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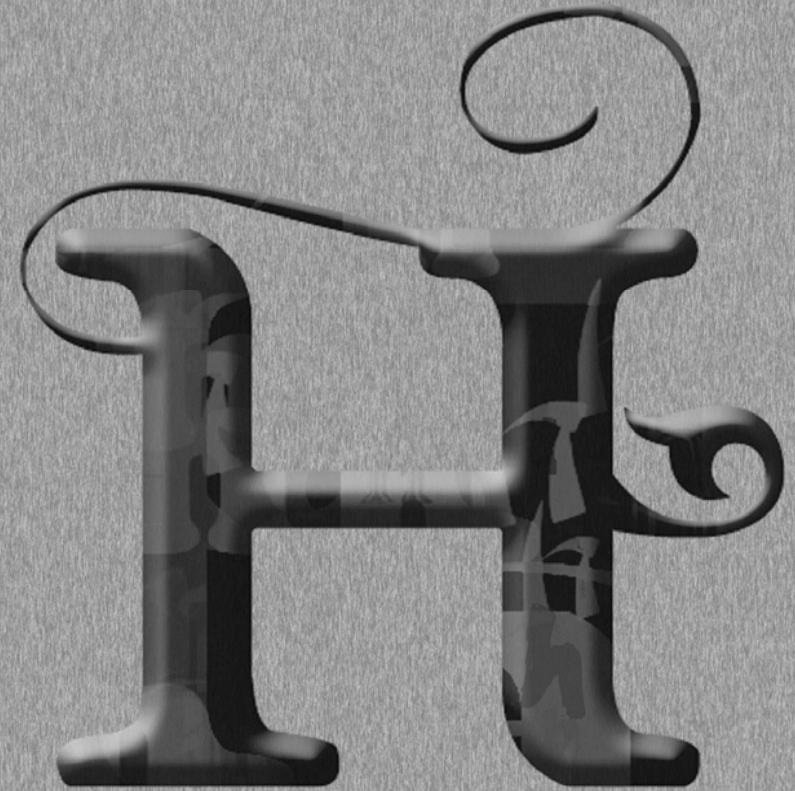
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Modesto Junior College 39th Annual **Celebration of the Humanities**

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

Student Fine Arts Awards Celebration Festivities

Art Exhibit Opening: April 4 - 20, Reception: April 7, at 5 pm, MJC Art Gallery, MJC East

Writing Awards: April 14, 2016 at 7 pm, Little Theatre, MJC East

Choreographer's Showcase: April 21, 2016 at 7 pm, El Capitan Dance Theatre, MJC West

39th Annual New Music Concert: April 23, 2016 at 7:30 pm, Main Auditorium, MJC East



THE HISTORY OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE HUMANITIES

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 39th 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 chart 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 twenty contests in eight 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, and Chad Redwing. The Awards Ceremony now enjoys a permanent home in the recently completed Performing and Media Arts Center.

With \$300 of prize money awarded in each contest a budget of over \$6000 per year, fundraising is essential in maintaining the Celebration. A small amount of money comes from nominal entry fees, but donations from individuals and businesses in the community are the largest source of support. The Associated Students of Modesto Junior College (ASMJC) have contributed in most years, and recently the MJC Foundation has provided additional financial assistance. Since Bob Mognis's vision has become a reality, there have been many more Jeremy Renners and Sylvia Lopez Medinas, students who have grown in confidence and purpose because they were honored for their excellence.

Please join us to celebrate the 39th Anniversary of the Celebration of the Humanities, there will be four separate events to celebrate our students. . .

THE ART EXHIBIT RECEPTION

Thursday, April 7th at 5:00 PM

MJC Art Gallery, East Campus

(the art exhibit of student works will be on

East Campus from Monday, April 4th until April 20th)

The Writing and Humanities

Awards Ceremony

Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 PM

MJC Performing and Media Arts Center

Little Theatre, East Campus

The Choreographer's Showcase

Thursday, April 21st at 7:00 PM

El Capitan Building

Cabaret West Dance Theatre, West Campus

The 39th Annual New Music Concert

Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 7:30 PM

MJC Performing and Media Arts Center

Main Auditorium, East Campus

The 39th Annual Celebration of the Humanities is
dedicated to Dr. Chad Redwing!

~WRITING~

Creative Non-Fiction:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Craig Faulder	“re: The Forebody Figure”
Second Place	Leticia Solis	“The Beauty of Strong Women”
Third Place	Gisela Perez	“Come Play”

Poetry:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Arleigh Worstell	“When the Levee Breaks”
Second Place	Alyssa Gilbert	“Gentleman’s Club”
Third Place	Kianna Ontai	“Have You Seen Her?”
Honorable Mention	Bianca Sucala	“Take Me Back”
Honorable Mention	Arleigh Worstell	“What I Want To Be When I Grow Up”

Short Story:

Award	Name:	Title:
First Place	Marissa Anthony	“Gentle Grace”
Second Place	Gisela Perez	“Seeds”
Third Place	Jennifer Sablan	“Smile”
Honorable Mention	Hallie Van Deventer	“Sale!”
Honorable Mention	Gisela Perez	“A Letter to Allie”



In recognition of the extraordinary contributions you
have made to the enrichment of the cultural life at
Modesto Junior College. Thank you for all that you do!!

