



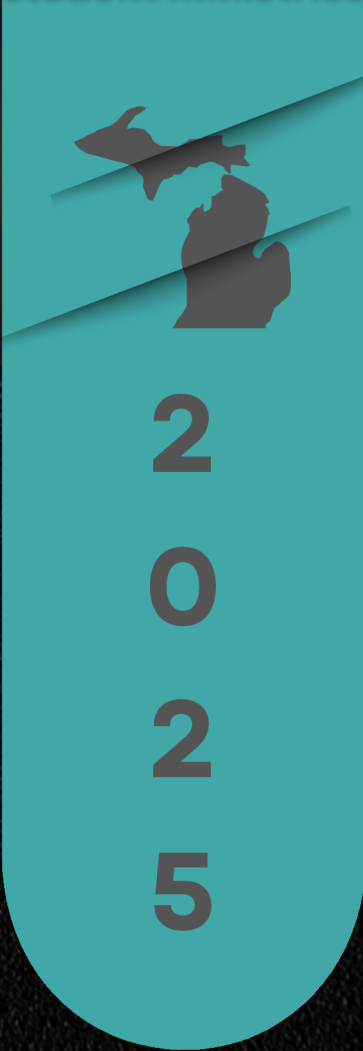
michigan
student ministries

8 DIVISIONS | 75+ CATEGORIES

FINE ARTS

IN A YEAR

Positioning middle and high school students to hear from the Lord and helping them Discover, Develop, and Deploy their ministry gifts are both important. The Michigan Student Ministries and National AG Fine Arts Festivals are tools to help you with this!





MICHIGAN!

If reaching lost teenagers is your heart and discipleship is your passion; then Fine Arts is a must! I believe Fine Arts is one of the best discipleship tools we have at our disposal. Every student has been gifted with talents and abilities from God, and it's our job to help them discover those giftings! Fine Arts is the perfect blend of leaders discipling students in developing their gifts and then showing them how to use those gifts in everyday life.

Leaders, thank you for believing in a generation that is immensely gifted and talented! Fine Arts is only as effective as the leader leading it. Students, I'm honored to be your Michigan Student Ministry Director and proud of your dedication to develop the gifting God has given you! Both leaders and students play an integral role in God's kingdom, and your innovation and courage leads others towards it.



RAYMOND MARSHALL
Michigan Student Ministries Director

DISCIPLESHIP

Only focusing on the festival as an event teaches students that **what they do** on stage matters more than **who they are** off stage. Use the festival as a discipleship tool to develop both!

- Pray about a scripture for students to focus on this season.
- Encourage students & leaders to take time to read God's Word and pray together at practices.
- Form small groups for the year using groups and/or individuals.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

The Michigan Festival has three registration dates with different prices, detailed in registration and promo materials. 2025 registration dates are:

- Monday, January 20th
- Monday, February 3rd
- Monday, February 10th

CONTACT US

Jill and Nick Nelson are the state festival coordinators and oversee everything except payment. **Please** keep communication between the Youth Pastor or church Fine Arts leader and Jill/Nick.



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PLANNING AHEAD

- Recruit coaches for your desired group categories
- Create a Fine Arts budget and reach out to your pastor for any budget allowances or scholarship potential
- Create a Fine Arts Informational Packet for students and parents (contact us with any questions)
- Schedule a Fine Arts Informational meeting with parents and students (one for Network FAF & one for Nationals)
- Reserve hotel rooms for your group
- Plan out/reserve needed transportation



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HUMAN VIDEO

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

- Prayerfully consider what the vision for your church's Fine Arts ministry will look like this year. Pray for God to help you identify gifted leaders who can lead your young people in the Fine Arts Festival season. Begin recruiting coaches.
- Plan out what group categories you want to offer students & coaches for this year
- Familiarize yourself with the Fine Arts Festival Rulebook found online (typically October)
- Schedule a Fine Arts category element in a service to kick off your Fine Arts year
- Contact the MI FAF Coordinators with any questions or if you need guidance on how to get started

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Fill up FAST on
Odd Years!**



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FINE ARTS FESTIVAL



NOVEMBER

- Begin showing the FAF promo video to your students during weekly youth service to build anticipation
- Host a Fine Arts parent/student meeting that includes an informational packet for the season
- Reach out to gifted leaders in your church who might serve as evaluators or volunteers for Fine Arts Festival and direct them to mifinearts@gmail.com
- Showcase a category in a Sunday morning service
- Contact the MI FAF Coordinators for any questions or guidance
- Provide the registration & rulebook links of the FAF categories and rulebook to your students and parents



FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

A photograph of a young man with dark hair, wearing a light blue button-down shirt, is shown from the side, playing a piano. The piano is dark-colored. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a church interior with a window and a red chair. The photo is partially obscured by a diagonal black line that separates it from the rest of the page.

