

DEL RENDON FOUNDATION LEGACY SERIES



**The Del Rendon Foundation 2nd Annual Legacy Series: Before Their Time Art Competition**

The Del Rendon Foundation is proud to announce the 2nd annual “Before Their Time” art competition to continue the art series the late Del Rendon created prior to his passing. The original “Dead Entertainers” series consisted of four 40” x 60” acrylic on cardboard paintings including figurative interpretations of Marilyn Monroe, Jimi Hendrix, Elvis Presley, and John Lennon. The Del Rendon Foundation is seeking artists desiring to continue the series with additional interpretations of other late entertainers.

Painted in the late 1990s, the four original pieces in the “Dead Entertainers” series have a storied past. Originally commissioned for the State Theater, the four original pieces were re-located to Dave’s Dark Horse Tavern and eventually, after Del’s passing, to a private residence. Prints of the four original paintings have been reproduced and are routinely made available in support of the Foundation’s fund raising efforts. While not certain, the name “Dead Entertainers” appears to have come from Del’s tongue and cheek reference to the art series.

In 2014, the Del Rendon Foundation kicked off its first “Dead Entertainers” art competition featuring figurative renditions of Shannon Hoon, Janis Joplin, Kurt Cobain, Michael Jackson, Johnny Cash, Andy Griffith, and probably our personal favorite, Del Rendon. Jacob Beard’s Johnny Cash was selected as the winner and a print is on display in Dave’s Dark Horse Tavern, alongside the four other pieces. With permission from the artist, the idea is to continue the series by indefinitely displaying a printed copy of this year’s winner next to Johnny Cash.

A competition reception is scheduled in Starkville for April 21st at the Del Rendon Foundation Art Gallery, located at 100 GT Thames Suite C1. All selected entries will be displayed, and a winner announced. The competition is open to the public and First and Second place winners will take cash prizes of \$1000 and \$500 respectively. For more information on the rules and process for competing, please go to <https://www.delrendonfoundation.org/about-3>.

## **Rules and How to Enter Competition**

1. The contest is open to the public. The entry must be approximately 40" by 60", oils or acrylics, painted on cardboard, plywood, or canvas backing and must be "ready to hang" via wire.
2. Digital entries (photographs of the piece) must be submitted via email to [casterbunch@gmail.com](mailto:casterbunch@gmail.com) no later than midnight on April 7, 2023. Entries will be evaluated to ensure compliance with competition rules and copyright laws. Entries will include the following information: a color photo of the entry, the artist's name and contact information, and a brief description of the piece. An email will be sent to all entries acknowledging receipt. Artists will be notified via email of determination of eligibility to compete.
3. Like the 4 original paintings (John Lennon, Marilyn Monroe, Jimi Hendrix, and Elvis Presley) and the first annual art competition winner, Johnny Cash by Jacob Beard, the painting's subject should be of a famous deceased entertainer. Artists should embrace and be inspired by the original four paintings and the first year's winner and seek to create a piece that allows itself to be added to the series but in no way should limit the artists' interpretive and stylistic approach to creating a unique piece of art.
4. After the digital entry no later than April 7<sup>th</sup>, if found eligible to participate via email communication, the artists should plan to deliver their entry to the Del Rendon Foundation Art Gallery located at 100 GT Thames Suite C1 Starkville, MS 39759 no later than April 17, 2023. Artist should coordinate their delivery via email at [casterbunch@gmail.com](mailto:casterbunch@gmail.com).
5. Winners will be announced on the evening of April 21st 2023 at a reception at the Del Rendon Foundation Art Gallery located at 100 GT Thames Suite C1 Starkville, MS from 6:30 to 8:30pm.
6. Eligible entries will be required to display their pieces at the Del Rendon Foundation Art Gallery during the Month of April and May 2023. For a small consignment fee of 10%, Artists will be given the option of co-signing their entries to be sold by the Del Rendon Foundation Art Gallery. Sell prices will be determined by individual artists.
7. A first place winner will receive a cash prize of \$1000. A second-place winner will receive a cash prize of \$500. Winners will be announced at the reception on April 21st. Winners will be selected by a panel of judges determined by the Del Rendon Foundation.
8. The Del Rendon Foundation reserves the right to display and photograph eligible entries for marketing and communication purposes. The Del Rendon Foundation reserves the right to display a printed copy of the winning entry in any public location including the Del Rendon Foundation Art Gallery and Dave's Dark Horse Tavern.
9. While painting celebrities' images is not copyright infringement, unless you are copying another painting or photograph of them, individual artists are responsible for complying with all applicable copyright rules, laws, and regulations. The Del Rendon Foundation reserves the right to not select an entry based on any violation of copyright laws or regulations.
10. For more information or questions contact us at [casterbunch@gmail.com](mailto:casterbunch@gmail.com)

The Del Rendon Foundation is a 501C3 public charity with the mission of supporting the arts in the Golden Triangle Community.