

PHILCON 2026 ART SHOW RULES FOR ATTENDEES

The purpose of this Art Show is to exhibit original artwork of a **science fiction, fantasy, and/or fannish nature**. Attendees may view art from professional and amateur artists, and even enter bids to purchase most of the art, except for art marked as NFS. Most of the art is also available for Quick Sale.

The art show will be in the Ballroom, adjacent to most of the Philcon programming rooms, dealers' room and gaming area.

HOW TO PURCHASE ART

There are three ways to purchase art:

Prints

- If the artwork is a print, it will be marked with a Print Sales Tag showing the name of the artwork and the price.
- Bring the art and the tag to the Control Desk at the front of the Art Show. Once you have paid for it, you are free to take the art with you.

Auction

- Your **BADGE NUMBER** is your **BIDDER NUMBER**.
- Bidding is through silent auction. Place a written bid on artwork starting at the listed minimum bid or at least \$1 dollar higher than the last bid. Bids must be in whole dollar amounts.
- Bidding closes at noon (12 PM) Sunday.
- Pieces with **THREE** written bids move to voice auction at 1:30PM in the Art Show.
- Pieces with **TWO OR FEWER** written bids are sold to the highest bidder on the bid sheet.
- If you are the winning bidder on art, you may pick up and pay for it between 1:30PM – 3PM Sunday.
- **If you bid on an item and are the winning bidder, you are obligated to pay.** Bidding is an agreement by you to pay the amount bid. Any artwork legally bid for, but not collected and paid for by the buyer will be retained by the Art Show Director(s). We will make every effort to contact the buyer, remind them of their legal obligation to pay for purchased art at the bid price, collect funds due and remit payment to the artist. If we are unable to complete the sale within three months, the art will be returned to the artist.

Quick Sale

- If the artwork is available for Quick Sale, the Bid Sheet attached to the art (or displayed nearby) will show a Quick Sale price.
- You may only purchase an item at the Quick Sale price if there are **NO BIDS** on it. Bring the Bid Sheet to the Control Desk to be processed by a staff member. **DO NOT REMOVE THE ART FROM THE DISPLAY.**
- Quick Sale purchases must be paid for immediately.

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- Art bought at Quick Sale must stay on display until 6PM Saturday.
- You may return Saturday after 6PM or any time on Sunday before 3PM to collect your art.
- When you come to collect your art, bring the art and the Bid Sheet to the Control desk and one of our staff will release the art to you.

Philcon accepts cash, check and most credit cards for payment. Please make sure to take your receipt.

ALL SALES ARE FINAL. BUYING A WORK OF ART IS FOR YOUR PERSONAL DISPLAY. ALL OTHER RIGHTS, INCLUDING REPRODUCTION RIGHTS, REMAIN WITH THE ARTIST.

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AWARDS

Philcon has a tradition of giving awards to artists and artwork. Judging is done on Saturday. Anyone may nominate a work, or an artist, for an award. Please see a staff member at the Control Desk if you wish to make a nomination.

Typical categories include:

Best of Show by Attendee Vote	Best Professional Artist
Best 3-D Artwork	Best Aspiring (Professional) Artist
Best Use of Humor	Best Science Fiction Artwork
Best Black and White	Best Fantasy Artwork

The artist will receive a certificate in recognition of the award. The certificates belong to the artist.

DO NOT TAKE THE CERTIFICATES IF YOU PURCHASE THE ART.

ART SHOW SCHEDULE

Fri. Nov. 20

Art Show Setup	11AM – 4PM
Artist Check-in	4PM – 9PM
Staff Hours	11AM – Midnight
Public Hours	7PM – Midnight
Reception	9PM – Midnight

(Everyone is invited to the Art Show & Meet-the-Pros Reception, in the Art Show and Ballroom foyer)

Sat. Nov. 21

Artist Check-in	10AM – 11AM
Unclaimed space released	11AM
Staff Hours	9AM – 10PM
Public Hours	10AM – 8PM

Sun. Nov. 22

Staff Hours	9AM – 5PM
Public Hours	10AM – 12 Noon
Open Bidding Ends	12 Noon
Voice Auction (if necessary)	1PM – 1:30PM
Art Show Sales	1:30PM – 3PM
Artist Check-out	1:30PM – 3PM
Teardown	3PM – 5PM