ARTIST SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

SOE & JSE CONFERENCE BACKGROUND
The School of Education at Biola University (SOE) is the teacher training arm of Biola University and exists to equip a generation of influential educators, focused on God’s calling, devoting their strengths, gifts, and scholarship, to meet the needs of diverse students and to advance the Kingdom of God. One of the ways in which it seeks to do this is through hosting the annual Justice, Spirituality and Education (JSE) Conference. The JSE Conference aims to provide a professional forum for people from all academic areas and backgrounds.

For the 2014 conference, the SOE is hosting its inaugural Arts Festival and invites local junior and senior high students interested in further exploring the intersection of justice in one’s everyday life—to attend the conference as well as to submit artwork based on our 2014 theme of strength together.

2014 THEME
The theme for the 2014 JSE Conference is strength together, coming from the Rwandan phrase dukomazanye (doo-koh-MAHY-zan-yay). As the east African country of Rwanda continues to heal from its 100-day genocide in 1994, its people provide a model for us globally of the importance of learning from others, to see that in the power of many, there is strength. Our theme of strength together calls us to a posture of learning, of humility, as we learn from those around us and pause to reflect and hear what they have to teach us. It is a call for each of us to hear the truth spoken to us by our neighbors, as the Apostle Paul reminds us that we are all members of one body (Ephesians 4). The motto for our country, “e pluribus unum,” or “out of many, one,” mirrors this theme as well; and we are stronger for it as we learn to work with people of multiple backgrounds, growing because of each individual’s contribution.

ARTS FESTIVAL
Our first-ever Arts Festival will be a time for conference participants to enjoy submitted artwork from regional junior and senior high schools, to hear poetry and music, and to enjoy food from local food trucks and interaction with others during an off-campus event prior to our day of keynote speakers and workshops. Artists selected to exhibit at the Arts Festival will be on hand to answer questions about their artwork. The JSE Conference Arts Committee will select work from October 1st to November 1st. Artwork chosen for the Arts Festival will be delivered to Redeemer Church (15151 Cordova Road) from 5-7pm on Thursday, November 13th, and picked up on Friday, November 14th at 9pm after the Arts Festival. All left artwork becomes property of Biola.

ABOUT THE REVIEW PROCESS
Artwork submissions are reviewed by the JSE Conference Arts Committee made up of arts professionals from the region and the JSE Conference Committee. Artwork is selected based on overall quality, innovation and exploration of the conference theme. We seek the following types of original artwork: wall art of all media, sculptures, video, etc. Submissions will be limited to the first 100 received, at which point, 40 will be chosen to be featured at the Arts Festival.

WHAT TO INCLUDE IN YOUR SUBMISSION
- Digital Documentation
  - 4-5 images (digital images only, please). Please label your JPEG files with your name and a number that corresponds to an annotated image list (see below).
  - Video artists may submit one DVD with multiple works on it, or one weblink to an online video
- Annotated Image List: With each image include title, year made, medium and dimensions.
- One paragraph Artist Statement
- Current resume with contact information, including telephone and email address
- Support materials (e.g., press clippings, postcards and materials from past exhibitions, if any, etc.)

Send your submissions to:
jse.conference@biola.edu

or

JSE Conference Arts Committee
Biola School of Education
13800 Biola Avenue
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Thank you for your interest in the JSE Conference Arts Festival. We look forward to working from you.