



MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMUNITY COALITION

2017 Performing Arts Contest

INTRODUCTION

On January 15, 2018, the nation will celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. THE MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMUNITY COALITION (*King Coalition*), Pasadena Unified School District, Pasadena Tournament of Roses and Aspires West in conjunction with the City of Pasadena will host a celebration at McKinley Elementary School. The King Coalition is a group of community people working to make Dr. King's dreams become a reality. Part of the celebration will be the culmination of the essay, visual art/poster and performing arts contests. Awards will **only** (unless prior permission is granted) be presented to the winners present at the MLK program on January 15, 2018. All students will receive Martin Luther King, Jr. certificates for their participation.

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION

Students must interpret the contest theme for their grade level* through an original artistic expression through **dance** (ballet, modern, liturgical, etc.), **spoken word/poetry**, or **video production**. (*See contest themes on previous page.) Additional general guidelines are as follows:

- Live, instrumental or recorded music may accompany performances
- Costumes, props and visuals may be used
- Explicit or suggestive lyrics, dance moves and clothing will result in disqualification
- Performers must be students in grades 4-12
- All performances that go over the time limit will be disqualified
- Performances and videos must be transferred to a high quality video file

ELIGIBILITY

Any student in grades 4-12 is eligible. Individuals will compete within the appropriate category: Elementary, Middle or High School.

AWARDS

First place winners in the dance and spoken word/poetry recitation contest will perform at the MLK Day Celebration. Winning videos will be featured on the MLK Community Coalitions website.

All essays, artwork and DVD become the property of the MLK Coalition and may not be returned.

Winners will be notified by:
Friday, December 18 , 2017

JUDGING CRITERIA

Dance Criteria:

- Performance must convey the current theme through any dance form (ballet, liturgical, etc.)
- Performance must be 4 minutes or less
- A maximum of 12 dancers per group

Spoken Word/Poetry Recitation Criteria:

- Performance must convey the current theme through creative delivery of a free verse piece
- Performances must be 1-2 minutes
- Material performed must be original works/ lyrics

Video Criteria:

- Video must convey the current theme through a narrative, dramatization, documentary, etc.
- Videos must be 3-5 minutes
- Directors must be students in grades 4-12
- Clips from other videos may not be included
- Content must be original and reflect the vision of the director
- Video may be written, filmed and edited by 1 - 4 persons
- No one over 21 years of age is allowed to help filming, editing or production - with the exception of the Teacher. This is a student project.

IMPORTANT DATES & INFORMATION

All DVDs accompanied by a **completed entry form** must be delivered to the address listed below on or before:

Friday, November 17, 2017 by 6:00pm

**MLK Community Coalition
Attn: Ms. Shirley Sterling
Info@sterlingbooks.net (626) 791-4500
Martin Luther King Performing Arts Contest
444 N. Orange Grove Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91103-3541**

Please visit our website for contest resources & more information: www.pasadenamlk.com



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2017 Performing Arts Contest Form

YOU MUST print or type the following & attach to your entry.

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Category: Individual Duet Group (3 or more)

Genre: Dance Poetry/Spoken Word Video

Grade: 4 - 5 6 - 8 9 - 12

Title of Performance Piece/Video: _____

Name of Artist of Accompanying Music: _____

LEAD STUDENT'S INFORMATION

(for duets and groups, list names and ages of additional members on a separate sheet)

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Age: _____

Group Name (if applicable): _____

Parent/Guardian/Adult Contact: _____ Tel: (_____) _____ - _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ @ _____ Tel: (_____) _____ - _____

SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

School or Organization: _____

Teacher/Leader: _____ Principal: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ @ _____ Tel: (_____) _____ - _____

Thank you for your Participation and Good Luck!!

Please note: All essays, artwork and DVDs become the property of MLK Coalition and may be used for promotional & educational purposes

Assigned #:

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