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Modesto Junior College March-April 2017

## Celebration of the Humanities

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



**Writing Awards Ceremony:** April 5, 7 pm, PMAC Little Theatre, MJC East

**Art and Photography:** April 6, 5:30 pm, MJC Art Gallery, MJC East  
**Art Exhibit Opening:** April 3-18 (student works) *Free to the public and wheelchair accessible*

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception:** April 6, 6 - 8 pm, Art Courtyard, MJC East

**40<sup>th</sup> Annual New Music Concert:** April 14, 7 pm, PMAC Main Auditorium, MJC East

**Choreographer's Performance:** April 20, 7 pm, El Capitan Bldg., Cabaret Dance Theatre, MJC West

**The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of the Humanities Ceremony  
is dedicated to Mr. George Boodrookas**

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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 the many extraordinary contributions you make to enrich the cultural life at Modesto Junior College. Thank you George, and the MJC Foundation, for supporting the Arts!

## 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

## MJC CELEBRATION OF THE HUMANITIES Congratulations to the 2017 Winners!

~ART~

### Drawing:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Dale Hensarling	<i>Siberian Stare</i>
Second Place	David Davidson	<i>Hand Stem</i>
Third Place	Bethany Nutting	<i>Breaking Through</i>
Honorable Mention	Timothy Long	<i>A Secret</i>
Honorable Mention	Chelsea Santos	<i>Self Portrait</i>

### 3-Dimensional/Graphics:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Karina Jauregui	<i>Bajo El Mar</i>
Second Place	Tania Velez	<i>Shattered Kingdom</i>
Third Place	Danyel Davis	<i>Albert the Owl</i>
Honorable Mention	Karen Smithee	<i>Bird Bath</i>

### Painting:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Alejandra Uribe	<i>Swallowtail Butterfly</i>
Second Place	Kelsey Gomez	<i>Still Life, 2015</i>
Third Place	Mikaela Purcell	<i>Numb</i>
Honorable Mention	Tatiana Aguilera	<i>Madonna and Child</i>
Honorable Mention	Eric M. Cotton	<i>Galaxy Greek</i>

### Mixed Media:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Brittany Aguilera	<i>Paranormal Hairtivity</i>
Second Place	Ashley Rose Tacheira	<i>Encounter Interruption</i>
Third Place	Karen Smithee	<i>The Machine II</i>

~UPCOMING EVENTS~

~DANCE / CHOREOGRAPHY~

<b>Award</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
First Place	Shean Bautista	<i>Inevitable</i>
Second Place	Jessica Espinoza	<i>Hallucinosiis</i>
Third Place	Benjamin Gallegos	<i>Boing!/ Pay Attention</i>
Honorable Mention	Cassandra Augusto	<i>Soutien</i>
Honorable Mention	Katelyn Wilson	<i>Bound</i>

~MUSIC COMPOSITION~

**Classical Music:**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
First Place	Joshua Kimball	<i>Piece for Violin and Piano</i>
Second Place	Dale Hensarling	<i>Kyrie, Eleison</i>
Third Place	Merrissa Hensarling	<i>Lullaby in f# minor</i>
Honorable Mention	Jonathan Vera	<i>Luna</i>

**Popular Music:**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
First Place	Merrissa Hensarling	<i>Sar Shalom</i>
Second Place	David Baltz	<i>Any Port in a Storm</i>
Third Place	Dale Hensarling	<i>Joy Came Down</i>
Honorable Mention	Analeyna Guary	<i>What Would I</i>
Honorable Mention	Alejo Izaguirre	<i>Lindsey</i>

**Electronic Music:**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
First Place	Matthew Long	<i>Dodecabedron</i>
Second Place	Jose Castillo	<i>Untitled</i>
Third Place	Thor Barrera	<i>Homage to CBL</i>
Honorable Mention	Thor Barrera	<i>The Stars Never Set</i>

**Aesop's Falables**  
 Directed By: Lynette Borrelli-Glidewell  
 March 31, April 7 At 7pm  
 April 1, April 8 At 2pm  
 Tickets On Sale Now!

