

# I Madonnari Sidewalk Art Competition

HOUSTON, TEXAS

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual I Madonnari Art Competition on the sidewalks of the University of St. Thomas



Saturday, October 14, 2017  
11:00am - 5:00pm

Limited Spaces Available – Apply Early!

39<sup>th</sup> Houston Italian Festival



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### Who are “I Madonnari”?

The *Madonnari* – or *Madonna painters* – go back to the 1500’s, when traveling folk artists, using brightly-colored chinks, would copy paintings of the Madonna by Raphael, Michelangelo and other Masters onto the pavement of sidewalks or public squares in Italy. This creative and unique art form, also simply known as “street painting” began an artistic tradition that experienced a rebirth in the mid 1970’s and is now found throughout the world.

Today, *I Madonnari* festivals are held annually in Europe, Africa and the United States. This Competition brings this Renaissance tradition to Houston area high school students. Although Madonna images are still popular, today’s subjects range from traditional master-style works to modern images where the sky (or, more appropriately, the sidewalk) is the limit.

### The Competition

**Application:** To apply, the artist must be a sophomore or junior in high school during Spring, 2017. Applications are due no later than September 8<sup>th</sup> with an application fee of \$40. Early Bird applications pay only \$25 if application and fee are received by June 30, 2017.

**Competition:** Each artist will be given a 3’x 3’ square sidewalk space and art supplies. The artist will create his/her work using the chalk supplied. Each artist will be given 6 hours to complete their square.

**Prizes:** 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner will receive a \$100 cash prize, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner will receive a \$200 cash prize, and 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will receive a \$300 cash prize.

**Admission:** Competition is held at the 39<sup>th</sup> Houston Italian Festival on the grounds of the University of St. Thomas. Admission is \$8 per adult and children under 12 are free. Each contestant will receive two free admissions, one for themselves and one for a guest.

For application and more information go to:  
[www.HoustonItalianFestival.com](http://www.HoustonItalianFestival.com) or contact the  
Italian Cultural & Community Center at 713-524-4222 ext 3