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FINE ARTS IN A YEAR

Fine Arts Festival is a discipleship tool of the National AG Youth Ministries designed to help students Discover, Develop, and Deploy their ministry gifts. Students are offered over 80 categories that are broken down into 8 divisions: Art, Communication, Dance, Drama, Exhibition, Instrumental, Vocal, and Writing.

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HI FRIENDS!

Fine Arts exists to help students discover, develop, and deploy their talents in their churches and communities. Our first hope is that Fine Arts Festival gives students opportunities to try new things, discovering talents for the first time as they creatively serve Jesus. Our second hope is to provide an atmosphere where students can develop those talents, receiving both sincere encouragement and challenging feedback. Our final hope is that students will take their talents, motivated by their devotion to Jesus, and change the world around them.

I am grateful for every leader that pours into students in preparation for Fine Arts, and for your help in making this ministry happen in Montana. I am thankful for every student willing to do the work of developing your talents and putting them at the disposal of Jesus as we share his message everywhere we go. You are vital to God's plan to reach the world.



JOE EPLEY
NETWORK YOUTH DIRECTOR



CHRISTINE FORREY
FINE ARTS COORDINATOR



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2025 EVENT

MARCH 7-8th

Central Assembly
Great Falls, MT

Lodging: Northwest Family Fellowship
is available as a free place to stay.
No shower facilities. Email office@nwff.org

Registration: All participants and spectators must register online.

Spectating is free. Meals are available for spectators for \$5 each.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday

6pm Dinner

7pm Opening Session

8pm Check-Out Facilities (Optional)

Saturday

8:30am Check-In

8:45am Staff Orientation

9:15am Morning Session

10am Presentations Begin

12-1:30pm Lunch

3:30pm Closing Session

4:30pm Dismiss

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VOCAL ENSEMBLE



SEPTEMBER

- Prayerfully consider what the vision for your Fine Arts ministry will look like this year.
- Pray for God to help you identify gifted people who can lead and coach your Fine Arts students.
- Consider what group categories you might want to offer students.
- Familiarize yourself with the Fine Arts Festival Rulebook found online.
- Incorporate a student presentation into one of your youth gatherings...could be a short sermon, instrument solo, drama, etc...

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OCTOBER



SHORT SERMON

- Recruit coaches for your desired group categories.
- Create a Fine Arts budget and reach out to your lead pastor for any budget allowances or scholarship potential.
- Create a Fine Arts Informational Packet for students and parents.
- Recruit students for a student-led service in January.
- Reach out to MSM for any questions you have about the rulebook.
- If you have a fall outreach at your church, incorporate your students' entry to share the gospel

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NOVEMBER

- Show a Fine Arts video to your students in the weekly youth service to build anticipation.
- Research/Book accommodations in Great Falls.
- Distribute informational packets to students and even have a talented student create the graphics for it.
- Host a Fine Arts parent meeting.
- Reach out to gifted leaders in your church who might serve as evaluators or volunteers for Fine Arts Festival and direct them to MSM.
- Talk to your lead pastor about showcasing a student category on a Sunday morning.

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WORSHIP DANCE SOLO



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VOCAL SOLO

DECEMBER

- Provide the link or distribute copies of the FAF categories and rulebook to your youth and parents.
- Collect commitment forms and put teams together. Then have a meeting to create a plan for what the presentation will look like.
- Have your student artist(s) create Christmas cards for a local nursing home or to send to missionaries.

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JANUARY

- Encourage your students to register on the MSM website starting January 1st! Both participating students and spectator students/families need to register to attend.
- Consider a Fine Arts fundraiser.
- Do a check-in with students doing individual categories. A check-in consists of meeting with students doing individual categories and making sure that they know the rules, have a plan, and are staying on track to have their entry ready for March.
- Ask your lead pastor to have a service where your youth can join the Sunday morning worship team.



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FEBRUARY

- Continue to encourage your students to get their registrations done.
- Continue practices for group categories.
- Help student do the final edits and submit their writing and video entries.
- Be on the lookout for emails from MSM with details.
- Contact Christine if you or your students still have questions.
- Partner with your Kid's Pastor to have your students lead a portion of Sunday morning Kid's Church.

