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Celebration ^{of} the Humanities



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Modesto Junior College 41st Annual Competition for:

Art • Dance/Choreography • Humanities • Music Composition • Music Performance
Photography • Theatre: Monologue • Theatre: Playwriting • Writing

Entry Deadline: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 5PM
Rules, Entry Forms and for additional information visit:
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**The 41st Annual Celebration of the Humanities Ceremony
is dedicated to Kim T. Davis**

When Modestan and MJC alumnus Jeremy Renner was announced as a 2009 Oscar nominee for Best Actor, Phillip W. Schmauss must have been feeling pretty smug. You see, Phillip Schmauss edged out Jeremy Renner for first place in the Theater Monologue category in the 1990 Celebration of the Humanities contest.

Phillip and Jeremy are just two reasons that we are so proud of this contest, now going in its 40th year, recognizing the great artistic accomplishments of our students in over eight categories from black and white photography to electronic music, sculpture to dance choreography. Most of the work is produced in the context of Modesto Junior College classes and programs, under the mentorship of MJC instructors. Jeremy Renner worked with MJC theater professors Michael Lynch and Charline Freedman, performing as the Scarecrow in our production of *The Wizard of Oz* and later in Lynch's original play *Sister Gloria's Pentecostal Baby*.

Sylvia Lopez Medina is another reason. A single mother of two children and a returning student in the mid 1980's, Sylvia found her special gift through the Celebration of the Humanities. Here English teachers encouraged her to enter, and being a risk taker she did. Two years in a row she won first place in the short story contest. The first year she could hardly believe her good fortune. Her second year's honor helped her chard her future. Soon she was accepted into the very selective UC Santa Cruz Creative Writing Program, and shortly after graduating she published *Cantora*, her first novel. Before her life was cut short in a car accident, she wrote a second novel and was working on her third. Sylvia's last years were filled with confidence, enthusiasm, purpose and generous sharing of her talents with other. In the preface to *Cantora*, she credited the Celebration of the Humanities for helping her gain the courage to pursue her gift.

The Celebration of the Humanities was the brainchild of Bob Mognis, Dean of the Literature and Language Arts Division. In 1977, with the support of instructors Bob Gauvreau, Shirley Woodward, David Dow, Jim Johnson, Ken Allen and Dan Petersen, the Humanities Contest was launched. From its modest beginnings-eleven total contests in the categories of Writing, Music, Art, Speech, and Photography the Humanities Contest has grown to comprise nineteen contests in nine categories. In time, with a wider vision of its potential, the Humanities Contest became the Celebration of the Humanities. For years the Celebration's faculty steering committee was coordinated by Dan Onorato; later by Richard Serros, Mike Sundquist, Flora Carter, Deborah Barr, Chad Redwing and most recently Jim Beggs, David Dow and Aishah Saleh.

With \$300 of prize money awarded in each contest a budget of over \$6000 per year, fundraising has been essential to maintaining the Celebration. A small amount of money comes from nominal entry fees, but donations from individuals are the largest source of support. Some donors choose to contribute for specific prizes or in honor or memory of a specific person. The MJC Foundation has provided generous additional financial assistance, and we so very grateful for them. Since Bob Mognis's vision has become a reality, there have been many more Jeremy Renner's and Sylvia Lopez-Medinas, students who have grown in confidence and purpose because they were honored for their excellence.



In recognition of your effortless contributions you make to enrich the students' lives here at Modesto Junior College.
Thank you, Kim for all your hard work!

The Dedication

Each year since 1988 we have dedicated this awards ceremony to a person who has helped the Celebration of Humanities in a special way, by working on the organizing committee, supporting the Celebration financially, or promoting the humanities and the Celebration in the community. All have dedicated themselves to advancing the arts and humanities. In this, our fortieth, we applaud them.

1988	Robert Mognis
1989	Grace Lieberman
1990	Dan Onorato
1991	Manuel Rios
1992	Paul Corrigan
1993	Shirley Woodward
1994	Lee Nicholson
1995	Robert & Marie Gallo
1996	Bob Gauvreau
1997	Lewis Woodward
1998	Paul Neumann
1999	Richard Serros
2000	Dan Petersen
2001	Steve Collins
2002	Jim Johnson
2003	David Dow
2004	Michael Sundquist
2005	Tom Duchscher
2006	Janell Glance
2007	Charles Ewing
2008	Wes and Barbara Page
2009	Flora Carter
2010	Lori Bryhni
2011	Carol Lancaster Mingus
2012	Jim Beggs
2013	Doug Smith
2014	Associated Students of MJC Arts Division Staff:
2015	Kevin Saunders, Ty Van Helton Lori Sammis & Rita Perez
2016	Chad Redwing
2017	George Boodrookas
2018	Kim T. Davis

MJC CELEBRATION OF THE HUMANITIES Congratulations to the 2018 Winners!