**Strings Recital**  
 Friday, April 7th at 7pm  
 MJC, Recital Hall  
 Anne Martin / martinan@mjc.edu

**Jazz Band Concert**  
 Monday, April 10th at 7pm  
 Performing and Media Arts Center,  
 Main Auditorium  
 Erik Maki / makie@mjc.edu

**Guitar Invitational**  
 Wednesday, April 12th at 7pm  
 MJC, Recital Hall  
 David Chapman / chapmand@mjc.edu

**MJC Community Orchestra Concert:  
 The Wild Wild West and Outer Space**  
 Tuesday, April 18th at 7pm  
 Performing and Media Arts Center,  
 Main Auditorium  
 Anne Martin / martinan@mjc.edu

**MJC Concert Choir & Chamber Singers**  
*The British are Coming!*  
*The British are Coming!*  
 Friday, April 21st at 7pm  
 Performing and Media Arts Center,  
 Main Auditorium  
 Tickets on Sale Now!

**New Theatre Play Fest**  
 Directed by: Michael Lynch  
 May 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20 at 7pm  
 Cabaret West Theatre, West Campus  
 Michael Lynch / lynchm@mjc.edu

**Off the Beat! Hip Hop Dance Concert**  
 June 14 & 15 at 7pm  
 Performing and Media Arts Center,  
 Main Auditorium  
 \$11 General / \$9 Student  
 Kim Davis / davisk@mjc.edu

**AUDITIONS: The Tempest** (in Sci~Fi)  
 Directed by Michael Lynch  
 Tuesday, September 5  
 Wednesday, September 6  
 MJC, Little Theatre  
 Michael Lynch / lynchm@mjc.edu

**Jam n' Jive**  
 September 20, 21, 22, and 23 at 7pm  
 Performing and Media Arts Center,  
 Main Auditorium  
 Kim Davis / davisk@mjc.edu

**AUDITIONS: A Very Merry Improv**  
 Directed by Lynette Borrelli-Glidewell  
 Wednesday, October 11  
 MJC, Little Theatre  
 Lynette Borrelli-Glidewell  
 / borrellig@mjc.edu

**The Tempest** (in Sci~Fi)  
 Directed by Michael Lynch  
 October 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 at 7pm  
 October 29 at 2pm  
 Performing and Media Arts Center,  
 Main Auditorium

**Symphonic Concert Band**  
 Monday, December 4 at 7pm  
 Performing and Media Arts Center,  
 Main Auditorium  
 Erik Maki / makie@mjc.edu

**Community Orchestra**  
 Tuesday, December 5 at 7pm  
 Performing and Media Arts Center,  
 Main Auditorium  
 Anne Martin / martinan@mjc.edu

**Community Concert Band**  
 Wednesday, December 6 at 7pm  
 Performing and Media Arts Center,  
 Main Auditorium  
 Erik Maki / makie@mjc.edu

For a full listing of upcoming events in the **Arts, Humanities & Communications Division** please visit [mjc.edu/arts](http://mjc.edu/arts)

Please join us at the following festivities to help celebrate the students of Modesto Junior College...

### **Special 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception**

Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm – 8:00pm  
Art Courtyard immediately following  
Art Exhibit Ceremony

### **Writing Awards Ceremony**

Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
Performing and Media Arts Center  
Little Theatre, East Campus

### **Art Exhibit Ceremony**

Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm  
MJC, Art Gallery, East Campus

### **40<sup>th</sup> Annual New Music Concert**

Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
Performing and Media Arts Center, Main Auditorium

### **Choreography Performance**

Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
Cabaret West Theatre, West Campus

## ~MUSIC PERFORMANCE~

### **Classical Music Solo Performance:**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
First Place	Hanna Smolinskiy	<i>Liebstraum No. 3</i>
Second Place	German Godinez	<i>Las Dos Hermanitas</i>
Third Place	Mattea Overstreet	<i>Le Violette</i>
Honorable Mention	Francisco Martinez	<i>Rachmaninoff Prelude op 23</i>

