



KREWE OF GAMBRINUS 2026 OFFICIAL PARADE THEME POSTER CONTEST

Guidelines & Entry Form

Be a part of our Mardi Gras history! In honor of the 37th celebration of the Krewe of Gambrinus' family-friendly Mardi Gras parade, krewe members and artists from Galveston Island and the surrounding areas are invited to submit an official poster design depicting Gambrinus' 2026 parade theme, "*Fables & Folklore - Magical*".

The winning theme poster will be reproduced as a commemorative poster to be shared with members of the Krewe of Gambrinus and retail merchants. The poster design will also be displayed on the Krewe of Gambrinus website, social media and in our members' newsletter. The artist with the winning poster will receive a \$300 award.

Artist Eligibility: Any United States citizen 18 years of age or older.

Eligible Artwork: The Krewe of Gambrinus will consider original two-dimensional work including mixed media and traditional paint media, including but not limited to oil, acrylic, watercolors, pastels, pen and ink, pencil, or some combination thereof. Digital/graphic designs will also be accepted.

All Submissions Must Include:

1. A physical art piece measuring 18" x 24" in vertical format (canvas, linen, panel, paper, board or a similar flat format) AND an electronic file (PNG or JPG) of the artwork in high resolution 300 dpi in required size. Many online design programs will have automatic live and bleed areas calculated for you. The electronic file of the design must allow for enough bleed so that a printed 18x24 design will extend to the edges of the paper. The minimum bleed area is 1/8". Extra background image may be extended to ensure the colors run all the way to all four edges before trimming.
2. "*Gambrinus Presents*" and should appear in the top third of the poster.
3. "*Fables & Folklore - Magical*" should appear within the upper top two-thirds of the poster.
4. The bottom third of the poster should include the names of the King, Queen, Honorary Grand Marshal, and Royal Court members. This information will be available by December 9, 2025 on the Krewe of Gambrinus website (www.kreweofgambrinus.org).

5. Parade information should appear near the bottom of the Safe area

Parade rolls at 6 pm

February 7th, 2026

A family-friendly parade since 1989

Seawall to the Historic Strand

6. Art must reflect the family-friendly 2026 Gambrinus parade theme, *Fables and Folklore – Magical*.

7. Artwork should be framed and/or mounted on hard backing.

8. **In addition to the artwork, the artist must include the following in an envelope securely attached to the back of the artwork:**

- a. Artist Submission Entry Form
- b. Description of the media used
- c. A brief biography of the artist (100 words max)
- d. USB flash drive with electronic file of the 18"x24" poster (PNG or JPEG)

Submitting Your Artwork

- One (1) 18" x 24" vertical format framed / mounted art piece and One (1) electronic PNG or JPG file of the artwork – 300 dpi high resolution – on a flash drive. Please include your contact information in a separate file on the flash drive.
- Please wrap / protect your artwork to prevent damage!
- Artist Submission Form, a description of the media used, and brief artist's biography (100 words max), and USB flash drive securely attached in an envelope to the back of the artwork.
- Limit of 2 submissions per artist.
- Submissions will be accepted **Friday October 15, 2025 – Friday, November 30, 2025**, and should be **hand-delivered between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.** or mailed to:

Jennie Latham / GPD Training Division
Galveston Police Dept – 601 54th Street
Galveston, TX 77550

****Call in advance of delivery: 409-765-3739****

Ownership/Use Rights

The Krewe of Gambrinus will retain all rights to the winning artwork including original physical artwork, electronic file and all printed posters.

- The artist may be asked to sign a limited number of posters that may be sold or given away.
- Electronic files from artists will remain the property of the Krewe of Gambrinus for media distribution in print and/or digital platforms.
- The winning poster will be reproduced as a commemorative poster for the Krewe of Gambrinus and may be given away during Krewe Mardi Gras festivities; it may be shared with local retailers for public display.
- The Krewe of Gambrinus has the right to select a second poster to be used at its discretion.

Questions? Please email: jsmey127@yahoo.com



Artist Entry Submission Form

Participating artists agree by entering the Galveston Krewe of Gambrinus 2026 Official Parade Theme Poster signing this submission form:

- The winning artwork will be displayed at the *Mardi Gras All Krewe Poster Unveiling Event* at The Davidson Ballroom in Galveston - date / time to be determined TBD.
- The electronic file will remain property of the Galveston Krewe of Gambrinus and will be used in print and digital media promoting the Gambrinus parade.
- The winner of the family-friendly Galveston Krewe of Gambrinus 2026 Official Parade Poster Contest will release all rights and ownership to the Galveston Krewe of Gambrinus.
- Place this completed form, a description of the media used, and artist's bio (max 100 words) in an envelope and securely attach it to the back of your poster submission.

By signing the Artist Entry Submission form, I hereby agree to the conditions and all guidelines mentioned in the Guidelines & Entry Form for the Galveston Krewe of Gambrinus 2026 Official Parade Theme Poster.

ALL FIELDS REQUIRED :

_____ Name

_____ Street Address, City, State, ZIP

_____ Phone Number

_____ E-mail Address

_____ Occupation

_____ Signature

Krewe Use Only: Received by _____ Date _____ Time _____