

MARYLAND
SHEEP & WOOL
FESTIVAL

2017 Cover Art Competition

Each year the Festival uses art celebrating sheep and wool to create a new design for the catalog cover, poster, t-shirts and other items available at the Festival. This has become a distinctive part of each year's Festival. There will be another competition to select the art for the 44th annual Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival in 2017.

Grand Prize \$1,000
Up to four \$100 Honorable Mention Awards

Deadline November 1, 2016

Competition Rules:

1. Each entry must include a completed competition entry form. Artists must sign the release on the entry form.
2. A qualified panel will select the winning entry. All decisions are final.
3. Criteria for selection:
 - a. The subject should be related to sheep and /or wool.
 - b. The art should be suitable for use on the 5.5" x 8.5" Festival catalog cover as well as on T-shirts, coffee mugs, posters, advertisements, etc.
4. All two-dimensional media are acceptable including paintings, drawings, collages, photographs, tapestry, computer generated art, etc. in vertical, horizontal or square formats. Entries should be no larger than 18"x24".
5. Entries should not be framed. Please do not attach entry forms to the art work. Do not send slides. Entries may not be submitted by email unless digital media (e.g., digital photographs, computer generated art). More than one entry may be submitted in one envelope.
6. Text regarding the Festival name, time and place should not be included in the art work. The cover designer incorporates this information. Artists may sign their work.
7. Collaborative efforts will be accepted; however, all collaborators must sign the release on the entry form.
8. The winning entry will become the property of the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association, Inc. The winning artist(s) must sign a transfer of ownership and copyright document within ten (10) days of notification. This document will be prepared by the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association. Honorable mention recipients must allow their entry to appear in the Festival catalog and be displayed on the Festival web site.
9. Entries will be accepted until November 1, 2016. They must be mailed or delivered to:

Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival
1130 Martin Drive
Westminster, MD 21157

Email digital media entries to coverart@sheepandwool.org. Entries mailed through the US Postal Service will be accepted if postmarked on or before November 1, 2016. Receipt of entries will be acknowledged if an email address is provided on the entry form.
10. If the entry is to be returned by mail, self-addressed packaging with adequate US postage stamps must be included. Entries may be picked up in person beginning February 15, 2017 at the above address. All entries not picked up by March 15, 2017 become property of the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association. Entries cannot be picked up at the Festival.

The winner will be notified by February 5, 2017. Competition results will be posted at www.sheepandwool.org.

All reasonable care will be taken in the handling of entries: however, the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association and the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival cannot be responsible for loss or damage.

A gallery of past Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival catalog covers is available at www.sheepandwool.org.

Questions regarding the competition should be directed to coverart@sheepandwool.org or leave a message at the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival office at 410-531-3647.

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2017 Cover Art Competition Entry Form

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____

Additional Name(s) (if collaboration) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Media _____

Size _____ x _____

Where I heard about the contest? _____

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 I have enclosed self-addressed packaging with US postage stamps for return of my entry.

I will pick up my entry.

I do not want my entry returned.

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Release

I hereby release and hold harmless the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association, Inc., the Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival, and their employees, officers, agents, volunteers, and assigns, from all liability for any damage whatsoever or loss of the art work I have submitted for the 2017 Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival Cover Art Competition.

I certify that my entry is my original work and it has not been used for any commercial or public purpose prior to this competition.

In the event that my entry wins first place in the 2017 Maryland Sheep & Wool Festival Catalog Cover Art Competition, I hereby agree to convey any ownership interest, including copyright, that I may have in my entry as its creator to the Directors of the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association, Inc. The conveyance shall be executed through a document provided by the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association. Failure to transfer ownership interest, including copyrights, within (10) Days of notification will result in disqualification of my entry.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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(if collaboration)