



Encourage students to use the arts to share personal Reflections on this year's theme: **Show Your Voice!**

They will create original works of art and write thoughtful statements.

[2022-2023 Call for Entries \(70-second YouTube video\)](#)

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Deadline to submit entries is:

Mon, Oct 31st, 2022 at noon

Introduction

The Reflections Arts Program is sponsored by the National PTA and encourages students to express themselves through the arts. Students create original works of art and write thoughtful statements in response to a student-selected theme.

The theme for the 2022-2023 school year is: Show Your Voice!

The artwork and statements are anonymous to the judges and are evaluated at the school or local level. A school finalist in each category and division moves on to the County level. Winners at the County level move on to the District, and so on to State and finally to the Nationals.

Students submit their artwork in one division:

- Primary (Pre-K to Grade 2)
- Intermediate (Grades 3-5)
- Middle School (Grades 6-8)
- High School (Grades 9-12)

Within their division, students may submit their artwork in one or more categories:

- Dance Choreography
- Film Production
- Literature
- Music Composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts (2D or 3D)

If you have any questions, please contact **Miki Welck** or **Karen Cheng** at: Reflections@MantuaPTA.org

Guidelines and Requirements for All Entries

All participants must follow Official Rules for Participation:

Ownership in any submission shall remain the property of the entrant, but entry into this program constitutes entrant's irrevocable permission and consent that PTA may display, copy, reproduce, enhance, print, sublicense, publish, distribute and create derivative works for PTA purposes. PTA is not responsible for lost or damaged entries. Submission of entry into the PTA Reflections program constitutes acceptance of all rules and conditions. I agree to the above statement and the National PTA Reflections Official Rules.

Here are guidelines and requirements for all entries:

- **All Artwork:**

Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the current year's theme may be submitted.

Preserve the original artwork as it moves onto the next level, or in case the original artwork is requested, or if there is an opportunity to display the artwork in a show or gallery.

Because the program is designed to encourage and recognize each student's individual creativity, an adult may NOT alter the creative integrity of a student's work. And, collaboration with other students is NOT allowed.

▪ **All Entries:**

Each entry must be the original work of one student only.

The artwork and statements are anonymous to the judges. Please do not have the student's name in the artwork or in the recording.

Please write the following on the back of the entry or entry packaging:

- student's name
- title of the artwork
- arts category
- division

Plagiarized entries will be disqualified.

Use of copyrighted material is prohibited, except for background music in dance choreography and film production entries.

Images and recordings of artwork to be submitted digitally.

Take a very high resolution photo, so the judges can zoom in and see the details of your artwork.

Be mindful of the size or length of the artwork in each category.

▪ **Title:**

Each entry must contain a title.

▪ **Artistic Statement:**

Each entry must include an artist statement of 10 to 100 words that describes the artwork and how it relates to the theme. The artist statement communicates:

- what inspired the work
- how it relates to the theme
- the content of the work, such as:
 - explaining the storyline or image
 - the significance of the style
 - the origin of the artwork

Maybe these questions can help:

- How did you start this project?
- How did you know when it was done?
- Why did you choose this style, image, component, movement, topic, or character? And, how does it connect to theme?
- Did you change your mind about anything about your artwork? Why did you change your mind?

▪ **Details and Artwork Size Requirements:**

Refer to the [Guidelines and Requirements for Each Category](#) section to include the appropriate information, such as the size or length of the artwork, materials or tools used, background music citation, word count.

Guidelines and Requirements for Each Category

Download the PDF from the Virginia PTA Google Drive.

