

Carmel Rain on Main 2025 Artist Info

Rain on Main is back for the eleventh year! Local artists are again invited to paint a rain barrel for this unique program. The painted barrels will be on display along Main Street in the Carmel Arts & Design District the week of August 15-23. On Saturday August 23rd the barrels will be displayed at the **Carmel Farmer's Market** and a silent auction with proceeds going to water quality education in Carmel will be held.

The barrels will be part of an art show (1st, 2nd and 3rd places will receive cash prizes). A "People's Choice" selection, based on votes on Facebook will also be named and 1st and 2nd places will receive a cash prize. Additionally, your barrel and a bio will be featured online in the weeks leading up to the event as well as in social media.

To participate as an artist:

Visit RainonMain.com/artistinfo to apply to be a ROM artist. Applications are due by April 4th, 2025. Be sure to review the rain barrel painting instructions and timeline to be sure you can fully comply. Artists will be notified of their status on April 11th and barrel pick up for approved artists will begin on Saturday April 12th.

Rain Barrel Instructions

- Barrels have been sanded and primed by Tom Wood Collision of Carmel.
- The barrel can be painted with any acrylic paint.
- Artwork does not need to have an environmental theme. However, avoid designs of a political, religious or sexual nature. Do not use any copyrighted content or any logos. We have also noticed that designs that feature faces (human or mystical) and words (aside from very common short phrases -Island Time theme) typically do not perform well in the auction. You are welcome to sign your barrel.
- The paint on the rain barrels takes much longer to dry than typical mediums. Avoid heavy layering of paint and thick areas, it results in the paint peeling up. **Allow for extended drying time.**
- When your barrel is **fully dried (at least 48 hours)**, **apply at least two coats of protectant (provided).** Be sure to **let the barrel fully dry between coats (24 hours).**
- Barrel painting should be complete no later than July 5th to allow a week for drying and protectant coat applications (with full dry between).
- Once your barrel is painted, coated, and DRY, return your barrel, **in the original box**, to the pick-up location during business hours by **Saturday July 12th.**

This painted rain barrel contest and auction is being organized by the City of Carmel, Utilities Department, Department of Storm Water Management and the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Example barrel shown below (barrel will be primed before pickup)

Dimensions: 35" x 25" x 26" at 18 lbs.



**See all barrels from previous years at
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