



CALL TO ARTISTS 2012 ARTS FESTIVAL - SONGWRITERS

MUSTARD TREE ARTS

ANNOUNCES THE 2012 ARTS FESTIVAL
FESTIVAL INCLUDES
JURIED ART EXHIBITION AND SALE
SONGWRITERS COMPETITION
SHORT FILM FESTIVAL
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ALL THINGS NEW is the theme for this year's festival scheduled for this spring during the weeks preceding Easter.

Mustard Tree Arts Underwriters and Fellowship Bible Church have sponsored 5 previous festivals.

Visual artists, songwriters and film makers will all have an opportunity to create unique new works centered on this theme.

Festival goers and artists alike all get to share in creating a very special event. Events include the visual art Gallery, Songwriters in the Round concert, and a Film Festival Night at the movies. All events will take place on the campus of Fellowship Bible Church in Little Rock, AR at 1401 Kirk Road.

Artists should review the calendar of events for deadlines, Gallery hours, and special events that you should attend.

Everyone should spend time considering the theme scriptures provided for inspiration and for writing your inspiration statement.

Then, depending on your creative expression method, look over the items specific to your entry. Awards and other information will be found there.

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MUSTARD TREE ARTS

2012

Mustard Tree Arts Productions' desire is to lead people to explore God's truth through creative artistic expression. Born in 2003 as Mustard Tree Theatre, the vision was expanded in 2005 to include the Art Festival and Sale.

Now in its sixth year, the Festival continues to expand its scope of artists encouraged to engage with the word of God as a source for artistic inspiration.



JANUARY 13 Call to artists released on website

JANUARY 22 Demo Day
Pastors, staff and artists demonstrate this year's theme and give tips to help you create a masterpiece 3-5 pm Sunday

FEBRUARY 1 Entry submissions begin

FEBRUARY 29 Deadline for all entries

MARCH 6 All artists notified of selection for festival

MARCH 17 Visual art load in day 10-2 pm Saturday

MARCH 24 Underwriters' private gallery 10-12 noon

MARCH 24 Visual artists reception and awards ceremony 1:00 pm Saturday

MARCH 24 Gallery opens 2-6 pm Saturday

MARCH 30 Film Festival Event-showing of top winners 7-8:30pm Friday

APRIL 1 Songwriters Showcase Event 6-8 pm Sunday

APRIL 6 Good Friday Services and Communion 4-9 pm

APRIL 7 Gallery open for final sales 2-6 pm Saturday

APRIL 8 Easter Services 9 & 11 am Sunday

APRIL 8 Gallery open for viewing only 8-1 Sunday

APRIL 10 & 11 Purchased art may be picked up from the Gallery with receipts 4-6 pm Tuesday and Wednesday

APRIL 14 Artists may pick up unsold art 9-11 am Saturday

GALLERY HOURS

MARCH 24 SATURDAY 2-6

MARCH 25 SUNDAY 1-4

MARCH 30 FRIDAY 4-9

MARCH 31 SATURDAY 2-6

APRIL 1 SUNDAY 1-6

APRIL 4 WEDNESDAY 4-9

APRIL 6 FRIDAY 4-9

APRIL 7 SATURDAY 2-6 (FINAL SALES OPPORTUNITY)

ENTRY DEADLINES

FEBRUARY 29 END OF DAY

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO GET YOUR ENTRY IN ON TIME

YOU MAY SUBMIT ENTRIES THROUGH THE ONLINE PROCESS BEFORE THE DEADLINE

THEME

Inspiration is a key element in creating a truly great work. We have chosen these scriptures to give guidance in the theme for ALL THINGS NEW. Keep in mind as you create that a part of the entry will be a short "inspiration statement" telling us how your work fits this theme.

Romans 8:18-25

God established perfection through Creation, but our sin brought decay and enslavement. We wait with hope for restoration

<http://tinyurl.com/ALL-THINGS-NEW-ROMANS>

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

In Christ, we are made new and reconciled with God

<http://tinyurl.com/ALL-THINGS-NEW-2CORINTHIANS>

Revelation 21:1-5

We have hope in the promise of Heaven where everything will be restored and renewed

<http://tinyurl.com/ALL-THINGS-NEW-REVELATION>

ROMANS 8:18-25

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

REVELATION 21:1-5

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

SONGWriters INFORMATION

SONGWRITER DIVISIONS

SONGWriters MAY SUBMIT WORK IN ONE OF THESE DIVISIONS

PROFESSIONAL DIVISION

Career professional writers and performers - artists who regularly receive compensation for their artistic works (more than \$5000/year)

ARTIST COMMUNITY

Any nonprofessional writer above the age of 18

SCHOLAR

Nonprofessional writers ages 12-18 as of March 2012

INSPIRATION STATEMENT

As part of your submission you will be asked to write an inspiration statement (500 characters or less) that describes how your entry fits the theme of ALL THINGS NEW.

