

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

### 1. Is there a possibility that you will extend the deadline?

**Answer:** It is highly unlikely that the deadline will be extended as we need to give the judges reasonable time to carefully evaluate each painting in time for the March 27, 2025 awarding to celebrate Women's Month.

### 2. Can transgenders join the competition?

**Answer:** The competition is only open to females, at the moment.

### 3. How do I prove I am female?

**Answer:** A copy of a valid Government Issued ID (GIID) is required upon submission of the fully-accomplished Official Entry Form. The ID will be used as the basis for validation.

### 4. What is the width of the canvas?

**Answer:** The preferred width is 2 inches.

### 5. Is gesso allowed?

**Answer:** Yes, gesso is allowed as a primer.

### 6. Can we use other materials aside from oil or acrylic?

**Answer:** Yes. This year, we have included MIXED MEDIA aside from oil or acrylic.

### 7. Will a round canvas with 36" diameter be allowed?

**Answer:** No, round-shaped canvas is not allowed. Only a square-shaped canvas for the 36"x36" size or a rectangular-shaped canvas for the 24"x36" size will be allowed.

### 8. Should the painting be framed?

**Answer:** No frame. Paintings should simply be on a stretched canvas with a 2-inch width (preferably). There must be a cord / string at the back ready for hanging.

### 9. Should I sign on the painting?

**Answer:** Do not sign on the painting itself. But you must sign at the back of the painting.

### 10. Why am I not allowed to sign on the painting?

**Answer:** We would like to maintain the anonymity of the artist to help the judges evaluate and appreciate the artwork objectively so the artist's signature should not be affixed on the painting.

### 11. Can I submit more than 1 entry in the competition?

**Answer:** You can submit only 1 entry for the competition.

### 12. Are non-resident Filipinas allowed to participate?

**Answer:** No, not for this competition as it will be logistically difficult to coordinate the shipment of the painting from abroad and we need to ensure prompt delivery of the painting in time for the final judging.

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**13. Will you allow a collaboration between 2 Filipina artists in one painting?**

**Answer:** No. Each painting should be done by one artist only.

**14. Can I submit an existing work for the competition?**

**Answer:** No, we would like to be fair to all participants who will work on their respective pieces within the allowed time frame. An old work can give undue advantage to the artists as she may have taken more time to work on the painting.

**15. Can professional painters join?**

**Answer:** Yes, this competition is open to both professional and non-professional painters regardless of age.

**16. Why is watercolor not included?**

**Answer:** Watercolor paintings require glass or acrylic covers and framing which will make it difficult for the courier to transport due to risks of damage or breakage. As such, we have decided not to include watercolor in the competition.

**17. Why is the competition not open to sculptures and other forms of art like poetry, essay writing, etc.? Why is it limited to acrylic and oil paintings?**

**Answer:** This competition is still at its infancy stage, so the organizers have decided to focus first on visual arts, specifically paintings. The competition will eventually expand to other forms of art in the coming years.

**18. Are employees of SM, ChinaBank and members of Zonta Club of Makati and Environs allowed to join the competition?**

**Answer:** No, they are disqualified from joining.

**19. Will the finalists' paintings be exhibited in other SM malls aside from SM Aura?**

**Answer:** For now, the plan is to exhibit the works at SM Aura from March 27, 2025 to April 03, 2025.

**20. Who are the panel of judges? Will there be male members in the jury?**

**Answer:** The members of the jury will remain anonymous to protect them from interfering parties. Their names will be disclosed at the awarding ceremony. There will be at least 5 judges comprised of both males and females, all reputable and highly qualified in the field of art.

**21. Can I combine Oil and Acrylic in 1 painting?**

**Answer:** Yes

**22. Do you have restrictions in the use of brush or other instruments in the application of the oil or acrylic paints on the canvas?**

**Answer:** No restrictions. Aside from a brush, other application materials can be used to apply the paint on the canvas such as palette knife, spatula, fingers, syringe, sponge, etc.