

# BOSKONE ART SHOW

## Rules and Information for Artists

### 1. The Basics

- Only artists may enter themselves in the show, and they may do so only once. Each artist may authorize an *agent* to act as a representative.
- *Group entries* are permitted; however, such entries will be subject to the same space limits as entries by a single artist. Artists entering as part of a group may not also enter as individuals or as members of other groups. Collaborations must be the work of at least one of the entering artists and may be submitted by any of the collaborators.
- All entries must be original works of the artist(s) on science fiction, fantasy, astronomical, or fannish themes, submitted by the artist or his agent. We reserve the right to reject any entry.
- All items entered must be completed before being brought into the Art Show.
- All *flat entries* must be matted, mounted or framed and ready for hanging, including prints.
- Once a piece of artwork has been signed into the Art Show or Print Shop, it may not be withdrawn nor may any conditions of its sale be changed.
- *Not-For-Sale* work is permitted and is eligible for awards, but we would appreciate it if at least half of your work is for sale.
- *Reproductions*, which should generally be entered in the Print Shop, may be exhibited as single copies of fine art prints and other limited-edition works in the main Art Show. They *must* be labeled as reproductions. Items which appear for sale in the Print Shop or Dealers' Room should not also appear in the main Art Show, unless they have been specially remarked, matted, etc.
- We do not provide *insurance coverage* for art entered in the show. While we protect your art and have not had any problems in more than a dozen years, we recommend you verify that your insurance coverage extends to display in the show.
- Generally, *new artists* (those not exhibiting at Boskone recently) are limited to one panel or ½ table, and *returning artists* (those exhibiting during the past three years) are limited to three panels or one table. These limits may be increased with sufficiently good reasons (we're not terribly hard to convince). If you wish to reserve more space or need a mixture of panel and table space, please contact us.
- The *Print Shop* will have room for flat art. No artist may submit more than 10 different images to display, with 3 to 10 *identical* copies per item (mat colors may differ). Each copy must be matted or otherwise mounted, with an overall size between 4" x 6" to 20" x 30". All copies of each item will be displayed on a long peg hook. **The Print Shop space fee is \$1 per item stocked in the Print Shop, to a maximum of 100 pieces or \$100 for any artist.**
- We do allow a limited amount of *mail-in art*. **Mailing in incurs an additional \$20 hanging fee**, and you must pay all shipping costs in both directions for your art. You may also mail in your art and have

an agent hang it for you; we will transport your boxes to and from the convention at no charge. You cannot mail art without our prior agreement. Note that the mail in address is **not** the PO Box address used for correspondence; our PO Box cannot accept such packages. You will be given the mail-in address after you fill out your form and indicate you are mailing your art.

## 2. Entry Fees and Procedures

- Boskone’s Art Show and Print Shop charge no commissions, but do charge a space fee. The basic unit of space for flat work is the **panel**, which is made of pegboard and is 4’ high by 6’ wide. For 3-D art, the basic unit is the **table**, which is 6’ long by 30” deep. Please remember that the space you reserve must include any clearance between pieces, including space for 4.25” x 5.5” bid sheets for each item. Your artwork may not extend beyond the edge of any panel or table; it may not interfere with any works displayed by other artists.

- You are not limited to buying full panels or tables. The available amounts are:

1 Table	6’ x 30”	\$44*	3 Panels	4’ x 6’ ea.	\$132*
½ Table	3’ x 30”	\$22	2 Panels	4’ x 6’ ea.	\$88*
¼ Table	18” x 30”	\$11	1 Panel	4’ x 6’	\$44
			½ Panel	4’ x 3’	\$22
			¼ Panel	2’ x 3’	\$11

\* *if allowed*

- Each **returning artist** may request any combination of panel and table space which totals 3 or less and includes no more than 1 table. Each **new artist** may request up to 1 panel or ½ table. Requests for additional space may be granted if you ask the Art Show Director.
- If you need **floor space** (or air space!) for large, free-standing artwork, write us for a quote (please include all the details of what you need). If the space is available, the cost will be similar to that for the same amount of table space.
- **Entering the Show.** If you wish to enter the Boskone 49 Art Show and Print Shop, fill out and return the enclosed form as soon as possible. Advance reservations are required—although possible, it is unlikely space will be available at the door. At our discretion, some or all of the space you request may be wait-listed rather than being immediately granted or rejected. We intend to resolve most wait-listed space in late January, so requests which arrive before then have a better chance of getting space. **Entry forms received without full payment will not be processed.** However, if paying in full now causes you difficulty, please send us an explanation with your entry form—we may be able to help. **Payment of entry fees** is by our secure website (most major credit cards), PayPal, or a check or money order drawn on a U.S. bank and payable in U.S. funds to Boskone.
- Within two weeks after we receive your entry form, we will send you **confirmation** of space or notification that your request has been fully or partially wait-listed. Contact us if you don’t receive a timely confirmation.
- Fees will be **refunded** in full for cancellations received by February 1<sup>st</sup>; after that time fees will be refunded only if we can resell your space in a timely manner. No-shows without notice at the convention will receive no refund.

- **Proceeds from sales.** We will mail you a check within a month after the convention for all sales at the Boskone Art Show and Print Shop, less any fees still owed. Sales tax, credit card fees, etc. will not affect the amount you are paid.
- **Copyright information.** (1) We inform buyers that purchase of art does *not* include any reproduction rights. (2) Only the official convention photographers and supervised press will be allowed to photograph the Art Show. However, the art show is in an open area, and we cannot guarantee that your art will not be photographed, given the ubiquity of cell phone cameras.
- **Auction Sales and Awards.** (1) All artwork from the main Art Show with sufficient written bids will go to a voice auction on Sunday afternoon. (2) All original artwork is eligible for awards for exemplary artwork by a panel of judges. A Best Artist ribbon will be awarded by popular vote.

### 3. Additional Information

- If your entry is accepted, you will receive additional information regarding Art Show and Print Shop hours, hanging instructions, etc., in January.
- Remember: if you plan to attend Boskone, you must purchase a **convention membership**. Please purchase these online, or download the membership form and mail it in with your other forms.
- Since many artists prefer to print their own bid sheets, we will be providing a PDF of it on our website. If you can't conveniently print your own Bid Sheets, let us know and we'll send blank ones.
- **New for this year is our online entry form.** It will allow online payment through PayPal or our secure, PCI-compliant website (for credit cards). If you prefer to mail in a check, print out each page (there's 4, but most people need to only do 2 or 3) **before** you leave the page. You should also do this if you want a copy for your records. Then mail in your printed pages (retaining a copy for your records, if desired) along with your payment.

### 4. Art Show Schedule (Preliminary)

Thursday	7 p.m. until done	Set-up of hangings (everyone is welcome to come and help)
Friday	Noon to 6 p.m. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.	Artist Check-in Art Show & Print Shop open Awards voting
Saturday	10 p.m. until done 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.	Boskone Reception Art Show & Print Shop open Awards voting
Sunday	10 a.m. to Noon Noon to 1 p.m. 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Art Show & Print Shop open Close-Out & Sales set-up Pick-up & Pay; Print Shop open Auction Artist Pick-up Tear Down & pack up