

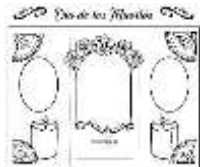


Welcome to the 39th year of YAMSEN:SpecialyMusic's annual celebration of art. This marks the second year that the event is not competitive, but can be collaborative. Our theme this year is *memory*.

This art exhibition is for anyone of any age who has special educational needs or a learning disability. It is free to enter, and you do not need to be a YAMSEN member. You can make your own work or make a piece of art with other people.

Entries to the art competition will be digital, and the way the art is shown will be digital too. The exhibition will be projected onto a screen at the Pudsey concert on 14th December and online on the YAMSEN website. Entries can be drawings, paintings, collages, 3D works, poems, cake decorations, or anything that you can put in a photo. They should be based on one of the categories below.

Please be mindful to get permission to use photos of or information about yourself and other people, and let YAMSEN know you have this permission.

Categories:

<p>Memory</p> <p>Memories can be of people or animals you know, places you have been or lived, things like toys or favourite clothes, or activities and special occasions—anything that makes you think about the past.</p> <p>Think of what a special memory means to you (or even the idea of memory itself) and create something that expresses it.</p>	<p>Ofrenda and Memorials</p> <p>When we want to remember somebody special we often make a memorial of them—a statue, a blue plaque, a portrait, a shrine, or even the Covid Wall. Families in Mexico remember their ancestors on 2nd November, Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead).</p> <div data-bbox="719 1196 919 1361">  </div> <div data-bbox="1043 1218 1174 1352">  </div> <p>Find out more about Dia de los Muertos. Create an Ofrenda of pictures of special people you want remember—you can add flowers and candles. Or make your own kind of memorial.</p>
<p>Seasonal Holidays</p> <p>Put together some objects, colours and textures that remind you of Diwali, Bonfire Night, Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, Christmas or another seasonal holiday.</p> <div data-bbox="323 1805 459 1910">  </div> <p>Moonlight Mountains by Tom, Swarthmore</p>	<p>Lovely Lists</p> <p>Listen to 'What Christmas Means to Me' by Stevie Wonder, or 'What a Wonderful World' by Bob Thiele & George David Weiss, sung by Louis Armstrong or another artist.</p> <p>Make a list poem or collage of things that are special to you and your holiday.</p> <p>You can do this by yourself or in a group.</p>

To enter:

Please email or 'we transfer' a high-resolution photo of the art to yamsen4@gmail.com.

If you are in a school or centre, please choose around three individual photos to showcase, plus photos of group displays are very welcome too.

The title of the photo needs to include the artist's name, a title &/or the category, and the school/centre if there is one. *Example: 'Joanna Queen collage YAM Friday morning.jpg'*. For safeguarding, it is okay to just use first name or initials for the artist's name. If you are unsure how to retitle the photo, please send it as it is and type the title information in the email.

Please email your photos by 30th November.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Joanna Winster at jo.winster@gmail.com or 07757 803439.

Best wishes,

The YAMSEN team