



**2012 District Fine Arts Festival
Georgia District of Assemblies of God**

Date: April 13-14, 2012

Location: Evangel Temple Assembly of God
5350 Veterans Parkway, Columbus GA 31904

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Registration Deadlines

Entries must be postmarked by **March 21st, 2012** | Fees: \$25 for the first category; \$10 for each additional category.

Late Registration will be open until **March 28th, 2012** | Late Registration Fees: \$35 for first category; \$10 each additional category

Proper payment must accompany all registration packets (see below).

REGISTRATION FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 28th, 2012.

Group Leader Registration Instructions

It is the participant's responsibility to ensure that all materials are submitted correctly and postmarked on time; however, there is to be only ONE Group Registration Form per church. Participant forms must be sent in with the completed Church Group's Registration Form. Individual Registration Forms will not be accepted without a completed Church Group Registration Form.

How To Register:

*(See box below for instructions on submitting registrations for Writing, Short Film, and Website entries. They are due by **March 21st, 2012**)*

Send the following in one envelope (Emails will not be accepted) by March 21st, 2012, to:

Georgia Student Ministry Network
ATTN: Fine Arts
P.O. Box 28470
Macon, GA 31221-8470

(DO NOT require a signature for delivery)

- ONE Church Group Registration Form (Only ONE per church- all forms must be sent together)
- Participant Registration forms for each and every participant from your church/youth ministry.
- **Writing Entries (4 Copies)** must be sent along with a copy of the participant registration form attached to each copy of the entry postmarked by **March 21st**.
- **Short Film** DVD's must be sent along with 3 participant/group registration forms postmarked by **March 21st**.
- Any **Website entry** must be online and its location (URL) sent along with 4 copies of the participant and group registration forms postmarked by **March 21st**.
- **Do Not bring any Writing, Short Film, and Website entries to the Festival. They must be submitted by March 21st because they are evaluated before the festival.** If above entries are postmarked after March 21st, they will not be evaluated.
- **ONE Check** (made payable to "Georgia Youth Ministries" for the total amount) attached to a completed Payment Form. If you prefer to pay by Credit Card you may do so at www.gadistag.org - You must still print the confirmation page and mail it with your Payment Form and the rest of your packet.
- A **Typed List** on a separate piece of paper with every participant's first and last name listed.

Questions on the above info? Contact Mike McGarvey at mikem@gadistag.org

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I get a Participant Schedule?

- ❖ The participant schedule will be posted online at www.gadistag.org Friday, April 6th, 2012 (PDF Format). **No scheduling information will be available before this date. Do not call** with any scheduling requests or for a copy of the schedule. There will be **NO** schedule changes. Thank you for your cooperation. Any scheduling errors, name misspellings, or dropped students will be handled at on-site check-in.

Who is eligible to participate in District Fine Arts?

- ❖ Students currently enrolled in grades 6-12. High School graduates and College students must complete the Kappa Tau section of the registration form to participate.

How are the entries evaluated?

- ❖ Three qualified evaluators, chosen for their education, expertise, and impartiality will evaluate each presentation using the following general criteria: Selection, Communication, Presentation and Technique, and Effectiveness. More specific criteria and guidelines for each category can be found at faf.ag.org

What is the Event Schedule?

Friday, April 13

3:00pm	Check-In begins at Evangel Temple (open throughout the festival)
4:00pm-8:30pm	Concessions are open
5:30pm-8:00pm	Competition begins in ALL categories
8:30pm	Worship Service Begins
9:45pm	Dismissal

Saturday, April 14

7:00am	Doors and Practice Rooms open
8:00am-3:00pm	Fine Arts Competition Resumes
10:30am-3:30pm	Concessions are open
3:40pm	Awards Ceremony Begins

How do I check in at the Festival?

- ❖ **On-Site check-in is MANDATORY and must be completed by one adult group leader.** Check-in will open Friday at 3pm and will be open throughout the entire festival. One adult group leader is responsible to check in their entire church group at registration at least 1 hour before their group's first participant is scheduled to perform. At check-in the adult group leader will:

Notify the Check-In Staff:

- That the group as arrived
- Of any participants who have dropped
- Of any misspelled or missing names

Pick up the following:

- A hard copy of the Church's schedule
- Participant T-Shirts
- CD Sleeves for all CD's (for participant name, church name, city, and track #)

* Art must be dropped off between 3:00pm - 5:00pm on Friday. No art entries will be accepted after 5:00pm on Friday.

What should I do if I have scheduling conflicts?

- ❖ All participant Scheduling conflicts will be handled On-Site at the Scheduling and Information table (open all festival). No Scheduling adjustments will be made prior to the festival. Scheduling changes will only be made for participant competition conflicts (i.e. two competitions scheduled within 15 minutes of each other.) or medical emergencies. No changes will be made for personal schedule conflicts.

What is the theme for Fine Arts this year and how does that impact my entries?

- ❖ Each year a theme is selected for Fine Arts. The theme for Fine Arts Festival for 2012 is Relentless. Most entries require that you incorporate this theme into your presentation. All Writing Division, Drama Solo/Ensemble, Graphic Design, Short Sermon, Children's Lesson Solo/Group, and T-Shirt Design entries must include the theme. You don't need to incorporate the theme into vocal and instrumental divisions. See the Official Rulebook for more info.

What recent changes have been made that I should know regarding Fine Arts?

- ❖ Please visit faf.ag.org for the most up-to-date information

How do I get a rulebook?

- ❖ The Fine Arts Festival Official Rule Book comes from the National Fine Arts office and contains detailed information about each category, such as rules/guidelines for that specific division. Each participant is responsible to read and agree to abide by all the rules listed in the Rule Book. If you need a rule book, you can request a copy by calling Gospel Publishing House (GPH) at 1-800-641-4310 and requesting item #731-404, or you can download it for free at www.gadistag.org

What should I bring to Districts?

- ❖ To be prepared, bring a CD/MP3 player with speakers for your students to rehearse with, original and copies of music, scripts, modest clothing and shoes, a watch, and money for lunch.

How will I know if I have advanced to Nationals?

- ❖ Only presentations which receive a **SUPERIOR WITH INVITATION** (score of 36-40) at the District Fine Arts Festival are eligible for the National Fine Arts Festival.

When and where will the national level of Fine Arts be held?

- ❖ **National Fine Arts Festival and Youth Convention** will be held August 6th-10th, 2012 in Louisville, KY. More information, including hotels and registration is available at faf.ag.org

I lost my Information, What do I do?

- ❖ You can download the forms at www.gadistag.org

I *still* have questions. Help!

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