

ZINE RULES:

- Please draw on a **5.75" x 8.75" (1725x2625 pixels)** canvas at **300 DPI (Portrait mode)**; Please try to set your color mode to CMYK.
- This includes the bleed, so if you are planning to include text in your piece, please keep it about 1/8th of an inch away from the borders of the canvas.
- Digital art preferred, but if you are a traditional artist and can make a clean scan as well as edits and resizes to your piece to match the zine requirements then feel free to work traditionally.

We will have 35 artist slots. **If you need an extension or know you will have to drop out, please let us know as soon as possible.** PLEASE only apply to or accept the artist slot if chosen if you can commit to our timeline. We understand things happen, but we ask that you update us and message us immediately if your situation changes us as we had a few artists ghost us and never submit their final pieces last year.

ZINE THEME: "BREAK"

What's 'break'? Whatever you want it to be! We've left the definition up to the artists interpretation!

Here is our timeline for the project. We have edited a few of the dates from our initial timeline:

- October 6 – Application form closes
- ~ October 16 – Application results are sent out
- October 22 – Artist form must be submitted
- ~ October 24 – Artists are emailed their choices, artists work on pieces
- Nov 1st – FIRST CHECK-INS (Rough sketch of idea is the minimum requirement!)
- November 15 – SECOND CHECK-INS, preview images may be posted
- ~~December 4 – FINAL PIECES MUST BE SUBMITTED~~

Extensions are not given for check-ins. Please also do not post your own image previews of your pieces online until you are given the OK!

In order to keep things both organized and inclusive to people who may not follow the comic series, character choices will be limited to video game universe characters and select comic characters. Comic character choices include:

- Freedom Fighters (Sally, Nicole, Rotor, Bunnie, Antoine)
- Shard
- Scourge
- Tangle
- Whisper
- Jewel

Characters with limited game appearances that are also allowed, just as a reminder: Honey, Ray, Mighty, Fang, Bark, Bean, Chip, Shahra, Merlina, and Maria.

The only alternate versions of characters allowed are the classic universe characters and boom universe characters (limited to the main cast). If you have questions about any characters that are allowed, do ask!

Please do not draw human versions/gijinkas unless the characters are human (ex: Eggman, Elise, Maria, etc.)! Caricatures should be limited to original sonic models.

- Try to make the composition look as much like a page in a magazine as you can! The drawing does not have to be background heavy, but try not to leave it blank or just a solid color (unless the characters take up a majority of the page and you barely see the background, then solid color or a pattern will be OK)
- Text and all-out designs are encouraged! Try to refrain from leaving characters without shirts or pants (unless you're drawing dresses or skirts of course), because we really want to see the characters rocking a whole outfit, and the designs you give 'em to show off!
- Adding onto the above point, please try to present characters as full bodies- no busts, closeups, or half bodies please! There are some compositions we will allow though, if only a small part of the character is cut off.
- Do not draw anything that would represent a racist stereotype, oversexualized attire, or include offensive logos or typography; zine moderators will be reviewing pieces during the first and second check-ins to ensure this does not happen. If you have a question about something in your piece, please send an email, Twitter DM, or message a moderator on discord.
- Do not draw blood / body horror / NSFW.
- Do not use this as an opportunity to draw ship art.

Though the character and design choice is open, we will be assigning characters based on priority and on a first come first serve basis. This is to avoid having artists draw similar pieces or have several pages of the same characters. Once you fill out the form, you will be contacted with the characters you'll be drawing!

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