County Wide Professional Development Proposal

Section 1: Festival Information

About

The Levoy Theatre, the River Renaissance Center for the Arts, Wheaton Arts, the The Rowan College of South Jersey Arts and Innovation Center, Bogart's Bookstore & Café and Millville Glasstown Arts District in partnership the Cumberland County & Cape May Cultural and Heritage Commissions are excited to announce our hosting of the 2020 Cumberland & Cape May Counties Teen Arts Festival in historic downtown Millville. The adjudicated categories for the 2020 Cumberland & Cape May Counties Teen Arts Festival are:

- Video,
- 2D & 3D Art,
- Photographs,
- Performances (theatre, musical theatre, and dance), and
- Musical performances (piano, guitar, and large & small scale vocal/instrumental) pieces .

Festival Highlights

This year's festival will be held on **Thursday, April 2nd, 2020 from 9 am to 2 pm**. The Festival features many innovative components all designed to enhance the ability and careers of Cumberland and Cape May County Young Artists and to promote the importance of arts education in our schools. Students and arts teachers participating in the Festival will be offered:

- Student Exhibits & Performances
- Student Critiques
- Student Workshops

Following is a brief description of each of these major components:

Student Exhibits & Performances

The Festival will feature student visual art exhibits (2-D, 3-D & photography) and student performances in dance, theatre (large and small groups), musical theatre, vocal choral music, solo & small ensemble vocal performances, large & small instrumental performances, piano, guitar, samples of creative writing/poetry & student-produced videos.

The artwork will be on display during the entire festival. The work will represent the very best of Cumberland & Cape May County teen artists.

Student Critiques

The Cumberland & Cape May Counties Teen Arts Festival is not a competition. Performances will not be compared or ranked in any way. Instead, the focus will be on sharing achievements and learning. All student work at the Festival will be publicly critiqued by professional artist adjudicators, both verbally and in writing.

Students receive critiques of their work and often "sit-in" on the critiques of other emerging artists in their discipline, increasing their educational experience. The professional artist/adjudicators at the Festival will provide in-depth critical reviews and analysis of the students' works, performances and group presentations — a process that all students report to be most beneficial to their growth as artists.

Students who excel in their particular art form are selected to be sent to the state level. Only students who are invited to participate can be adjudicated by state level judges. For more information on the NJ State Teen Arts Festival, visit here. Scholarships are available on the state level.

Student Workshops

Teaching artists come to adjudicate, as well as to teach workshops and master classes in their individual specialties, including drama, filmmaking, voice, acting, instrumental music, creative writing and more.

The workshops and master classes help students develop perceptual, intellectual and technical skills; gain cultural awareness and understanding of various art forms; and develop personal aesthetic values. All Cumberland & Cape May County students attending the Festival may participate in these workshops and classes.

Student Workshops will focus on three areas:

1. Student Master Classes: Workshops which offer in depth arts training in a student's chosen field.
2. Artistic Enhancement: A wide range of hands-on experiences in a variety of art forms providing students an opportunity to explore and learn about art forms they may not be familiar with.
3. Observation: Being witness to how other artists create and execute their craft.

College & Opportunity Fair

Representatives from local summer programs, arts centers, colleges and universities will have information booths at the Cumberland & Cape May Counties Festival. Students will be free to review their materials and question the education institutions about their programs and scholarship opportunities.

Section 2: Proposal of Professional Development

Date, Time & Location

The Cumberland and Cape May County Teen Arts Festival committee proposes to hold a professional development for their participating county teachers on March 30, 2020 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Activities would take place at the Arts Innovation Center, The Levoy Theatre and the Riverfront Renaissance Center for the Arts.

Topics of Sessions

The following topics will be covered in professional development sessions:

- Networking and articulation of curriculum and projects with teachers of the same disciplines.
- Resources provided for arts educators.
- Arts Integration sessions with FEA approved presenters/coaches.
- Networking and collaboration with Institute of Higher Education (Arts Innovation Center), Professional Art Gallery (RRCA) and performing arts venues (Levoy Theatre).

Capacity of Committee

The Cumberland and Cape May County Teen Arts Festival committee is made up of a vast population representing many different fields. The vocations of the committee members range from Educators to Professional Artists and from Tourism Officials to Economic Development personnel. The committee meets regularly and is vigilant about making sure that the adjudicators are vetted and are highly qualified to adjudicate the specific fields. Committee Member Timothy C. Zoyac, M.A. has presented about arts education throughout the country as well as presenting on program planning and continuous improvement. Committee Member

Henry Hartman is a Curriculum Supervisor for the Millville Public School District and has brought many professional developments on the arts to his subordinates. Elizabeth Bakley, another committee member is a Director for the Cape May County Cultural and Heritage Commission as well as a part of the Office of Tourism. Diane Roberts is the Executive Director of the Riverfront Renaissance Center for the Arts. The committee members have a wealth of knowledge to bring to county wide arts educators.

Arts Integration Session

FEA approved arts integration coach and Bridgeton Public Schools' visual and performing arts supervisor Kerri Sullivan will present a 2.5-hour professional development session on arts integration. Mrs. Sullivan has been a part of the State Council on the Arts, a coach for the FEA arts integration team, a key advocate of the ArtsEdNow initiative and has a wealth of knowledge in all areas of the arts as she has worked in different facets of the arts and education over the past 15 years.

Cost

The cost of the professional development is free with school registration for the festival. All schools that register for the festival to have students adjudicated will qualify for the professional development day. There is no limit to the number of staff members from each registered school who can attend the program. Registration for the day will be required.

Contact Information

If you have any further questions regarding the proposed Cumberland and Cape May County Teen Arts Festival Professional Development Day, you can contact Mr. Timothy C. Zoyac at (856) 455-8030 ext. 1940 or at the Teen Arts email address at ccmteenarts@gmail.com.