



Plein Air on Poyntz Competition - Downtown Manhattan

Policy Guidelines General Participation Requirements

- Participants must be registered for the competition and registration payment made.
- Artists must check in and supply all art materials. (Check in will be held at 409 Poyntz in front of Alora Boutique - check in starts at 3pm and ends by 4pm.)
- All work must be created outdoors, from direct observation (**no photos or digital aids**).
- Acceptable mediums: oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, and some drawing media.
- All work must be created within official designated competition boundaries. (***Anywhere on the public right of way on Poyntz between 3rd Street and Juliette Street.***) ***All artists must comply with City of MHK ADA guidelines. 5ft of space for public right of way.***

Submission Requirements

- Only original artwork created during the event is accepted.
- All submitted pieces must be signed by the artist.
- Framing requirements: gallery-wrapped finished edges (canvas) or framed under glass for works on paper. (Following the competition submitted no later than **October 8th** to the DMI office at 409 Poyntz, Suite 103.)
- All Artwork is required to be submitted to DMI for exhibition for the months of October & November 2025 before any sales.

Quick Draw Events

- Limited timeframe (2 - 2 ½ hours).
- Restricted competition zone.

Added points will be given for work that captures human movement or interaction.

Common Courtesies & Practical Tips

- Arrive prepared and scout locations early.
- Respect other artists' views and space.
- Engage politely with spectators.

Grounds for Disqualification

- Use of photos, projections, or digital aids.
- Painting outside competition boundaries.
- Submitting pre-existing work.
- Not following framing/sale requirements.
- Plagiarism or misrepresentation of original work.

Time Schedule Break Down –

- 3:00 pm – Artist Check In & Set up
- 4:00 pm – Competition begins
- 6:00 pm – Competition ends/ Artist tear down
- 6:25 pm – All submissions must be turned in to judges' station @ Courthouse Plaza
- 6:30 pm – Judging begins
- 7:00 pm – Winner announced