

**NANKIN FLIGHT OF EAGLES
C/O WESTLAND ARTS FOUNDATION
6129 N HARVEY ST
WESTLAND, MI 48185**



NANKIN FLIGHT OF EAGLES PROJECT CALENDAR

Jan - May 2025

- Sponsorship Sales and Set-up
- Artist submissions
- Artist fiberglass & painting clinics and informational meeting
- Go to www.westlandarts.org for exact dates

May 15, 2025

- Deadline for artist submissions

June - July 2025

- Submission reviewed and approved
- Final matching of artists with sponsors begins
- Westland Arts Foundation will host an artists' showcase of submissions for sponsors

September 2025 - February 2026

- Selected artists begin painting eagles and the flight begins

some dates subject to change

March 1, 2026

- All eagles must be completed and delivered to Nankin Flight of Eagles' storage. *It is imperative that all eagles are delivered by this date.*

May 2026

- VIP Preview Gala - all sponsors and artists are invited to preview the eagles in one location before they take their flight around Westland

May 16, 2026

- Nankin Flight of Eagles have LANDED!
- Special ceremony tying in with City of Westland's 60th Anniversary
- Nankin Flight of Eagles on display until Sept.

September/October 2026

- Live auction of eagles

SOARING INTO WESTLAND!

PRESENTING NANKIN FLIGHT OF EAGLES--COMING THIS SPRING

As we prepare to celebrate the history and heritage of Westland's 60th anniversary, dozens of eagles will soar and land in locations all around the streets, neighborhoods and businesses in the city.

Brought to you by Westland Arts Foundation. Nankin Flight of Eagles is a community art project that is designed to promote businesses, celebrate local artists, the history of Westland/Nankin Township and benefit the Arts and Culture pillar of Westland.

Here's how it works. First, local businesses sponsor the four-foot tall, and up to 14 foot wingspan, fiberglass eagles. Then in October 2025, local artists begin creating their design. In May 2026, the eagles--depicting images and designs celebrating Westland's businesses, history, notable people and other creative art--will debut prior to landing in time for the city's 60th anniversary celebration. So keep your eyes looking to the sky!

Finally, in October 2026, all eagles without a nest, will be sold at a live auction. The proceeds will benefit existing and future art organizations and opportunities, raising the placemaking and wellbeing of the City of Westland (from "The Impacts of Public Art", Cheung, Smith and Craven, 2022).

Ownership & Proceeds

Westland Arts Foundation will retain ownership of all eagles until they are sold either at auction or through other means. The goal of Nankin Flight of Eagles is to bring the enjoyment and benefits of public art to the Westland community and serve as a fundraiser to support existing arts groups and inspire new art groups to form. Proceeds from the fundraiser will support the efforts and mission of the Westland Arts Foundation to elevate the arts and culture in Westland. Initial beneficiaries are: Inspire Theatre, Develop Dance Project & Three Cities Art Club--final list to be determined before the auction.

4 eagles sold!

HURRY! Sponsorships are going fast!





TO BE SUBMITTED BY EAGLE SPONSORS

Yes! I'd like to sponsor an eagle in Westland Arts Foundation's Nankin Flight of Eagles.

HURRY! A limited number of eagles are available.

All contracts must be received by May 15, 2025. You will be invoiced for your eagle. Payment must be received within 15 days of your sponsorship order .

- I select: Commitment Level 1, Eagle 1 - \$3,000 (includes artist fees)
 Commitment Level 1, Eagle 2 - \$3,000 (includes artist fees)
 Commitment Level 1, Eagle 3 - \$5,000 (includes artist fees)
 Commitment Level 2, Eagle 1 - \$2,400 (pays artist directly)
 Commitment Level 2, Eagle 2 - \$2,400 (pays artist directly)
 Commitment Level 2, Eagle 3 - \$4,000 (pays artist directly)

Contact Name

Alternate Contact

Company

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Alt. Phone/email

Email

As a sponsor of an eagle, I will collaborate on its design, have naming rights for the eagle and receive recognition on the eagle plaque and all other appropriate promotional items. The eagle will remain property of Westland Arts Foundation/ Nankin Flight of Eagles until sold at auction or other means. I agree to maintain the required insurance on my eagle with the Westland Arts Foundation named in the policy.