- **Dance Choreography**

English: [dance-choreography-category-guidelines_reflections.pdf](#)

Spanish: [dance-choreography-cat-guidelines_reflections-es.pdf](#)

- **Film Production**

English: [film-production-category-guidelines_reflections.pdf](#)

Spanish: [film-production-cat-guidelines_reflections-es.pdf](#)

- **Literature**

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Spanish: [literature-cat-guidelines_reflections-es.pdf](#)

- **Music Composition**

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Spanish: [music-composition-cat-guidelines_reflection-es.pdf](#)

- **Photography**

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Spanish: [photography-cat-guidelines_reflections-es.pdf](#)

- **Visual Arts**

English: [visual-arts-category-guidelines_reflections.pdf](#)

Spanish: [visual-arts-cat-guidelines_reflections-es.pdf](#)

- **Special Artists:** Students who identify as having a disability and may receive services under IDEA or ADA: Section 504 may enter in the Special Artist Division or grade division most closely aligned to their functional abilities.

English: [special-artist-division-guidelines_reflections.pdf](#)

Spanish: [special-artist-div-guidelines_reflections-es.pdf](#)

Entry Submissions Instructions and Entry Form

1. Please ensure the artwork follows the [Guidelines and Requirements for All Entries](#).
2. Please ensure the artwork follows the [Guidelines and Requirements for Each Category](#).
3. Please name files in the following format: category_division_studentFirstName_studentLastName
 - Divisions:
 - Primary (Pre-K to Grade 2)
 - Intermediate (Grades 3-5)
 - Middle (Grades 6-8)
 - Examples:
 - dance_primary_derek_hough
 - film_primary_janet_yang
 - literature_intermediate_amanda_gorman
 - music_intermediate_lin-manual_miranda
 - photo_middle_tim_flach
 - visual_middle_monir_farmanfarmaian
4. Provide the following entry information:
 - Student name, grade, age
 - Homeroom teacher
 - Parent or guardian name and mailing address
 - Parent or guardian email address and phone number
 - Copy and paste the following paragraph to acknowledge the agreement by student and parent/guardian:

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 - Title of the artwork
 - Grade Division
 - Arts Category
 - Artistic statement (10 to 100 words)
 - Refer to the Artistic Statement segment under [Guidelines and Requirements for All Entries](#).
 - Details of the artwork
 - Refer to the [Guidelines and Requirements for Each Category](#) section to include the appropriate information.
 - Statements about the artistic process or what creative decisions were made
5. Submit one email for each entry: Reflections@MantuaPTA.org
 - Include the entry information and images or recordings of the artwork or link to the artwork.

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Fairfax County Winners



[FCC PTA Reflections Awards 2021-2022 announcement](#)

The 2021-2022 Reflections winners were announced at the Fairfax County Council (FCC) PTA General Membership meeting in December 2021. They evaluated more than 250 entries and awarded 75 winners.

5 of our 10 finalists received a county-level award.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Mantua student winners!

🌀 🌀 Primary Division (PreK to Grade 2) 🌀 🌀

Film Production: REENAD REFAAT - Award of Excellence (silver)

Photography: TALIA GRUMET - Award of Excellence (silver)

🌀 🌀 Intermediate Division (Grade 3 to 5) 🌀 🌀

Dance Choreography: GENEVIEVE CHENG - Merit Award (bronze)

Film Production: KEATON BRENNAN - Merit Award (bronze)

Music Composition: MAKAYLA CHOU - Honorable Mention

[See below for the list of past County Winners and Mantua Finalists and video montage.](#)



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🌀 🌀 Primary Division (PreK to Grade 2) 🌀 🌀

Literature: SIMRAN SHAH

Music: ELA PATEL

Photography: LEYA PATEL

Visual Arts: REENAD REFAAT

🌀 🌀 Intermediate Division (Grade 3 to 5) 🌀 🌀

Film Production category: ELENA CASASSA

Literature: ABIGAIL STERN

Music Composition: AISHIK BANERJEE

Photography: GENEVIEVE CHENG

Visual Arts: AISHANI BANERJEE

🌀 🌀 Middle Division (Grade 6 to 8) 🌀 🌀

Visual Arts: LYDIA TETREAU

[TBA - video of the artwork from our finalists \(Mantua Reflections Google Drive\)](#)

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Photography: TALIA GRUMET

Visual Arts: REEBAL AHMED REFAAT

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Dance Choreography: GENEVIEVE CHENG

Film Production category: KEATON BRENNAN

Literature: JAMES CHEON

Music Composition: MAKAYLA CHOU

Photography: ELENA CASASSA

Visual Arts: JUNYOUNG KIM

🌀 🌀 Middle Division (Grade 6 to 8) 🌀 🌀

Visual Arts: NAYOUNG KIM

[90-second video of the artwork from all of our participants \(Mantua Reflections Google Drive\)](#)

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Reflections Theme Search

The Reflections Arts Program encourages students to explore the arts and express themselves in response to a student-submitted theme. The theme is created by a student and selected two years in advance through the annual Theme Search Contest.