What scriptures inspired you to write what you wrote? How did God speak to you during this time? How does your music express that.

This statement will be used by the committee during the selection process.

ENTRY DEADLINE FEBRUARY 29TH



ELIGIBILITY & GUIDELINES

This exhibition is open to all writers who are able to attend the events associated with the exhibition. Top winners will be asked to perform at the "Songwriters Showcase" event on Sunday night, April 1st. There is no fee for entry. All songs must be original in concept and creation. No copies of other's work will be accepted, including works presently under public domain. Minors (those under 18 before April 1st) will need to obtain parental permission to participate in the festival.

Each song submitted must be accompanied by lyric sheets and a short inspiration statement in pdf format. Entries will be accepted between Feb 1 and Feb 29. Songs must be uploaded to Sound Cloud in AIFF, WAVE, MP3 OR ACC format and the access information supplied during the entry process. If you have questions about how to use Sound Cloud email us at mustardtreearts@gmail.com. Songs should be less than 5 minutes in length. If selected we may ask that you provide a high-quality recording via cd.

You will be asked to release rights for Fellowship Bible Church and/or Mustard Tree Arts to use your work during the festival, church services, and posting on the websites associated with the festival and in the promotion of future festivals. We may also make a compilation work which will include your recorded work. You will retain all ownership rights to your entry.

JUDGING, AWARDS, AND PERFORMANCES

All songs submitted will be judged for acceptance into the festival by the Mustard Tree Arts Festival Songwriters Committee and sent to the Judge (to be announced) for selection of the top entries. There will also be an opportunity for the public to vote for their favorites during the festival for a people choice award.

Awards will be for the top winner in each division:

Professional: \$200 for first place, award ribbons for second and third place

Artist Community: \$100 for first place, award ribbons for second and third place

Scholar: \$50 for first place

People's choice: \$100

Grand Prize: Professional recording of song (up to \$750 - Entry chosen by Festival Committee)

"Songwriters Showcase" will take place on April 1st from 6-8pm. Performers are invited to a special get-acquainted dinner immediately before the event. Sound checks will be earlier that day. Please make plans to attend the event even if you didn't place to support your fellow artists.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO SUBMIT MY SONG?

GO TO WEBSITE

WWW.MUSTARDTREEARTS.COM

HAVE READY

SoundCloud link to uploaded song

PDF of lyrics

PDF of Inspiration Statement

Written releases from anyone else playing or singing on the recording

Valid email address that you actually use

WHO ARE YOU

Enter your contact information.

CHOOSE YOUR DIVISION

What division do you belong to: Professional, Artist Community or Scholar. Be sure to check the info on page 4 of this call.

TITLE YOUR WORK

Enter the title of your song.

SOUNDCLOUD INFO

Provide the link and account name to the SoundCloud account where your song is located.

LYRICS & CHARTS

Upload your lyrics and charts in PDF format in the first upload field. Be sure your name and the title of your submission is on the top of the pdf.

INSPIRATION STATEMENT

Upload your inspiration statement in PDF format in the second upload field. Be sure your name and the title of your submission is on the top of the statement.

REVIEW OUR POLICIES

You will be required to accept the policies as stated to enter the festival. A copy of the policies can be found on this page.

REVIEW AND SEND

Make sure you have everything filled out correctly and hit the send button. Errors or problems? Email us at mustardtreearts@gmail.com.

POLICIES & RELEASES

HERE IS WHAT YOU WILL BE ASKED TO ACCEPT

By checking the box and indicating your acceptance on the submission page, you grant to Fellowship Bible Church and Mustard Tree Arts permission to use your work accepted into the festival in local and electronic promotion of the Mustard Tree Arts Festivals and for non-commercial church purposed. You further agree that credit to the artist does not have to be given in any promotion relating to the festival or church activities. There may be compilations made and/or postings to social media and websites in association with the festival. Your work if chosen will be shown during a special event during the festival. You retain ownership of your work but grant rights to the festival for the various uses stated above.