Signature

Date

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM BY MAY 15, 2025

Mail: Westland Arts Foundation, Attn: Emily Bauman,
c/o The Dance Academy, 35000 Warren Rd, Westland, MI 48185

Email: info@westlandarts.org

Phone: 248.509.4744

All eagles will be displayed for the public within the boundaries of the City of Westland. If you have a preferred location, please indicate here by providing the business or other landmark. Please include the address and cross streets.

First choice location:

Second choice location:



FIBERGLASS EAGLE DIMENSIONS

Eagle 1 & 2: 4' tall | approx. 2' wide | 60 lbs

Eagle 3: 4' tall | 14' wingspan | 7' high at tip of wing | 140 lbs

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RENDERED DESIGN TO BE SUBMITTED BY ARTIST ON OR ATTACHED TO THIS FORM

Artist Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Alt. Contact _____

Email: _____

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Artist Signature Date

EAGLE 1





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Artist Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Alt. Contact _____

Email: _____

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Artist Signature _____ Date _____

EAGLE 2





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Artist Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

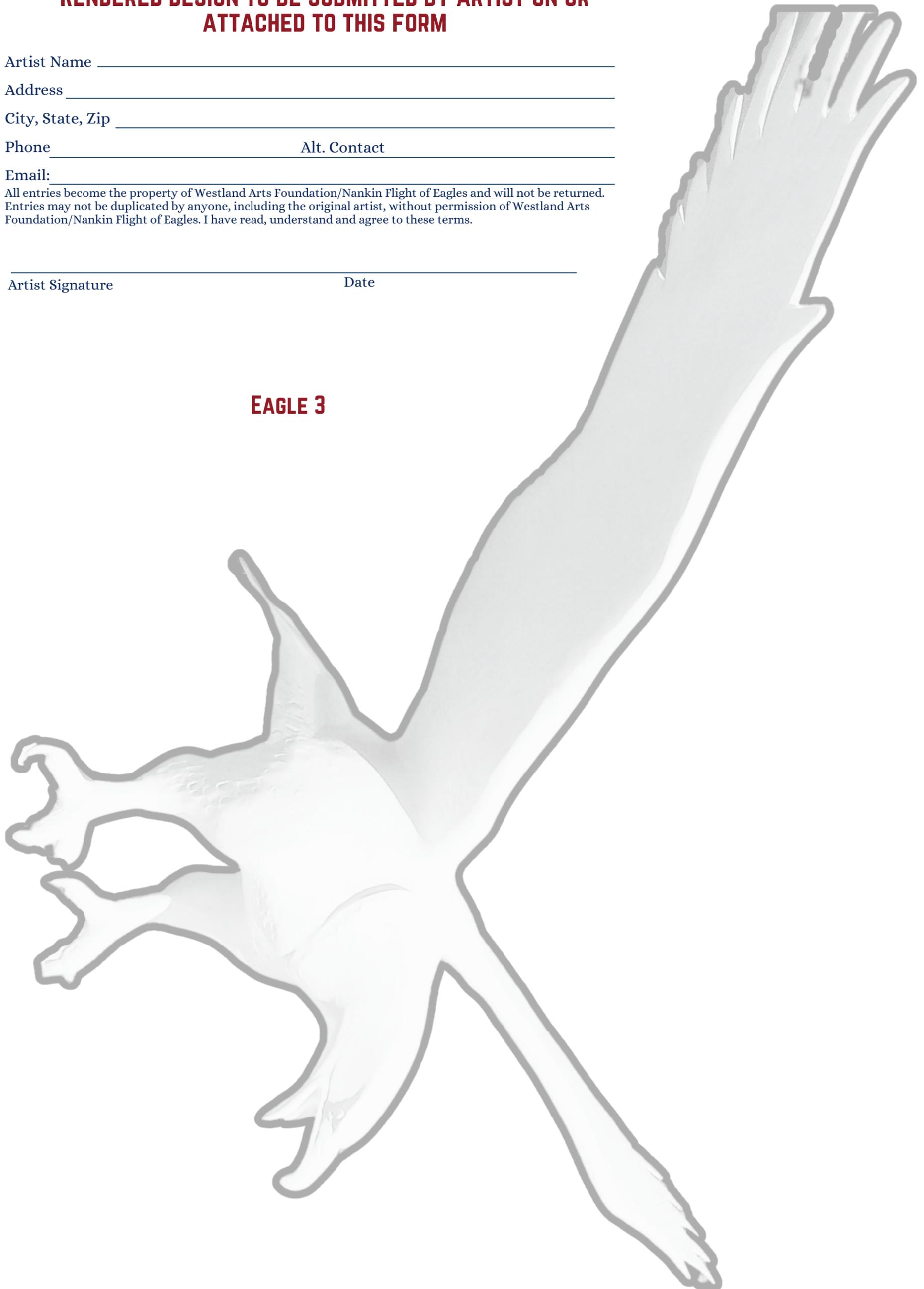
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Email: _____

