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# SHOW CASE



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# ABOUT THE SHOW

West Michigan Student Showcase 2025 is the 44<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of excellence in high school youth in West Michigan.

Students are selected by their respective schools in the competitive areas of Digital Media Arts, Literary Arts, Performing Arts, and Visual Arts. Monetary awards are given in the competitive categories for first, second, and third place, including a Showstopper Award in the Performing Arts category.

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# PERFORMING ARTS SCHEDULE

**HOST:** Britta Cleveland

**PRESENTER:** Tim Lipan Ramsey

## PERFORMANCES—

### Reeths-Puffer High School

Group performance of “Tank” by Yoko Kanno, arranged by Wasson, performed by The Bebop Rockets featuring Nicholas Clemens, Jackson Flora, Chris Hussey, Ella Jourden, Sunyoon Kim, Kiron Koenig, Asher Kolmus, Levi Kolmus, Aiden Little, Blake Miller, Aiden Mrotz, Jamie Neel, Kason Scheel, Parker Vanderwall, and Carter Wagbo.

### Whitehall High School

Solo performance of an original song entitled “Requiem for Mitteer”, performed by Corina Mitteer.

### Mason County Eastern High School

Solo performance of “Drifting Clouds” by Lawrence Underwood, performed by Mallory Jean Oomen.

### Fruitport High School

Solo performance of “Feeling Good” by Michael Bublé, performed by Elias Corcoran.

## INTRODUCTION OF DIGITAL ARTS NOMINEES

### Orchard View High School

Solo performance of an original spoken-word poem entitled “A Letter To You All”, performed by Kayne Lambert.

### Mason County Central High School

Group performance of “Funk Trio for Altos, Bari Sax, and Percussion” by Nicoulus Meyers, performed by The Powerpuff Girls, featuring Lanie LaPointe, Brayden Morse, and Marguerite Robel.

### Shelby High School

Solo performance of “On My Own” by Claude-Michel Schönberg from the musical “Les Misérables”, performed by Austyn Webb.

### Spring Lake High School

Duet performance of “Who Will Love Me As I Am?” by Bill Russell and Henry Krieger from the musical “Sideshow”, performed by Isla Engelhard and Tina Koratich.

## INTRODUCTION OF LITERARY ARTS NOMINEES

### Mona Shores High School

Solo performance of “Dancing On My Own” by Calum Scott, performed by Sophia Saylor.

### Montague High School

Solo performance of “Empty Chairs at Empty Tables” by Claude-Michel Schönberg from the musical “Les Misérables”, performed by Aurelia Myers.

### North Muskegon High School

Group performance of “Meet the Plastics” by Jeff Richmond from the musical “Mean Girls”, performed by Mean Girls, featuring Elizabeth Bayne, Sophia Corbin, Kaylee Martin, and Ella Potts.

### Grand Haven High School

Solo performance of “The Joke” by Brandi Carlisle, performed by Reina Jacobson.

### Homeschool

Solo performance of “Un bel di vedremo” by Giacomo Puccini from the musical “Madame Butterfly”, performed by Mamie Balcom.

## INTERMISSION

### Mona Shores High School

Group performance of “Life is a Highway” by Rascal Flatts, performed by Six Ate, featuring Abby Buikema, Logan Clausen, Kami Cree, Brooklinn Martin, Lila Torrensen, and Ava Williams.

### Hesperia High School

Duet performance of “Flight” by Sutton Foster and Megan McGinnis, performed by Aurora Harris and Hannah Hiddema.

### Fremont High School

Solo performance of an original color guard routine, performed by Jordan Hall.

### Muskegon High School

Duet performance of “For Good” by Stephen Schwartz from the musical “Wicked”, performed by Saturn Flaughner and Sa’Nyha Sullivan.

### Mason County Central High School

Solo performance of “Biblical” by Calum Scott, performed by Trinniti Arnold.

# PERFORMING ARTS SCHEDULE

## INTRODUCTION OF VISUAL ARTS NOMINEES

### Ravenna High School

Solo performance of "Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen, performed by Molly Spoelman.

### North Muskegon High School

Solo performance of "The Girl in 14-G" by Kristin Chenoweth, performed by Kaylee Martin.

### Pentwater High School

Solo performance of an original lyrical dance, performed by Abigail Field.

### Muskegon Catholic Central High School

Solo performance of "Careless Whisper" by George Michael and written by Michael and Andrew Ridgeley, performed by Evelyn Russick.

### Reeths-Puffer High School

Duet performance of "Take Me or Leave Me" by Jonathan Larson from the musical "RENT", performed by Charles Jones and Lauren Matz.