PIANO SOLO



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WORSHIP DANCE SOLO

DECEMBER

- Collect commitment forms and put teams together. Then have a meeting to create a plan for what the presentation(s) will look like
- Invite an experienced FAF youth group nearby to showcase their entries during a youth service at your church.
- Schedule students to DEPLOY during the Holidays
 - Student artist(s) create Christmas cards for a local nursing home or to send to missionaries
 - Students go caroling off-site
 - Students lead a worship song for the Christmas Eve service
 - Other categories that work in a holiday service
 - Short Sermon, Dramatized Quoting, Spoken Word

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JANUARY

- Set up a Fine Arts fundraiser for the state or national festival
- Schedule a Fine Arts category element(s) in a service
- Recruit students for student-led service in April (see April)
- Mid-season check-in with students doing individual categories: Midseason check-in involves meeting with students in individual categories to ensure they know the rules, have a plan, and are on track for their March entry
- Ask your lead pastor to have a service where your students can join the Sunday morning worship team

First Registration Deadline

- Monday, January 20th
- 11:59:59 PM



FEBRUARY

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- Continue practices
- Do the final edits for writing & video entries (pre-festival electronic submission)
- Be on the lookout two weeks before FAF for the “Group Confirmation Email” from Nick & Jill. This email is to ensure all of your presentations are registered properly.
- Partner with your Kid’s Pastor to have your students lead a portion of Sunday morning Kid’s Church.
- Ask your MSM Director how Fine Arts elements can minister at District/Network Council

Mid & Final Registration Deadlines

- Monday, February 3rd
 - 11:59:59 PM
- Monday, February 10th
 - 11:59:59 PM





MARCH

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DISCOVER • DEVELOP • DEPLOY

MICHIGAN FINE ARTS FESTIVAL MONTH

- Host a showcase night where students can present their Fine Arts entries
- Continue practices and ensure your presentations follow the rulebook
- Travel to Ward Church in Northville for FINE ARTS FESTIVAL!
- Celebrate the impact Fine Arts Festival had on your students' lives with your church
- Connect with your students who received an invitation to National Fine Arts Festival and discuss your plans to attend



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STRING SOLO

APRIL

- Have a student led service and highlight a specific category or categories
- Invite students who did not advance to nationals to come and participate in National Youth Conference and support their student artist friends.
- Discipleship Checkup: Ask yourself (the youth pastor), “How am I doing with discipling students, encouraging them to study God’s Word and spend time praying for and with each other
- Develop a National Fine Arts Festival practice schedule for groups and individuals that are going

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FINDING PURPOSE

MAY, JUNE, & JULY

- Finalize plans for NFAF
 - If you haven't secured lodging, do that now
- Make sure all registrations are sent in and travel accommodations are set (watch for final deadline date from NFAF)
- Continue practices for NFAF
- Have a student-led service or presentation window during your service
- Lead a fundraiser for NFAF
- Recruit students for a student-led service in September



FINE ARTS FESTIVAL



AUGUST



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NATIONAL FINE ARTS FESTIVAL/NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE MONTH

- Hold a community outreach or back to school bash with your church where you can use student artists to share the gospel
- Have a student create a promo video for your youth group to share on social media or on a Sunday morning



HIP HOP DANCE CREW



Be encouraged today and remember Paul's words to Timothy as he said, "Do not neglect the gift you have" (1 Timothy 4:14).

For we are on a mission: to be a movement of student artists who are more in love with Jesus, more creative, more innovative, and committed to spreading the gospel through any means necessary.

~Ashton Peters
National Fine Arts Coordinator





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Your questions help make this process and festival better for you, your students, and their parents...so ask away! Please reach out to Jill and Nick with any questions using the number or email below.

We are here to position you for success. Please keep communication between you the Youth Pastor/spouse and/or your Fine Arts leader/coordinator and Jill/Nick.



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NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

The National Youth Conference is comprised of the conference with night services, workshops, master classes, and more, National Fine Arts Festival, the 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, Gaming, and Pickleball. All information can be found at the below link!



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