



# FINE ARTS 25

# WHAT IS FINE ARTS?

Fine Arts is a tool to help discover, develop, and deploy students' God-given talents for grades 6-12.

Students are given the opportunity to learn new skills and meet new friends.

Fine Arts includes a District and National competition (This year, Districts will be held in Orlando, Florida, and Nationals will be held in Orlando, Florida) which attracts thousands of students from across the nation to compete in various ministry - related categories (see page #8). The program begins with weekly practices for team events in *January* and concludes with the national competition in *August*.

# THE COMMITMENT.

## Payment Plan

- Every student is committed to the Fine Arts Payment Plan.

## The Mix Orl

- Every student is committed to actively attend The Mix Orlando (Wednesdays - 7pm)

## Fine Arts Team

- Every student is committed to travel with the team (That includes transportation to and from districts/nationals, lodging, and meals).
- Every student is also committed to a weekly practice schedule.
- Every student is also committed to competing in Choir category during the district fine arts festival.



# PAYMENT PLAN

- Jan 12th \$30 x # of categories
- Feb 16th \$50
- Mar 16th \$50
- Apr 13th \$50 + remaining balance

**TOTAL DISTRICT COST:** \$250 registration + \$30/category.

**NATIONALS COST:** \$500.00+\$30.00 per category

**NATIONALS DEPOSIT:** May 18th, \$115.00

**ALL FEES ARE NONREFUNDABLE**

STUDENTS WILL NOT BE PLACED ON A TEAM UNTIL FIRST PAYMENT IS RECEIVED WITH ALL THE FORMS.



# WHAT DOES MY COST INCLUDE?

## **LODGING**

Hotel for District Fine Arts (2 Nights)  
Hotel for National Fine Arts (5 Nights)

## **SHIRT**

Choir T-Shirt

## **Registration**

Districts (1 category - Choir) and Nationals (1 category - Choir)  
(Additional categories are \$25 per category)

## **Transportation**

Transportation to and from District and National  
Transportation at Nationals

# CATEGORIES

## Instrumental Division

Brass solo  
Guitar solo  
Piano solo  
Percussion, unconventional  
String solo  
Instrumental ensemble  
Percussion, traditional (jr./sr.)  
Wind Solo

## Vocal Division

Choir  
Female vocal solo (jr./sr./spanish)  
Male vocal solo (jr./sr./spanish)  
Musical Theater (solo (jr./sr.)  
Musical Theater (small / large)  
Songwriting  
Rap (solo/group)  
Worship Team  
Vocal Ensemble (large/spanish/small)  
Vocal solo classical

## Communication Division

American Sign Language  
Children's Lesson (solo and group)  
Puppetry (solo and group)  
Short Sermon (jr./sr./spanish)  
Spoken Word  
Readers Theater  
Comedy Solo

## Writing Division

Poetry (jr./sr.)  
Book Chapter (jr./sr.)  
Children's Literature Flash Fiction  
First person essay (jr./sr.)  
Mini Saga

## Dance Division

Step (solo and group)  
Urban (solo and group)  
Worship Dance (solo (jr./sr.) and group)

## Art Division

Graphic Design  
Fiber Arts  
Photography (film, digital (jr./sr.), mobile (jr./sr.))  
Visual Art (2D and 3D)

## Drama Division

Drama ensemble (solo, small, large)  
Dramatized quoting (solo, group)  
Human Video\* (solo (jr./sr.), small, large,  
spanish)

**\*Human Video is an intense category with a lot of practices. It is also a very popular category which requires tryouts.**

# IMPORTANT DATES

## District Competition Dates.

**MAY 1ST - 3RD, 2025**

Faith Assembly of God

9307 Curry Ford Rd

Orlando, FL 32825

## Nationals Competition Dates.

**August 4th - August 8th, 2024**

Orange County Convention Center

Universal Blvd, Orlando, FL 32819

## **PARENT MEETING:**

January 5th - 1:00-2:00pm

April 27th - 1:00-2:00pm



# Human Video

Human video is a very demanding physically and schedule wise. Due to the growing amount of interest in the category, we will have auditions. Not everyone will make the human video team. As there are only a few coaches, and a lot if students who wish to participate.