~ART~

Drawing:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Marcy Duarte	<i>Fragmented Fidelity</i>
Second Place	Brenda Padilla	<i>Dia por Diem, All Day</i>
Third Place	Patrick Kottinger	<i>Rise and Fall</i>
Honorable Mention	Dillon Folie	<i>Sheffield Mass</i>

3-Dimensional:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Brittany Aguilera	<i>Rabbit with a Gas Mask</i>
Second Place	Marcy Duarte	<i>Torso</i>
Third Place	Tatiana Aguilera	<i>La Catrina</i>

Painting:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Danyel Davis	<i>Finestra</i>
Second Place	Eric Cotton	<i>Kiss</i>
Third Place	Joel Groskoph	<i>Portrait, A Study in Color + Grey</i>
Honorable Mention	Danyel Davis	<i>Bouquet in June</i>
Honorable Mention	Marcy Duarte	<i>Tempest</i>
Honorable Mention	Amanda Goodman	<i>Nude</i>

Mixed Media:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Mishayla Kramer	<i>She is Easy to Read</i>
Second Place	Brenda Padilla	<i>Clownin' in the Clouds</i>
Third Place	Josslyn Turner	<i>Recurring Dream</i>

Graphics:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Michael Alejandre	<i>Postulated Form</i>
Second Place	Michael Alejandre	<i>à tont à L'heure</i>
Third Place	Lindy Adams	<i>Monument Valley</i>

~DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY~

Award	Name	Title
Second Place	Shean Bautista	<i>Self-Discovery</i>
Third Place	Rebecca Kauffman	<i>Intricately Unknown, Intimately Unchanging</i>
Honorable Mention	Shakur Lewis	<i>High Energy 2.0</i>

~HUMANITIES ESSAYS~

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Amrit Pannu	<i>The Importance of Art in the Anti-War Movement</i>
Second Place	Macy Cordero	<i>3 Days of Peace and Music</i>
Third Place	Martiza Portillo	<i>Where Do I Stand</i>

~MUSIC COMPOSITION~**Classical Music:**

Award	Name	Title
First Place	David Baltz	<i>Jesus Suffered</i>
Second Place	Jonathan Ruiz	<i>Is there Hope in Limbo</i>
Third Place	Elizebeth Delash	<i>Keep Trying</i>

Popular Music:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	David Baltz	<i>Shine On</i>
Second Place	Masitsa Lubembe	<i>Overcome</i>
Third Place	Javier Ramirez	<i>Carry On</i>
Honorable Mention	Javier Ramirez	<i>Livin' My Life</i>

~Upcoming Events~

Jazz Concert
Monday, April 9 at 7pm
Performing and Media Arts Center,
Main Auditorium

Wind & Percussion Concert
Thursday, April 12 at 7pm
MJC, Recital Hall

41st Annual New Music Concert
Friday, April 13 at 7pm
Performing and Media Arts Center,
Main Auditorium

Symphonic Band Concert
Monday, April 16 at 7pm
Performing and Media Arts Center,
Main Auditorium

Beginning Voice Recital
Monday, April 16 at 7pm
MJC, Recital Hall

The Great B's:
Bach, Beethoven and The Beatles!
Community Orchestra Concert
Tuesday, April 17 at 7pm
\$5 General / \$1 Students
Performing and Media Arts Center,
Main Auditorium

Community Band Concert
Wednesday, April 18 at 7pm
Performing and Media Arts Center,
Main Auditorium

Piano Enrichment Concert
Saturday, April 21 at 7pm
MJC, Recital Hall

**Love and All That Jazz
Choral Concert**
Friday, April 20 at 7pm
\$6 General / \$3 Students
Performing and Media Arts Center,
Main Auditorium

Four Seasons
Four original one acts written and
directed by Michael Lynch
May 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 at 7pm
\$11 General / \$9 Student and Senior
Cabaret West Theatre, West Campus

Peter and the Starcatcher
Auditions

Directed by Lynette Borrelli
August 29 and 30 at 6pm
Performing and Media Arts Center,
Little Theatre

Jam n' Jive
September 26, 27, 28, 29 at 7pm
\$11 General / \$9 Student and Senior
Performing and Media Arts Center,
Main Auditorium

Speech Night
Tuesday, October 2 at 4pm and 7pm
\$5 Presale / \$8 at the door
Performing and Media Arts Center,
Main Auditorium

