

THE “RUNNING WILD” CENTENNIAL STUDENT ART COMPETITION

Imagine the Lost Movie of 1926

Presented by the Canton-Madison County Historical Society

One hundred years ago, in July 1926, Canton became the setting for the silent motion picture “Running Wild.” Although the film itself has been lost to history, newspaper accounts preserve its story. To commemorate its 100th anniversary, Madison County high school students are invited to imagine the official movie poster that could have welcomed audiences to the Canton Theatre in 1926.



YOUR CHALLENGE

Create an original 11 × 17-inch movie poster as though you were an artist living in 1926. Capture the excitement, style, and spirit of the era while imagining what the film may have been about. There is no single correct answer: We're looking for creativity, originality, and historical inspiration.

ELIGIBILITY

- Madison County students ages 14–18
- Public, private, or homeschool
- One entry per student

ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS

- Poster size: 11 × 17 inches
- Original artwork only
- Accepted media: pencil, charcoal, ink, colored pencil, pastels, watercolor, acrylic, mixed media, or digital illustration (printed at 11 × 17 inches)

INCLUDE ON THE BACK

- Student name
- Age
- Grade
- Address
- Phone number & email
- School
- Title of artwork
- Artist statement (100 words or fewer)

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

AI-generated artwork is not permitted.

Entries created wholly or partially using AI image-generation tools will be disqualified.

JUDGING

Entries will be judged by members of the **Acknowledgment and Ordinance (A&O) Committee** of the **Canton-Madison County Historical Society**.

- Creativity and originality
- Artistic skill
- Interpretation of the theme
- Historical inspiration
- Overall presentation

Awards	Drop-Off Instructions & Deadline
1st - \$100 2nd - \$75 3rd - \$50 Each winner also receives a one-year Honorary Family Membership to the Canton-Madison County Historical Society.	Please see our website and/or Facebook page for artwork drop-off dates and locations. All artwork must be received by: Saturday, August 8, 2026 <i>Questions can be submitted to:</i> CantonCommittee@gmail.com ; tel: 601-691-4988

WINNER SELECTION

Artwork will be judged during the week following the August submission deadline by members of the Canton-Madison County Historical Society's Acknowledgement and Ordinance (A&O) Committee. Again, entries will be evaluated on creativity, originality, artistic quality, and how well they interpret the spirit of the 1926 film and its era.

Winners will be announced Saturday, August 15, 2026, on the Canton-Madison County Historical Society's Facebook page and website.

SHARING YOUR ARTWORK

We'd love to celebrate your creativity by sharing your artwork with the community!

By entering the competition, you and your parent or guardian (if you are under 18) give the Canton-Madison County Historical Society permission to photograph and reproduce your artwork for educational, promotional, and historical purposes. This may include displaying it in exhibitions, sharing it on our website and social media, or featuring it in future publications and programs related to the "Running Wild" Centennial.

You will always retain ownership and copyright of your original artwork.

ARTWORK PICKUP

Selected entries may be displayed following the competition. After the exhibition, artwork may be picked up during dates and times announced by the Historical Society.

Artwork that is not claimed within 30 days of the final pickup date may become part of the Canton-Madison County Historical Society's collection unless other arrangements have been made in advance.

IMAGINE HISTORY. CREATE HISTORY.

Help bring a lost piece of Canton history back to life through your imagination and artistic talent.



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