve the status of women through the promotion of education, human rights, and social justice.
- **CFUW St. Catharines** is a dynamic group of over 200 women established in 1921. We grant scholarships to women who are pursuing post-secondary education, and we help to improve the lives of women and children in need.
- **CFUW St. Catharines presents its 2nd Annual Fundraising Gala. This year proceeds will primarily support Food Security in the Niagara Region.**



## Event: Drawn to Niagara™ 2

**When:** Thursday, June 4, 2026

**Where:** The Hare Wine Company, 769 Niagara Stone Road, Niagara on the Lake.

### Featured throughout the evening:

- Portrait Painting by juried artists **\*\*Live\*\***
- Canapes and Food Stations
- Wine tastings
- Dancing
- Art Auctions
- Wandering Entertainers

### Portrait Painting **\*\*Live\*\***

**The Winning Artist will take home \$3,000.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$500.00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place \$250.00**

## **Portrait Painting \*\*Live\*\***

- During the evening artists will paint portraits of local, **surprise** celebrity models
- 2 models, will each be painted by 4 artists
- Attendees of Drawn to Niagara 2™ will watch the live painting
- At the end of 4 hours the artists will put down their brushes
- **Each model will be invited to choose one of their portraits as a keepsake**
  - **the artist will be recognized**
- **All 8 portraits will then be judged by the Directors and 3 will be chosen as the semi-finalists.**
- The attendees will then vote by ballot for the **People's Choice Award**
  - The winning artist will take home \$3,000.00
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$500.00
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$250.00

## **Terms and Conditions of Entry**

The competition is open to all emerging and established artists, 18+ who are permanent residents of the Niagara Region, as determined by the Niagara Regional Government. There is no fee to enter.

## **How To Enter**

Please email a "promise of intent notification" to [dtsubmission@gmail.com](mailto:dtsubmission@gmail.com). This notification should list their name, address, phone number, and a brief bio. If the artist, for any reason cannot continue to the next phase, please send an email notification.

## **Important Dates**

**March 31, 2026**, is the deadline for submissions. Each Artist must fill out and email one entry form to [dtsubmission@gmail.com](mailto:dtsubmission@gmail.com)

This will include:

- One high resolution JPEG image of an original, current, self-portrait, which has not previously been entered into any competition or exhibition. This work must be executed in the same medium and style the artist intends to use at the gala.
- One high resolution JPEG photo of themselves

### **Submissions will be juried:**

- **April 14, 2026:** 20 artists will be notified to deliver their actual self-portraits for judging by the Directors
- **April 27 & 28, 2026:** Self-portraits must be delivered to the Directors, 754 Green Street, Niagara-on-the Lake between 10 am – 3 pm. No artwork will be accepted before or after this time
- **May 11:** Finalists will be notified
- 8 artists and 1 alternate will be selected to participate in Drawn to Niagara™ 2

### **Restrictions on Artwork**

- Artwork may be presented in any of the following: Watercolour, Acrylic, Oil, Pencil, Pen & Ink, Markers, Collage
- This work must be executed in the same medium and style that you intend to use at the gala
- Artwork must be no larger than 24 x 24 inches or no smaller than 12 x 12 inches on any one side. i.e. 12 x 18 inches
- Artwork must be labeled clearly on the back or underside with the artist's name, address, email address and phone number
- Artwork will also be labeled at intake and a receipt issued by a Director
- Artwork must be wrapped when delivered

**CFUW St. Catharines assures the artists that reasonable care will be taken in the handling of all artworks but does not accept responsibility for loss or damage**

### **Agreement between Artists and CFUW St. Catharines**

- Artists allow the use of artwork imagery for social media, internet and/or promotional purposes for CFUW St. Catharines only
- Finalists provide CFUW St. Catharines permission to have their names and photos published online and in print
- Agreements during Drawn to Niagara™ 2
- Artists must agree to paint for a period of 4 hours during the event, which will include breaks
- Artists will allow the attendees to watch them while they paint
- Artists will allow the filming and social media posting of the event

## **Guidelines and Questions**

- Artwork accepted for submission must be ready to hang
- Canvases must have a wire 1/3 from the top of the canvas
- Work submitted on paper must be taped to a backboard to be hung with bulldog clips

For questions/further information please contact [dtsubmission@gmail.com](mailto:dtsubmission@gmail.com)

## **Submission Deadline and Timelines**

- **January 2026:** Call for Artist begins
- **February 2026:** Call for Artists continues
  - Letter of Intent to Compete would be appreciated by the Directors
- **March 2026**
  - **March 31, 2026:** Deadline for Submissions online
- **April 2026**
  - **April 14, 2026:** Semi finalists will be notified.
  - **April 27&28, 2026** Self-portraits must be delivered to the Directors, 754 Green Street, Niagara-on-the Lake between 10 am – 3 pm. No artwork will be accepted before or after this time
- **May 2026**
  - **May 11:** Finalists will be notified
- **June 2026**
  - **June 4:** 6 pm – 10 pm Drawn to Niagara™ event

**Each participating artist may offer one painting from their personal collection for sale, with all proceeds paid directly to the artist.**

## Drawn to Niagara™ 2: ENTRY FORM

**Artist's information:**

<b>First Name</b>	
<b>Last Name</b>	
<b>Phone Number</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Address</b>	

**I am a permanent resident of the Niagara Region (please circle):**

YES	NO (if no, we are sorry you are not eligible)
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**Submission is a (please circle):**

Watercolour	Acrylic	Oil	Pencil	Pen / ink	Markers	Collage
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**Submission will be in the following dimensions (please provide units):**

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**Name and phone number of the person who will be picking up the artwork:**

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Phone Number</b>	