

# FEARLESS!

RECLAIMING OUR SAFETY!

## “Safe Love Is...” Art Contest & Exhibition

Fearless!, formerly known as Safe Homes, invites artists from *grades 6-12* to share their personal vision and voice in promoting healthy relationships and creating change in our culture. **1 out of every 3 teens** is impacted by dating violence before the age of 18, regardless of race, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, or any other social identity. Types of dating violence include emotional/mental, verbal, financial, technological, physical, and sexual abuse.

The title of this year’s theme is **Redefining the Fairytale**. Romanticized and idealized versions of fairytale romance we’ve seen depicted in the media leave us feeling like our relationships are inadequate. Our expectations of relationships become influenced and defined by unrealistic examples set forth by the stories of our childhood and the idea of a “fairytale ending.” This “Disney Love” leads to confusion when our real-life relationships don’t quite match our fantasy ideals. In a world that is often overstimulated with these images of an “ideal relationship,” it is important to adjust society’s expectations and redefine what it looks and feels like to have a healthy and sustainable relationship. But of course, it’s hard to let go of the idea of a fairytale romance. It’s not that we can’t have affection, warmth, or love, but it’s that the concept of a fairytale romance is based on a false premise—an idealized version of reality. We can still have plenty of intimate moments and times when we laugh, smile, have fun and get warm fuzzies about our partner. Romance is still great—but it’s the REAL romance we’re looking for, not the fairytale version.

For this year’s theme, students should explore what it means to live in a real-life fairytale relationship. What is your modern-day fairytale? How does your modern-day fairytale differ from society’s expectations of fairytales? How would you challenge society’s view of fairytales? Why are the prince/princess relationships portrayed as the ideal relationship? As our world is ever-changing, so too are the ways in which we all engage in relationships. Artists are invited to explore the ways in which they would reimagine their own fairytale within their own personal relationships. **Participants must review the guidelines and submit all artwork with a completed entry form.**

Selected submissions will be shown at an art show for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month where the winners will also be announced:

**Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> (Snow Date: February 25<sup>th</sup>) PENDING**  
**2:00 PM to 4:00 PM (Winners of the Art Contest are announced at 3:00)**

1<sup>st</sup> place winners for both the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade category and 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade category will receive prizes. All winners will have a letter of recognition and appreciation sent to their schools. The winning artwork will be on display at Fearless!’s Newburgh office location, and the artwork of the first-place winners in the 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade category will be published in Fearless! materials throughout the year.



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## 2023 Creative Showcase Requirements

*Fearless! educators are available to visit classrooms or groups in-person or virtually to give a presentation and share information as part of students' research on understanding the art contest theme.*

**Eligibility:** Any public, private, parochial or home-schooled student in grades 6 – 12 in Orange and Sullivan Counties, NY

Submissions will be accepted into three categories: visual art, written art, and performative art. Submissions will be judged by category on a combination of creativity, personal vision and voice, skill, originality, and depth of understanding for healthy vs. abusive relationships. Please review the requirements below for further details. Please see the rubric that the judges will be using to score the artwork on the following page. First place prizes will be given out by category. **Students may only submit one piece in a single category.**

- Accepted mediums are as follows:
  - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
  - Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (it is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed)
  - Collages: must be two dimensional
  - Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
  - Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
  - Computer-generated art
  - Photographs
  - Videos
- The artwork must be:
  - **original** and was not created by someone other than the artist
    - \*\* Understandably this theme asks you to draw inspiration from already existing stories and narratives. While some of your overall inspiration and characters may not be original, the artwork submitted must have been created by the submitting artist. \*\**
  - submitted with a completed entry form securely applied to the back of the artwork.
  - Between the sizes of 9"x12" and 13"x19", 4 inches deep, and does not weigh more than 15lbs
  - **matted (Fearless! does not frame or mat artwork)**
  - **does not** use the title of the art contest in the artwork

**Submission Deadline: Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 by 5:00pm**

### **Artwork can be submitted in the following ways:**

- Mail to: Fearless! Hudson Valley, Inc. PO Box 649, Newburgh, NY 12550
- Drop off at: Fearless! office on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of 280 Broadway, Newburgh (Between 9am – 5pm)
- Arrange Pick Up: Bulk pickup may be arranged with prior approval from Fearless! staff.  
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## GUIDELINES