# NOMINEES

## DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS

### Christmas Detention Horror

Jamarcus Howard Walton, Muskegon Heights

### Admissions

Roxy VanderWall, Mona Shores High School



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## LITERARY ARTS

### The Ghost Of My Past

Clara Baur, Mason County Central High School

### Picking Flowers

Autumn Brown, Western MI Christian High School

### Humanity - The Marne

Elijah (Eli) Cook, Pentwater High School

### Dear Corporate America My Darling, Darling Moon If I Die Tomorrow

Akira Davey, Montague High School

### The Beauty and The Beast Illusion

Unbreakable Spirit  
Kloe Graham, Hesperia High School

### The Casserole

Mallory Gwinnup, Spring Lake High School

### Songbird's Cry Horizon of Hues Your Name

Tyler Hammond, Whitehall High School

### We Accept The Love We Think We Deserve The Grace in Imperfection Tethers to the Past

Koen Holman, Mona Shores High School

### Twin Hearts Protective Silence Justice for Past and Present

Miley Kessel, Mason County Eastern High School

### 10 Minutes

Aurora Pelham, Ravenna High School

### Heavy Breathing Detour Welded Apart

Cole Redinger, Fruitport High School

# NOMINEES

## LITERARY ARTS continued...

### Slow Day

Jose Saavedra, Muskegon High School

### Trinkets and Time

Macy VanSolkema, Grand Haven High School

### Her Memory

### What I Remember

### To Be Eighteen

Beverly Wagner, Hart High School

### The Masquerade

Elana Weiden, Reeths-Puffer High School

### Only Two Letters

Isabella Zerlaut, Fremont High School



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## VISUAL ARTS

### Surrounded by Silence

(Graphite and Colored Pencil)  
Elaina Acker, Holton High School

### Roots

(Pencil)  
Desirae Billings, Muskegon High School

### Si Robertson

(Pencil)  
Madilyn Boyd, Fremont High School

### Nothing is Perfect

(Charcoal on Cardboard)  
Callie Brown, Fruitport High School

### Look Back at Me

(Graphite)  
Lauren Burkett, Reeths-Puffer High School

### A Smile Without Cause

(Paper Mache and Arcylic)  
Elizabeth Chaney, Hesperia High School

### Cinderella's Escape

(Colored Pencil)  
Margaret Derby, Whitehall High School

### Eye see the Light

(Colored Pencil)  
Alyssa Ellison, Spring Lake High School

### Are You The Impact?

(Watercolor Paint)  
Valentin Gomez, Muskegon Catholic Central High School



L to R: "Nothing Is Perfect" by Callie Brown; "Roots" by Desirae Billings; "Ocean Sunset" by Gracie Knudson

### Princess Diana

(Graphite, Colored Pencil, Paint)  
Briana Green, Orchard View High School

### A Portrait of Music

(Graphite)  
Madison Kahl, Montague High School

### Ocean Sunset

(Acrylic Paint)  
Gracie Knudsen, Newaygo High School

### Transmutation

(Ceramic)  
Dawson LaBrenz, Calvary Christian School

### Tough Crowd

(Acrylic)  
Alison Masterman, Oakridge High School

# NOMINEES

## VISUAL ARTS continued...

### Faces of The Internet

(Acrylic)  
Sophie Mettler, Mona Shores High School

### The Secret Garden

(Graphite)  
Bethany Olthof, Ravenna High School

### Best Friends

(Digital)  
Lily Rasmussen, Mason County Eastern High School

### Painting Called Purple

(Acrylic)  
Dante Richardson, Grand Haven High School

### Bruno

(Charcoal and Graphite)  
Emma Smith, Shelby High School

### Hidden Symphony

(Mixed Media)  
Helena Snell, Mason County Central

### No Evil.

(Oil Pastel)  
Zoe Wiles, North Muskegon High School



L to R: "Hidden Symphony" by Helena Snell; "Transmutation" by Dawson LaBrenz; "Painting Called Purple" by Dante Richardson



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Congratulations & best wishes to all the nominees!

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**Stage Manager**..... Jennifer LaChapelle  
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**Performing Arts** ..... Ann White

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## JUDGES

### DIGITAL MEDIA ARTS

#### Andy O'Reilly

Broadcaster since 1989, founded O'Riley Media Group in 2015, pioneering digital media in Muskegon with platforms like The Muskegon Channel and offering B2B audio and video production services.

#### Justin Stubleski

Muskegon native with a BFA in Photography, is a photographer, visual creative, and Style & Vision Consultant at ECO, with a passion for cinematic film.

#### James Larson

Media Technician, photographer, and musician with a passion for creativity and technology.

### PERFORMING ARTS

#### Sheila Wahamaki

Experienced theater professional and retired Director of the Center for Theater at Muskegon Community College.

#### Miya Rollenhagen

Producer for the Miss Michigan Pageant and former owner of Cassell Gymnastics and Dance.

#### Ryan Schultz

Director of Bands at Tri County High School. He holds a Master of Music from Kansas State University and is a Doctoral Candidate at Boston University.

### LITERARY ARTS

#### Mary Tyler

Taught literature and film at Muskegon Community College for 33 years and led the Muskegon Writers' Series for over 20, bringing renowned authors to the Frauenthal Theater. Now a part-time massage therapist, she enjoys family, the arts, live music, and daily walks with her collies along Lake Michigan.

#### Cindy Roush

A former Muskegon Chronicle reporter, has written for global nonprofits like Mercy Ships and the African Children's Choir and is thrilled to be back in Muskegon after years in Seattle.

#### Colleen Zahrt

A past Showcase winner who is now a creative writing and poetry teacher with Poppen Programs, as well as the development and events manager for Grandville Avenue Arts & Humanities.

### VISUAL ARTS

#### Abigail Hichue

Marketing Lead at the Frauenthal Center, is a Muskegon native and GVSU graduate with a BFA in Studio Art.

#### Erin Hoffman

Tenured art instructor at Muskegon Community College, holds an MFA in printmaking from the University of Georgia and has exhibited nationwide.

#### Louise Hopson

Owner and operator of Art Cats Gallery and clay artist.

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Pamela Balcom - Homeschool

Roxanne Chye - Mason County Central High School

Paul Shoup - Mason County Eastern High School

Rogena Burgess - Mona Shores High School

Jay Mulder - Montague High School

Jodie Railling - Muskegon Catholic Central High School

Lashae Simmons II - Muskegon Heights Public School Academy

Kelli Postema - Muskegon High School

Jennifer Hurlle - Newaygo High School

Jenn Schultz - North Muskegon High School

Bayley Felt - Oakridge High School

Bryan Merchant - Orchard View High School

Shelly Hugo - Pentwater High School

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