



**Concert Program Cover and Essay
COMPETITION
June–September 15, 2020**

in support of the

The Many Faces of Heroes Concert and Award Presentation October 17, 2020
Military, Veterans, First Responder, Essential Workers & Special Individuals

As part of our commitment to working with established visual and performing arts programs and groups in our area, we are reaching out to you to help us recognize the “Many Faces of Heroes”.

1. Write a short essay to nominate your hero. Do you have a story to share about your hero who has extraordinary achievements, abilities, or personal qualities and is regarded as a role model? This could be a family member or a person you recognize for a courageous act or service.
2. Create the image for our Concert Program Cover. (Open to middle and high school students in the Huron Valley Schools area.)

Heroes are all around us: family, friends, and mentors who are there for us. They give us wisdom; they enhance our lives, provide moral modeling, and they offer protection. They are doctors, nurses, emergency workers, first responders, and military men and women who keep us safe.

Traits of heroism are bravery, moral integrity, conviction, courageous, self-sacrifice, protecting, honest, selfless, determined, serving others, inspiring, and helpful. Heroes are those who are in the face of danger and perform great deeds or everyday selfless acts for the common good. In 2020 that definition of a hero has taken on a new look as we also recognize the essential workers, parents, and teachers who have taken on new and inventive roles.

The Art and Essay COMPETITIONS open in June. Entry deadline September 15, 2020

ESSAY COMPETITION: “My Hero” Essay

The Objective: Nominate your hero to be recognized at our concert on October 17, 2020. Send a photograph and write a short essay about that person or business.

Rules:

- The contest is open to all and entrants may use an essay, poem, or story format. We have three categories to enter:
 - Youth ages 7-12
 - Teen ages 13-18
 - Adult 18+.
- The writing should focus on someone who is a hero to you: it could be someone you know or someone that you want to be recognized.
- Submittals must be typed, double spaced in 12pt font & not exceeding 700 words. Please include a high-resolution photo of your hero, if possible, for display.
- The winning “My Hero” essay writers and their Heroes will be our guests of honor on October 17, 2020 Concert, at Milford High School.
- There will be prizes in each category (TBA)

Conditions of Participation

- Submissions must be received by Tuesday, September 15, 2020 by 4:00 pm via email
- The Winning “My Hero” Essay will be published in the event program and read by the author or their representative at the concert.
- Winners will be notified by email and phone by October 1, 2020.
- Nominated Hero Photos will be displayed as received during *The Many Faces of Heroes* timeframe through December 2020.
- The winners will receive recognition in the Press Release articles and the HVCA website.
- Finalists will have their submissions on display at HVCA.

ART COMPETITION: Concert Program Cover

We are seeking talented middle and high school student artists in the Huron Valley Schools area to design the Concert program cover for the HVCA’s *The Many Faces of Heroes* October 17, 2020 Concert.

Rules:

- All entries to be submitted by email with a JPEG image of the art to Hero@huronvalleyarts.org.
- Instructions for the delivery of the actual artwork will follow your online entry.
- The deadline for submission is Tuesday, September 15, 2020.
- Design in a square format, No smaller than 8.5 x 8.5.
- Keeping the Hero theme in mind, use any medium to complete your design, abstract, or detailed.
- All submissions will be on display at the HVCA during October–December 2020.
- Winner and family will be guests of honor at the concert on October 17, 2020, at 7:00 pm

Conditions of Participation

- The winning design will be featured on the concert program cover.
- All submissions will be juried by established artists who have no ties to Huron Valley School district.
- Winners will be notified by email and phone. Name & image shared in a press release on the HVCA web site.
- Winner must be present at the October 17, 2020 concert to be recognized for their work.
- Optional: an opportunity to volunteer at the October 17, *The Many Faces of Heroes* Concert.

HVCA will handle the artwork with care. Student artists whose work is accepted agree to leave the art piece at HVCA for the months of October–December. The exhibit will remain up into the last week of December. Art can be picked up from HVCA during business hours or by appointment during that week.

[CLICK TO SUBMIT YOUR ART OR ESSAY ENTRY ONLINE HERE](#)

or type this URL: <https://forms.gle/wb3hhcUd3nYViJ4X7>

QUESTIONS? EMAIL Hero@huronvalleyarts.org

or call organizer Dianne Deinek 248-363-8290 or Sylvia Ashton 248-804-8283

HVCA Executive Director Sioux Trujillo or Office Manager Maggie at 248-889-8660

HVCA has limited in-person hours. Please leave a message.

For Teachers:

The Essay and Cover Design projects could be introduced by teachers as part of the classroom format or encouraged as extra credit. Students can start now, complete over summer, and submit when school reopens in the Fall.

Huron Valley Council for the Arts (HVCA), a non -profit founded in 1999, is dedicated to the belief that community life is enriched and enhanced by the arts in many forms. Funding for HVCA comes from membership fees, donations, fund-raising events, and grants from the state, corporate and private sources.

The immediate communities that we serve are Highland Township, White Lake Township, the village and Township of Milford, and Commerce Township. HVCA is located in Highland at 205 West Livingston Rd. We serve as a meeting place for many local arts and community groups. Inside the HVCA is an artesian shop called The Art Shop featuring local artists handmade unique items for sale and a professional gallery and performance space.

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