### Visual art:

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  - Drawings: colored pencil, pencil, ink, marker, pastels, charcoal (it is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed)
  - Collages: must be two dimensional
  - Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
  - Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
  - Computer-generated art
  - Photographs
- The artwork must be:
  - original, has not been copied from an existing photo or image, and was not created by someone other than the artist
  - submitted with a completed entry form securely applied to the back of the artwork.
  - no larger than 28" inches high x 28" inches wide x 4 inches deep & does not weigh more than 15 pounds.
  - does not use the title of the contest in the artwork
  - Digital submissions can be scans or photographs

### Video Performance art:

- Accepted forms are:
  - Spoken word poetry (no more than 5 minutes)
  - Music/Songs (no more than 5 minutes)
  - Dance (no more than 5 minutes)
- Other guidelines
  - No use of profanity (including music choice)
  - Performative submission is original, has not been copied from an existing piece and was not created by someone other than the artist
  - Videos must be in .mp3, .mp4 or .mov format
  - Group submissions accepted, one prize awarded per group submission
  - Submission must begin with an opening credits including students name, and title of piece

## The art contest judges will be using the following rubric:

**RATE EACH CATEGORY USING 1-4 AS DESCRIBED BELOW, UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE STATED**

**EXCEPTIONAL= 4**

**VERY GOOD= 3**

**GOOD= 2**

**SATISFACTORY = 1**

CATEGORY	SCORE
<p><b>THEME</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The artwork shows a clear understanding and awareness of teen dating violence and/or healthy relationships.</li> </ul>	<p>Yes = 4 No = 0</p>
<p>How does this piece portray an alternate perspective? Does it challenge society's current notions of teen relationships or gender stereotypes? Does it promote powerful representation of how healthy relationships contribute to change in our communities?</p>	
<p><b>CREATIVITY</b></p> <p>The artwork is a display of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distinctive, individual style</li> <li>Originality of idea</li> <li>Inventive thinking</li> </ul>	
<p><b>VISUAL IMPACT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The piece is a unique organization of art elements and content that creates a <b>striking</b> and <b>memorable</b> work. Does this piece "wow" you? Does it have a lasting impact?</li> <li>The piece will have the same visual impact when reproduced online, on screens, in black and white, and on brochures and other advertising materials.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>VOICE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The work reveals what the artist feels and/or their ideas on the topic. It projects mood, emotion, and energy.</li> <li>Does the choice of medium work in harmony with the concept/narrative the artist is portraying?</li> <li></li> </ul>	
<p><b>CRAFTSMANSHIP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does the artwork look complete and that the artist put time, thought, and energy into its creation?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>The label for the artwork includes:</b></p> <p>Name of artist: yes = +1 or no= 0            Title of the work: yes = +1 or no= 0            Mediums used: yes = +1 or no= 0            Name of the artist's school: yes = +1 or no= 0            Grade of the artist: yes = +1 or no= 0            A narrative of the artwork: yes = +1 or no= 0</p>	
<p>The piece <b>does not</b> use the title of the art contest in the actual artwork at all.</p>	<p>Yes = 3 No = 0</p>

**Total Score = \_\_\_\_\_**

## 2023 Art Contest Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: NY Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of the Artwork: \_\_\_\_\_

Category and Medium/s used:

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Short Narrative about the piece to include when it is on display:

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I, (print student's name) \_\_\_\_\_, hereby grant permission to Fearless! Hudson Valley Inc. to reproduce and use the image in their publications, whether it be print publishing, electronic, or any form of media including advertising and related promotion throughout the world and in perpetuity. I further agree that my name and identity may be revealed in descriptive text or commentary in connection with the image, without compensation. All copies and reproductions shall be the property of Fearless!. If I want my artwork to be returned, I am responsible for contacting Fearless! to arrange for pickup, within 30 days of the conclusion of the Art Show. Fearless! cannot be held responsible for accidental damage to artwork.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent or Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent or Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_