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MARCH



DRAMA ENSEMBLE

MONTANA FINE ARTS FESTIVAL MONTH

- Host a showcase night where students can present their Fine Arts entries.
- Continue practices and ensure your presentations follow the rule book.
- Travel to Central Assembly in Great Falls for FINE ARTS FESTIVAL!



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STRING SOLO

APRIL

- Celebrate with your church the impact Fine Arts Festival had on your students' lives
- Have a student led service and highlight a specific category
- Connect with your students who received an invitation to National Fine Arts Festival and discuss your plans to attend.
- Invite students who did not advance to come and participate in National Youth Conference and support their fellow student artists.

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WOODWIND SOLO

MAY, JUNE, & JULY

- Finalize plans for NFAF.
- Make sure all registrations are sent in and travel accommodations are set.
- Continue group practices for NFAF.
- Have a student-led service or presentation window during your service.
- Lead a fundraiser for NFAF.
- Recruit students for a student-led service in September.

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AUGUST

**NATIONAL FINE ARTS FESTIVAL/
NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE MONTH**

- Hold a community outreach or back to school bash with your church where you can use student artists to share the gospel.
- Have a student create a promo video for your youth group to share on social media or on a Sunday morning.

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VISUAL ART, 3D

CATEGORIES



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ART DIVISION

- Graphic Design
- Photography, Digital
- Camera, Jr. & Sr.
- Photography, Film
- Photography, Mobile
- Device, Jr. & Sr.
- T-Shirt Design
- Visual Art, 3D
- Visual Art, 2D
- Alternative Media
- Visual Art, 2D, Painting and Drawing Jr. & Sr.

COMMUNICATION DIVISION

- American Sign Language, Group & Solo
- Children's Lesson, Group & Solo
- Promo Video
- Puppetry, Group & Solo
- Short Film
- Short Sermon, Jr. & Sr.
- Short Sermon, Spanish
- Short Sermon, Spoken Word

DANCE DIVISION

- Step Troupe
- Hip Hop Solo
- Hip Hop Dance Crew
- Worship Dance Solo, Jr. & Sr.
- Worship Dance Troupe, Large & Small

EXHIBITION DIVISION

- Fiber Art
- Music Production

DRAMA DIVISION

- Drama Ensemble, Large, Small & Solo
- Dramatized Quoting, Solo & Ensemble
- Human Video Ensemble, Large, Small & Solo
- Spanish
- Human Video Solo, Jr. & Sr.
- Musical Theater Ensemble, Large & Small
- Musical Theater Solo, Jr. & Sr.
- Readers Theatre
- Stand-Up Comedy

INSTRUMENTAL DIVISION

- Bass Solo
- Brass Solo
- Guitar Solo
- Instrumental Ensemble, Contemporary
- Instrumental Ensemble, Traditional
- Instrumental Solo, Folk
- Percussion Ensemble Traditional
- Percussion Solo Traditional, Jr. & Sr.
- Percussion Unconventional
- Piano Solo, Jr. & Sr.
- Piano Solo, Classical
- String Solo
- Woodwind Solo

VOCAL DIVISION

- Choir
- Christian Band
- Rap, Group & Solo
- Songwriting
- Vocal Ensemble, Large, Small, & Spanish
- Vocal Solo - Classical, Sr.
- Vocal Solo - Female, Jr. & Sr.
- Vocal Solo - Male, Jr. & Sr.
- Vocal Solo - Spanish, Jr. & Sr.
- Worship Leading, Solo, Jr. & Sr.
- Worship Team, Large & Small

WRITING DIVISION

- Book Chapter, Jr. & Sr.
- Children's Literature
- First Person Essay, Jr. & Sr.
- Flash Fiction
- Mini Saga
- Poetry, Jr. & Sr.

The logo for Montana Student Ministries (MSM) is a teal-colored shield-like shape with rounded corners. Inside the shield, the letters "MSM" are written in a white, bold, sans-serif font. The "M" and "S" are larger than the "M" at the end, and there is a small vertical line under the first "M".

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**CONTACT
US**

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We are here to serve YOU! MSM and Fine Arts Festival wouldn't be possible without people like you fostering an environment of creative discipleship for your students. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Network office with any questions or ideas you may have.



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