



Category: Music Composition

- All instruments, sounds, styles and combinations are accepted.
- Copyrighted material is prohibited.
- The composer may be the performer, or one of the performers, but does not have to be a performer.
- Notation, score or tablature is **required** for middle and high school division.
- Audio recording must not exceed **5 minutes**.
- Accepted file formats include: MP3, MP4, WMA, WAV, ACC (M4A) and FLAC formats. Music videos are **not** accepted.

Entry Requirements

- Only **new** pieces of artwork inspired by the current year's theme **WITHIN REACH** may be submitted.
- Each entry must be the original work of **one** student only. An adult may not alter the creative integrity of a student's work. Because the program is designed to encourage and recognize each student's individual creativity, help from an adult or collaboration with other students is not allowed except in the Special Artist Division. Only **one** student may be recognized as the award recipient for each entry. Other individuals may appear in or perform a student's work, but the work itself must be the creative product of one student only.
See the specific Arts Category Rules for details.
- Each entry must contain a **title** and all entries must include an **artist statement**. The artist statement communicates what inspired the work, how it relates to the theme, and the content of the work. The statement must include **at least one sentence**, but may not exceed 100 words.
- Entries will be judged on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme, originality and creativity.
 - Use of copyrighted material is prohibited, except for recorded music in dance choreography and film production entries. Plagiarized entries will be disqualified. Use of PowerPoint presentations are prohibited because most graphic elements are copyrighted.

Entries Must Include

- Completed **Entry Form**
- Photography and Visual Arts: secured to the back entry with masking tape
- Dance, Film, Literature and Music: placed in a **9x13** envelope with form attached to the front.
- Each entry **must** be labeled on the back of each art piece with your State, Arts Category, Grade Division, Last Name, First Name. For example:

CA. Dance. Primary. Smith. Jane.