



Summer Festival | 2026

But you must continue in the things which you have learned - II Timothy 3:14



Visual Arts Festival (2026)

The Aim

Encouraging all participants to explore their talents in visual artwork

Categories

Painting

Common media including oil, acrylic, gouache and watercolour

Drawing

Common media including graphite, ink, inked brushes, wax colour, coloured pencil, charcoal and pastels

Other Formats

Wooden work, Leather work, Hand Craft or other handmade visual medium

Age Group

Participants can be from any of the following Age groups:

- Grades 1-3
- Grades 4-6
- Grades 7-9
- Year 10-12
- Youth (19 – 29 years old)
- Adults (30+)

Registration

This is a dedicated registration process on the online SF registration system.

Each participant **must submit** through their church servants:

- 1- Online registration with a digital copy of the artwork uploaded along with all details by the due date mentioned below
- 2- In Person submission (for All Local Melbourne Churches) for the actual piece of artwork by the due date mentioned below
- 3- By Post submission (for All Interstate Churches) for the actual piece of artwork by the due date mentioned below

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Deadlines

Payment Deadline **28-Jun-2026**

Digital Registration & Submission
(on the SF registration system all churches) **28-Jun-2026**

By Post Submission
(for All Interstate Churches) **04-Jul-2026**

In Person Submission
(for All Local Melbourne Churches) **11-Jul-2026**

Fees

Each participant will receive an award according to their achievement in the Visual Arts component of the Summer Festival. Accordingly, there will be a registration fee as follows:

Individual Submission: \$5

Important Note:

- Upon registration for an individual on the SF system, there is **no refund**, and fees must be paid regardless.
- Please refer to the churches' fees payment procedure document online on how to pay the fees.

Visual Arts Committee Contacts

You can contact the committee on email: visualarts@sfmelb.org.au

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Exhibition Date & Venue

The Closing Ceremony 2024/2025

Entry Limit:

Only **one (1) piece** of artwork may be submitted **per participant**

Guidelines

- The visual artwork can be but not necessarily relate to the theme of the summer festival “The Lord in my Light and my Salvation”. It must represent our orthodox church faith and beliefs
- Participants to create their own artwork and not to copy from the SF activity booklet
- On/With the Art Work piece, Please make sure to **stick a clearly visible PRINTED piece of paper** with the following details:
 - Participant First and Last Name
 - Participant Age Group
 - Participant Church Name
 - Title of the Artwork
 - Describe the visual artwork in approximately five (5) sentences.
 - Responsible Servant Name
- All participants to submit their artwork to SF Visual Arts Panel
- Please make sure to follow the submission deadline
- Every participant will be awarded with an award at the Closing Ceremony
- *There will be **BEST Awards** across age groups and also presentation at the SF closing ceremony*
- SF Certificates will be awarded to all participants

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How to Submit the Work:

- First, The Visual Art Leader within the church **is fully responsible** to register and submit the participant details, his/her artwork piece details and a digital copy of the artwork (**in PDF format**) on the registration website **by the due date**.

No Online Registration & No Artwork Submission

Means

No Valid Submission & No Award

- The submission of the actual piece of the artwork must be made:
 - o In person for all local Melbourne Churches on the festival day
 - It is highly recommended that the participants to be accompanied by the servant on the festival day while submitting, so the Visual Arts committee can have a chat with them.
 - o By Post for all Interstate Churches
- At the end of the Summer Festival Closing Ceremony, each church **MUST** have a nominated responsible servant to collect all the Artwork pieces for their church to hand it over to the participants.
- For Interstate churches: Please write **SINGLE** mailing address for your church so the SF visual arts panel can return your artworks

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Evaluation Criteria:

- **Skill:**
 - o The technical skills and use of media and materials
- **Final Work:**
 - o Purpose of ideas in finished visual artwork
- **Elements and Principles of Composition:**
 - o Knowledge of core visual arts concepts, forms, styles, and conventions
- **Practitioner's statement:**
 - o Evaluation of visual artwork against personal and set criteria
- **Creativity:**
 - o Evaluation of using new ideas and presenting the topic in various ways

Donations

You may choose to make a donation for summer festival using details below:

Account Name: Coptic Orthodox Church Diocese of Melbourne – Community Festival

BSB : 063-159

ACC : 10729454

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(Our doctrine, from the start,
established by God himself,
preached by the apostles,
and our fathers kept it safe.) **2x**

a strong tree of faith,
its roots trace back to history,
pure and watered by God's words
(Rites and also liturgy) **2x**

firm,
firm in my faith and doctrine
Our church is fatherly
Orthodox as my forefathers
Heroes of the Coptic church.

Mark, Athanasious, Dioscoros,
heroes and pillars of faith,
though heresies arise,
still we're steadfast in our faith.

Rooted in your church,
be firm in what you've learned.

Contact us on:

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