

Mission Statement Indianapolis Zoo

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**We protect nature
and inspire people
to care for our world.**

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Indianapolis Zoo's 23rd Annual

Naturally Inspired Paint Out

presented by the Great Frame Up Downtown

Call for Entries

Be inspired to create beautiful artwork while supporting the Indianapolis Zoo! The Indianapolis Zoo, a not-for-profit organization, seeks artists to participate in the 2025 Naturally Inspired Paint Out, our 23rd annual *en plein air* event. A group of distinguished jurors will select 18 artists from the applicants, based on creativity, integrity of work and sensitivity to and understanding of the subject. Artists selected to participate will receive a \$100 stipend to cover material costs and supplies.

The Naturally Inspired Paint Out is an opportunity for artists to gain professional exposure while supporting the Zoo's important conservation and education goals. In addition to showcasing their work to tens of thousands of Zoo members and guests at the Naturally Inspired Art Show, the artists' work will be featured in the Indianapolis Zoo Member eNews, with a circulation of more than 400,000 in Indiana and beyond.

For consideration in the Naturally Inspired event, please submit the following:

- Biographical résumé and brief letter stating interest in the Zoo's Naturally Inspired events;
- Completed Naturally Inspired Paint Out Entry Form including digital images of three examples of recent work. Each image must contain the artist's name, title of the work, medium, size and date. Examples should demonstrate to the jury the artist's technical skill and ability to handle a range of subjects;
- **Entry applications must be submitted by 5pm on Thursday, Feb. 27.**

Event Details

Naturally Inspired Paint Out Day: Saturday, April 19, 2025 (8:30am start)

- Artists will be responsible for bringing supplies onto Zoo grounds.
- Artists must stay on main pathways in publicly accessible spaces.
- A boxed lunch will be provided to artists participating in the event.
- Artwork should be no smaller than 12-by-12 inches and no larger than 24-by-36 inches.
- Artwork may be turned in by 3:30pm April 19 or completed and returned by 5pm April 23.

The artists may choose any area, plant or animal at the Zoo that inspires them. Finished pieces will be donated to the Zoo and can be turned in that day or by the end of day Wednesday, April 23. Subsequently, the finished artworks will be framed (if needed) and displayed in the Naturally Inspired Art Reception. Each piece of art will be auctioned as a fundraiser for the Zoo.

Silent Auction & Artists' Reception: Thursday, Aug. 28; 5:30-7:30pm

Artists will receive two complimentary tickets to the Naturally Inspired Silent Auction & Artist Reception presented by The Great Frame Up Downtown. Artists will be encouraged to mingle with members, donors and guests and discuss their artwork.



2025 Naturally Inspired Paint Out
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Entry Form

(Please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Affiliations: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Secondary Phone: _____

Email: _____

First Example

Title of Work: _____

Medium: _____

Size: _____

Second Example

Title of Work: _____

Medium: _____

Size: _____

Third Example

Title of Work: _____

Medium: _____

Size: _____

Entry Checklist

- Letter of interest
- Biographical résumé
- Entry form
- Three examples of work
- Submitted by Feb. 27, 2025.

Send application by email to:

ibarker@indyzoos.com

Questions?

317-630-2019 (phone)

Please note:

Applications must be submitted by 5pm on **Thursday, Feb. 27.**

Selected artists will be notified by email or phone no later than **Wednesday, March 19, 2025.**