# PRACTICE INFORMATION

## **GROUP PRACTICES.**

The majority of weekly group practice times for Large Human Videos will be scheduled for Sunday afternoons. Other category practices will be based upon the coaches' and students' availability. During the weeks prior to the competition, the team might add a few week day practices. PLEASE BE ON TIME!

## **INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES.**

Students are responsible to practice their individual categories on their own (Students can schedule a meeting with one of our coaches if they want additional help or church space)

## **SUMMER SEASON**

In May, we will send out a summer calendar . It's very important that students prioritize these dates (Please tell your students' coaches about family vacations as early as possible). The number of practices will only increase if a need is foreseen.

# GUIDELINES

## OTHER CATEGORIES:

We encourage you to participate in as many categories as you would like! However, please make sure to use discretion as you select your categories. Overcommitting can make the Fine Arts experience too stressful and hectic.

## ATTENDANCE POLICY:

The team leads will closely monitor attendance, both absences and tardiness. *If for whatever reason during the season, absences or tardiness become excessive, the student will receive contact via phone call. If attendance issues continue, the student will be recommended for removal from team, forfeiting any funds in their Fine Arts account.*

Please make sure all communication goes through team leads PRIOR to the day of practice, with the exclusion of emergency situations.

## CHARACTER STATEMENT:

**It is our desire that all of our team members and leadership will uphold the integrity standards and character of Church In The Son.** If there is any questionable behavior that goes against the values of CITS, we will address the situation with the individual. Depending on the severity of the behavior, an action plan will be put in to place to assist in the student's life. We desire proper growth for each of our students.

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## **DISCIPLINARY ACTION:**

The following details are expectations for our students during their commitment to Fine Arts. The team leads will document instances where students did not abide to the guidelines. Upon review of the situation, Pastor PJ or the Mix leadership team will determine a plan of action. If the situation is extreme, it will result in removal and forfeiture of funds.

## **DRESS CODE:**

All students must bring an appropriate outfit for practice. Please remember that most group categories involve lifting, tumbling, etc. Below is a list of inappropriate items for practice:

Spaghetti straps, tank tops, crop tops, see-through clothing, skirts, low cut tops, or extremely tight clothing.

## **ELIGIBILITY:**

Fine Arts is a National Ministry of the Assemblies of God, and they require all students to be actively attending an Assemblies of God Church. While some of our students call other churches home for Sunday mornings, we require our student to be actively attending CITS services.

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## FINANCIAL:

One of the largest obstacles with participation in Fine Arts can be the financial commitment. To help ease the financial burden, we have stretched payments over the course of the Fine Arts season. If your student chooses to quit or is removed for disciplinary **will not be refunded.** reasons, any payments made

## FUNDRAISERS:

Fundraisers are held from time to time to help offset the costs of the Fine Arts season. Additional team fundraisers can be done throughout the season as soon as Pastor PJ approves them. Please communicate with team leads and Mix Staff throughout the year if you are having any difficulty with payments.

## GOSSIPING:

One of the greatest hindrances of team unity is gossip. Gossip is defined as the discussion of a situation and not being a part of the problem or solution. Gossip will not be tolerated! If gossip occurs, the members involved in the activity will be suspended from practice, and the situation will be resolved immediately with all parties involved.

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## **PRACTICE ROOMS:**

We strive to provide adequate practice rooms in close vicinity to each other at the church. We ask that all students abide by room policies and not tamper with temperatures in the rooms.

## **RELATIONSHIP:**

No inappropriate PDA ( Personal Display of Affection) will occur during Fine Arts practices, or the District and National Festivals. If problems occur, students will meet with Pastor PJ or the Mix staff, and any subsequent issues will result in the recommendation of removal from the team.

## **RESPECT:**

All of our team leadership sacrifices their time every week to ensure that we are able to have a Fine Arts program. The one thing that we ask of our students is that they are respectful of their supervision. If a student cannot abide by this policy at any given practice, they will be asked to leave and parents will be notified

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## Group Me:

With the growing amount of students involved in Student Church Fine Arts, it is imperative that we continue to strive in making communication a priority. It is very difficult for this to happen without proper information. Most teams use the GroupMe app, which is free and easy to use and available for both Android and Apple devices. This is constantly updated with practice information. **Please make sure your child is active in GROUPME.**

## TEAM PLACEMENT:

Many small teams are formed by students on their own time. They form teams based on their availability. **We DO conduct auditions for *Human Video*.**