



January 13, 2012

Dear Youth Pastor/Fine Arts Coordinator,

I hope this letter finds you doing well and having a blessed 2012. The “Relentless” District Fine Arts Festival is just a few months away and we are excited about what God has in store for the students of South Texas as they develop their ministry gifts. The District Festival will be held on **Friday and Saturday, May 18 & 19** at the **Westin Galleria** in Houston. The Festival will begin at 8:30 AM Friday. The Celebration Service is tentatively scheduled to start Saturday at 3 PM and conclude by 6 PM.

It takes a lot of people to make a festival of this size a success each year, especially since the event is held at a hotel/convention center. We will again, need help and will be calling on different churches to sponsor performance rooms at the Festival.

I want to give you some important information and draw your attention to a few changes for 2012.

Registration forms must be postmarked AND mailed by the dates below:

Early Registration Fee: \$30 per category per person and \$5 for Choir

Early Registration Deadline: **April 6**

Late Registration Fee: \$40 per category per person and \$15 for Choir

Late Registration Deadline: **April 27**

NO PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER April 27!

****Registration is non-refundable and non-transferable****

Non-Participant Fee is \$5 – Complete page one of the registration form to register in advance or register at the door

All forms must be filled out completely or a **\$20 Incomplete Form Fee** per student will be assessed (this is due to the extra time it takes to track down the missing information). **Please make sure as leaders that you look over each form thoroughly before submitting. No exceptions will be made.**

Please remember that you must complete the “Group Information Sheet”. This form must be returned along with the registration forms, with each packet submitted. This will be a great help in determining cost, etc.

We ask that each church send a master list, along with your registration forms, listing all entries you are submitting from your church (both solos & groups). When listing the groups, please list the division, group name and group members. This will help clarify any questions we might have, and assure that we have the group input correctly.

All WRITING DIVISION entries & SHORT FILM entries must be delivered or arrive at the District office no later than Monday, April 30. Entries arriving after this date will **NOT be evaluated. All ART DIVISION entries must be submitted at the Festival on Friday by 9:30 AM in the Art Room.**

There are **multiple changes and new categories** in the rules book for 2012. For example, Spoken Word is now an official category in the Communication Division and Step/Urban Solo/Troupe has been divided into the categories of Step Solo/Troupe and Urban Solo/Troupe within the Dance Division. Too many more to list, but please take time to review these changes on **page 6** in the official Rule Book. For more information the Rule Books can be downloaded off of the national website at www.faf.ag.org or www.kappatau.ag.org. You can also order copies of the rule book from gospel publishing house at no charge.

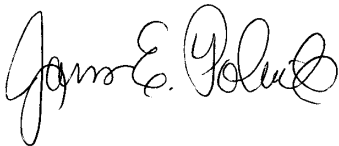
Please book your **hotel rooms** today at the **Westin Galleria** located at 5060 W. Alabama St., Houston, Texas 77056. The phone number is 866.716.8137. The special room rate is **\$99.00 per night** and the group name is South Texas District. **The special rate ends on April 9** – so book your rooms **TODAY**.

We have included the **Orientation page** for your review and no formal orientation will take place at the festival. Please take the time to review the orientation sheet provided. For your convenience, the **School Release Form** is also enclosed.

The **schedule** will be posted on the stxym.org site and emailed tentatively two weeks prior to the festival. Please take note that we are unable to make schedule changes, so please have your students plan to be available both Friday & Saturday. If there are any spelling errors or any other corrections, please notify Tammy at tammy@northwoodag.com by Monday, May 7. Please plan to make copies of the schedule for your church. Limited copies of the schedule will be available onsite.

We look forward to a great fine arts year. If you have any questions or need any clarification on anything do not hesitate to contact James Polnick at jpolnick@lpcpeople.com or Tammy Burroughs at tammy@northwoodag.com.

Sincerely,



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District Fine Arts Festival Coordinator



Matt Rule
District Youth Director