### **Pop Music Solo or Duo Performance:**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
First Place	Mattea Overstreet	<i>At Last</i>
Second Place	Tarae McQueen	<i>How Far I'll Go</i>
Third Place	Sienna Rodriguez	<i>Mbira Song</i>
Honorable Mention	Natalie Zapien	<i>Stronger Than Me</i>

## ~PHOTOGRAPHY~

### **Black & White:**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
First Place	Cassandra Nava	<i>Life</i>
Second Place	Stephanie Aderholt	<i>Lines</i>
Third Place	Giovanni Flemate	<i>Face of a Generation</i>
Honorable Mention	Wyatt Brazil	<i>The Smoking Man</i>
Honorable Mention	Margarita Gomez	<i>Child's Nature</i>

### **Color:**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
First Place	Roberto Serrato	<i>Cryptic</i>
Second Place	Roberto Serrato	<i>Solace</i>
Third Place	Stephanie Aderholt	<i>Keziab in Red</i>
Honorable Mention	Darla Black	<i>Down the Kitchen Sink</i>
Honorable Mention	Jose Sanchez	<i>Relaxed</i>

~THEATRE MONOLOGUES~

<b>Award</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Titles</b>
First Place	Melissa Robledo	<i>The Amish Project</i> <i>A Girls Guide to Chaos</i>
Second Place	Jasmin Soria	<i>Summer and Smoke</i> <i>The Doomsday Club</i>
Third Place	Erica DeHart	<i>Summer &amp; Smoke</i> <i>Darleen Dances</i>
Honorable Mention	Jessenia Duarte	<i>Autumn's Child</i> <i>Tomorrow's Wish</i>
Honorable Mention	Jenna Webb	<i>Crimes of the Heart</i> <i>Terminal Bar</i>
Honorable Mention	Ezequiel Zuniga	<i>Pussy Boy</i> <i>Los Vendidos</i>

~WRITING~

**Essay:**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
First Place	Jennifer Thornton	<i>Prison Walls: Sometimes It's</i> <i>Gender Roles, Not Wallpaper</i>
Second Place	Rene Padilla	<i>A Journey Through a Linguistic</i> <i>Horizon</i>
Third Place	Tarae McQueen	<i>A Mind at Work: The</i> <i>Marginalization of Global</i> <i>Women of Power and...</i>
Honorable Mention	Tarae McQueen	<i>Perfect Illusion: LGBT + Self</i> <i>Discovery &amp; Violence Against</i> <i>Women</i>
Honorable Mention	Jennifer Thornton	<i>Difference in Society: A</i> <i>Comparison of Ancient</i> <i>Literature and Culture</i>
Honorable Mention	Josslyn Turner	<i>American Heroes...and</i> <i>Villains</i>

~WRITING~

**Creative Nonfiction:**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
First Place	Bianca Sucala	<i>Act of Treason</i>
Second Place	Melissa Vargas	<i>Under the Influence of</i> <i>Alcohol</i>
Third Place	Kasside Sahagun-Escalante	<i>Dear Kharismah</i>

**Poetry:**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
First Place	Bianca Sucala	<i>Selecting a Reader</i>
Second Place	Chelsea Santos	<i>Massimo</i>
Third Place	Josslyn Turner	<i>Coping with Depression</i>
Honorable Mention	Holly Crum	<i>Dull as Dishwater</i>
Honorable Mention	Alyssa Gilbert	<i>The Ballet</i>
Honorable Mention	Kasside Sahagun-Escalante	<i>Parched</i>

**Short Story:**

<b>Award</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
First Place	David Davidson	<i>Modesto Is Boring</i>
Second Place	Dale Hensarling	<i>Rosetta Dawn</i>
Third Place	Rachel Smith	<i>Beulah's Prayer Request</i>

Thank you to all the students who entered  
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