An Evening with Irene Schreier
Wednesday, October 17 at 7pm
MJC, Recital Hall

Peter and the Starcatcher
October 25, 26, 27 at 7pm
November 1, 2, 3 at 7pm
November 4 at 2pm
\$11 General / \$9 Student and Senior
Performing and Media Arts Center,
Main Auditorium

Fall Sing
Wednesday, November 7
Performing and Media Arts Center,
Main Auditorium

Orchestra Day
Thursday, November 8
Performing and Media Arts Center,
Main Auditorium



Electronic Music:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Paul Morgan	<i>An Actual Journey</i>
Second Place	Denarly Reyes	<i>Alarm Cycle Recover</i>
Third Place	Jacob Austin	<i>Sun Puddle</i>
Honorable Mention	David Davidson	<i>Genetic Skewing</i>

~MUSIC PERFORMANCE~

Classical Music Solo Performance:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Marissa Staffero	<i>Viola Concerto in C Minor</i>
Second Place	Joshua Kimball	<i>Air Varie no 5</i>
Third Place	Daniel Ruiz	<i>Elogio de la Danza</i>
Honorable Mention	Angela Lopez-Salazar	<i>Sonatina Op. 100 Finale Antonin Dvorák</i>

Pop Music Solo or Duo Performance:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Marina Hanna	<i>Hello / Ketak Enta</i>
Second Place	Caleb Dowdell	<i>L-O-V-E</i>
Third Place	Masitsa Lubembe	<i>Rise Up</i>

~PHOTOGRAPHY~

Black and White:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Isabella Perez	<i>Line</i>
Second Place	Nicole Casanova	<i>Nutshell</i>
Third Place	Max Hollinger	<i>Where's That Ashtray?</i>
Honorable Mention	Allie Borba	<i>Little Friends</i>
Honorable Mention	Celina Rodriguez	<i>Broken Bird Nest</i>
Honorable Mention	Patrick Kottinger	<i>The Old Man and his Immortal Cat</i>

Color:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Miriam Miramontes	<i>Slavery</i>
Second Place	Nicholas Melendez	<i>Blue</i>
Third Place	Fernando Moran	<i>Moonlit Home</i>
Honorable Mention	Bonnie Arbuckle	<i>Feeling Crabby</i>
Honorable Mention	Deborah Jones	<i>Baby It's Cold Outside</i>
Honorable Mention	Jorden Hill	<i>The Haymaker</i>

Third Place	Mary Worthington	<i>Chaotic Order</i>
Honorable Mention	Edesa Allahverdi	<i>The Story of a Woman</i>

Creative Nonfiction:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	David Davidson	<i>Hardships of You</i>
Second Place	Isabella Lopez	<i>Maybe You're Faking It?</i>

~THEATRE MONOLOGUES~

Award	Name	Titles
First Place	Christine Ford	<i>Speech and Debate / Extremities</i>
Second Place	Kevin Rama	<i>F.O.B. / Still Life</i>
Third Place	Ilianna Ramos	<i>Our Lady of 121st Street / The Mother Fu*ker with the Hat</i>
Honorable Mention	Frances Domingos	<i>The Faculty Lounge / Serious Bizness</i>
Honorable Mention	Julian Gomez	<i>The Normal Heart / The Crowd You're In With</i>
Honorable Mention	Jacob Holdaway	<i>Fat Pig / Cowboys and Idiots</i>
Honorable Mention	Austin Shockey	<i>Frankie & Johnny / Unbearable Hotness</i>

Poetry:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Ashley Young	<i>Arizona</i>
Second Place	Josslyn Turner	<i>The Memory Tree</i>
Third Place	Eric Macias Diaz	<i>The Floater</i>
Honorable Mention	Harman Sidhu	<i>I Never Learned How to Read</i>
Honorable Mention	Eric Macias Diaz	<i>Kintsugi</i>
Honorable Mention	Ashley Young	<i>The Secret</i>

Short Story:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Edward Wagner	<i>Laminate</i>
Second Place	Samantha Sprague	<i>Four Souls in a Mirror</i>
Third Place	Matthew Notary	<i>Coffey & Bender</i>
Honorable Mention	Jacob True	<i>Everyday</i>
Honorable Mention	Kristin Trethewey	<i>A Crustacean Catastrophe</i>

~WRITING~**Essay:**

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Edgar Lopez	<i>Shakespeare's Time was Beauty Paradox</i>
Second Place	Edesa Allahverdi	<i>Famous Last Words</i>

Thank you to all the students who entered the contest this year!