The Dedication

Each year since 1988 we have dedicated the Celebration 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 thirty-ninth year, 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
2015	Arts Division Staff: Kevin Saunders, Ty Helton Lori Sammis & Rita Perez
2016	Chad Redwing

~WRITING~

Essay (Academic):

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Fernando Cruz	“Defining American: The Social, Cultural, and Political Implications of Freedom Independence”
Second Place	Kianna Ontai	“Examining Nature in the Works of Charlotte Smith”
Third Place	Fernando Cruz	“An Unfortunate Series of Events: The Narrative of Pan Handlers Who Bear Witness to Indifference”
Honorable Mention	Rene Padilla	“Souls Engraved on Paper”
Honorable Mention	Fernando Cruz	“The Perils of Innocence & Experience: The Unfortunate Lives of Chimney Sweepers”
Honorable Mention	Bianca Sucala	“The Oblivious Mind Misses Much”

~PHOTOGRAPHY~

Black & White:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Ashley Rose Tacheira	“Monterey, Ca.”
Second Place	Anya Murphy	“Peaking In”
Third Place	Rachel Jones	“Reflected Hands”
Honorable Mention	Deborah Jones	“Sewed”
Honorable Mention	Janessa Guzman	“Untitled”
Honorable Mention	Noal Tiry	“Time 1”
Honorable Mention	Noal Tiry	“Time 3”

Color:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Ashley Rose Tadheira	“Tractor Pull, Teddy Bear, & Miss Rodeo”
Second Place	Tina Liburdi	“Untitled”
Third Place	Paula Lewis	“RA at 40 Photogram”
Honorable Mention	Nicole Milligam	“Abbie #1”
Honorable Mention	Jennifer Roman	“Letter to Home”
Honorable Mention	Jennifer Roman	“The Yellow Ribbon”

~THEATRE MONOLOGUES~

Award	Name
First Place	Noah Thompson
Second Place	Mariafernanda Pinon
Third Place	Priscyla Sotelo
Honorable Mention	Alexsis Ramirez
Honorable Mention	Jacqueline Roth

~ART~

Drawing:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Rick Ingraham	“Alexandra”
Second Place	Cassidy Morgan	“Never Have a Friend Like Him”
Third Place	Rick Ingraham	“The Dance is Over”
Honorable Mention	Marty Johnson	“Nesting Festivities”
Honorable Mention	Gabriel Lillemoen	“Contour Study”
Honorable Mention	Marcy Durate	“Alexithymia”
Honorable Mention	Julian Pulido	“LT”
Honorable Mention	Ashtar David	“Still Life”

3-Dimensional:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Edgardo Brambila	“Burn”
Second Place	Stephanie Reyes	“Untitled”
Third Place	Juliana Tallman	“4.33”
Honorable Mention	Stephanie Reyes	“Flower”
Honorable Mention	Scott Towle	“Modesto” (The Modest)

Painting:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Ileana Rios	“Sthira Sukha”
Second Place	Katinka Van Dyk	“Basking in Geometry”
Third Place	Katinka Van Dyk	“Crossing Parallels”
Honorable Mention	Alyssa Hoagland	“Freedom of the Body, Freedom of the Mind”
Honorable Mention	Katinka Van Dyk	“Little Blue Box”
Honorable Mention	Ileana Rios	“Reach
Honorable Mention	Kailyn Brammer	“My Uncle’s Dog”
Honorable Mention	Kailyn Brammer	“My Mom’s Tucan”

~ART~

Graphics:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Scott Towle	“Riding Sand in Oregon”
Second Place	Anthony Perry	“Music Petals”

Mixed Media:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Karen Smithee	“Faith”
Second Place	Ashley Lazcuro	“Untitled”
Third Place	Kathleen McCuiston	“Glean”

~DANCE~

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Andrew Merrill	“Void”
Second Place	Alyssa Macy & Ceciley Smith	“Polarity”
Third Place	Morgan Loomis	“Fracture”
Honorable Mention	Oscar Galvan	“Untitled”
Honorable Mention	Tori Adams	“Stabilization”

~HUMANITIES ESSAY~

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Hanna Shanahan	“Know Your Legacy”
First Place	Aatqa Rasool	“Know Your Place”
Honorable Mention	Wyatt Elliott Bennett	“One Place Is Nice”
Honorable Mention	Carlos M. Garcia	“Know Your Place”

~MUSIC COMPOSITION~

Classical Music:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Zachary Campbell	“Under Glass”
Second Place	Jose Castillo Jr.	“Lost”
Third Place	Merrissa Hensarling	“SnapDizzle”

~MUSIC COMPOSITION~

Popular Music:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Davis Harper	“Wiseman”
Second Place	Clay Ruddy	“Up To You”
Third Place	Jesus Contreras	“Close Your Eyes”
Honorable Mention	Brandon Blair	“Kiss Me On The Mouth”

Electronic Music:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Joe Gil	“Vibe With Me”
Second Place	Aaron Maddocks	“They’re All Gone”
Third Place	Matthew Long	“Mark I”
Honorable Mention	Hector Guizar	“Fell the Beat”

~MUSIC PERFORMANCE~

Classical Music Solo Performance:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Hannah Smolinskiy	“Pour le Piano, I Movement-Prelude by Claude Debussy”
Second Place	German Godinez	“J.S. Bach BWV 977 Double”
Honorable Mention	Anthony Houth	“Shostakovich Cello Sonata in D Minor”

Pop Music Solo or Duo Performance:

Award	Name	Title
First Place	Tarae McQueen	“Rise Like A Phoenix”
Second Place	Stephen Davlin	“Untitled”
Third Place	Jonathan Vera	“Stone Cold”