Two years ago, the 2021-2022 Reflections theme "I Will Change the World By..." was submitted by Lydia Keel from Spanish Fork Junior High School PTSA in Utah.

Last year, the 2022-2023 Reflections theme was selected and was submitted by a Jason Yevin from Salk/MacArthur PTSA in New York: Show Your Voice!

Right now, the search is on for the 2023-2024 Reflections theme! The theme from the winning student will inspire hundreds of thousands of students to create meaningful artwork and demonstrate their thoughtful and soulful creative abilities. The winning student will also receive a \$100 award and national recognition.

The judges are looking for the following qualities:

Inspiring, unique, and unlike past program themes

Clear and appropriate for all grade levels

Applicable to all arts categories

Relevant in two years

Promotes [PTA values](#)

- Collaboration
- Commitment
- Diversity
- Respect
- Accountability

Submit the following information to: Reflections@MantuaPTA.org

Theme Ideas

Student Name

Grade

Address

Parent/Guardian Phone

Email

Deadline to submit theme suggestions is:
Tue, Oct 18th, 2022 at noon

Past themes are not considered. Here is the list of past Reflections themes:

1969-1970 Reflections: Children and Youth, Mirror Their World

1970-1971 Reflections: Children and Youth, Look to Tomorrow

1971-1972 Reflections: America, The Beautiful, The Ugly

1972-1973 Reflections: This is Our Country

1973-1974 From Sea to Shining Sea

1974-1975 Our Heritage—Our Hopes

1975-1976 Spirit of '76—Miracle of America

1976-1977 What the World Needs Now

1977-1978 Love Is...

1978-1979 Look Out Your Window

1979-1980 Behind the Gates of Tomorrow

1980-1981 What a Family Means to Me

1981-1982 What Makes Me Smile

1982-1983 Life in These United States

1983-1984 I Have a Dream

1984-1985 What Sparks My Imagination

1985-1986 From Liberty's View

1986-1987 In Celebration: A Past to Remember, a Future to Mold

1987-1988 Wonders of the World

1988-1989 Proud Experiences

1989-1990 Where Does the Sky End?

1990-1991 If I Had a Wish

1991-1992 Exploring New Beginnings

1992-1993 Imagine That

1993-1994 If I Could Give the World a Gift

1994-1995 Dare to Discover

1995-1996 Just Open Your Eyes and See

1996-1997 It Could Happen

1997-1998 Wouldn't It Be Great If...

1998-1999 Suddenly You Turn Around And...

1999-2000 Anything is Possible...

2000-2001 It Would be Really Strange If...

2001-2002 I Hold in My Hand...

2002-2003 Signs of Courage

2003-2004 I Am Really Happy When...

2004-2005 A Different Kind of Hero

2005-2006 I Wonder Why...

2006-2007 My Favorite Place

2007-2008 I Can Make a Difference By...

2008-2009 Wow!

2009-2010 Beauty Is...

2010-2011 Together We Can...

2011-2012 Diversity Means...

2012-2013 The Magic of a Moment...

2013-2014 Believe, Dream, Inspire

2014-2015 The World Would Be a Better Place If

2015-2016 Let Your Imagination Fly

2016-2017 What Is Your Story?

2017-2018 Within Reach

2018-2019 Heroes Around Me

2019-2020 Look Within

2020-2021 I Matter Because...

2021-2022 I Will Change the World By...

2022-2023 Show Your Voice!