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Artist Signature _____ Date _____

EAGLE 3





DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:

Submissions must be delivered or postmarked by May 15, 2025

SEND SUBMISSIONS TO:

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ARTISTS WILL SUBMIT:

1. Design submissions for eagle sponsors to review and choose from once they have sponsored an eagle. Please use the eagle design on the Call for Entries and illustrate your design on it. You are welcome to submit as many designs as you wish, however, each must be on a separate 11"X17" sheet of paper and include your name and contact information.
2. With each design, include a written description of your eagle(s) including the materials affixed to the design(s).
3. Please include your resume or letter of background, current address, phone number, fax number (if applicable), and e-mail address.
4. It is encouraged that your design reference local Westland businesses, history, ideas or scenes, or they can be artistic creations that elevate art in the community.

PLEASE NOTE:

Original designs will become the property of Westland Arts Foundation/Nankin Flight of Eagles and will not be returned.

Eagles remain the property of Westland Arts Foundation until auction or other means of sale.

SPONSORSHIP, ARTIST'S HONORARIUM & RESPONSIBILITY

LEVEL 1 - \$3,000 (EAGLE 1,2); \$5,000 (EAGLE 3)

Westland Arts Foundation will pay an honorarium of \$ 600 (1,2) or \$1,000 (3), respectively to artists selected and matched with a Nankin Flight of Eagles sponsor who has paid for the commitment level that includes the honorarium. The respective honorariums will be used to offset the time spent to decorate the eagle, cost of materials and, as needed, transportation between storage warehouse and your studio (or location where work will be completed) and transportation back to the storage warehouse once the eagle is completed. Artists will be paid the honorarium once the completed eagle is returned. No money will be disbursed up front.

LEVEL 2 - \$2,400 (EAGLE 1,2); \$4,000 (EAGLE 3)

Some eagle sponsors will opt for Level 2 commitment. This level requires eagle sponsors to find an artist on their own and pay that artist directly (Westland Arts Foundation will not be responsible for paying artists who have agreed to do work for the Level 2 commitment). It is our wish to keep artists' honorarium fees consistent throughout the project; therefore, we recommend \$600 (1,2) and \$1,000 (3) to all artists. Please clarify the terms of payment with your eagle sponsor prior to starting any work.

If, while you are close to starting or during your art process, a design changes drastically from the initial proposal, a new design specification must be submitted. If the design changes drastically and new specs are not submitted, the artist forfeits the honorarium and the eagle may not be displayed.

Please review the Nankin Flight of Eagles project calendar for information regarding the deadlines for pick up and delivery of eagles. All artists will be given specific instructions regarding painting and finishing materials, as well as working with fiberglass at special artists' clinics in September/October 2025.

All completed eagles must be suitable for public display in all weather conditions and for all audiences. All eagles must have a clear auto top coat sealer to protect against the elements. It is critical eagles are returned by March 1, 2026, unless otherwise arranged, since Westland Arts Foundation will coordinate the application of the sealer.

DESIGN SELECTION PROCESS

Each design will be reviewed for appropriateness to ensure it is suitable for all ages, non-offensive and non-political. The approval process is managed by the art advisory council of Westland Arts Foundation. Approval of a design does not automatically mean your design will be used. Designs will be on display at the artist showcase for eagle sponsors to view and select with the art advisory council. They will choose from approved designs and will contact the artist directly if interested. Artists, selected to design an eagle, will receive a percentage of proceeds after the sale/auction of the eagle with their design.

WESTLAND ARTS FOUNDATION & PUBLIC ART

Westland Arts Foundation exists to fundraise and support existing arts organizations and help launch new arts organizations in the city of Westland. Their mission is to make Westland an art destination. Their inaugural project, Nankin Flight of Eagles, will showcase public art in Westland and be a fundraiser to benefit the organization and other arts groups in Westland.

Public art benefits the community by having significant and positive impacts on placemaking, society, culture, economy, sustainability, wellbeing, wisdom and innovation (Cheung, Smith, & Craven, 2022). Arts & Culture is one of the 5 main pillars of a thriving community (mml.org, 2023).

