

The poster features a dark purple background with vibrant pink and magenta abstract shapes, including circles and wavy lines. A white border frames the central text. The text is in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The year '2023' is positioned below the main title in a slightly smaller font.

**PASSAIC COUNTY
TEEN ARTS
FESTIVAL**

2023

Registration Information

The 2nd annual Passaic County Teen Arts Festival (TAF) will be held on May 19, 2023 at the Passaic County Community College campus in Wanaque. Preparations are under way and the application process is beginning. Please review this packet and make note of the deadlines in place. These dates have been established to allow for efficient organization and scheduling of our program. The festival will be a more effective celebration of the arts in Passaic County if all schools adhere to the guidelines listed herein.

Registration and participation in the Passaic County TAF is open to all Passaic County schools and teen artists ages 13–19. Participants can enter individually with a parent or guardian or as a school. Individual participants who register with a parent or guardian must be accompanied by them on the day of the festival. **Early bird registration ends on January 27, 2023. The deadline for general registration closes on February 17, 2023.**

Registration Fees

Registration fees will **not** be waived this year. To maximize participation, the Passaic County TAF has adopted a new set of fees for schools and independent students. This fee helps cover the cost of our workshops and adjudication fees.

- **Over 50 students:** \$400 per school. Early Bird rate \$325 per school.
- **Less than 50:** \$250 per school. Early bird \$175 per school.
- **Individual Entry:** \$25 per student. Early Bird \$20 per student.

Full payment must be received by March 10, 2023. Payments can be submitted in the form of a check. Please make payments out to Passaic County Community College.

Festival Overview

The festival will begin promptly at 9 am with workshops and adjudication taking place according to schedule. Please note that buses can arrive early but students cannot enter the building earlier than 8:30 am. Approximately 10 arts workshops will be available for students to drop in. Once students enter a workshop they must stay until the end to prevent disruptions.

Students who will not perform are welcome to attend the festival and participate in workshops and support their performing peers. Workshops and adjudicated performances will conclude at 2pm.

Every effort will be made to accommodate the needs of each performing group; however, performances will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Performance schedules will be made public a few weeks after registration closes.

Food trucks will be available for students to purchase a lunch of their choice, they are also welcome to bring lunch from home.

Adjudication Guidelines

How Adjudication Works

The Teen Arts Festival is not a competition, but rather an opportunity for students to receive valuable feedback about their art in group and individual critiques. Professional artists at the Festival provide in-depth critical reviews and analysis of student work, performances and group presentations, a process that will benefit student growth as artists.

Performing/exhibiting students must be between 13 and 19 years of age and reside and/or attend school in Passaic County. No student may perform and/or exhibit in more than two disciplines.

Performance time limits are strictly enforced. Time will be called even if a performance or a critique is not complete. Performing students may be nominated to participate in the statewide New Jersey Teen Arts Festival taking place on May 30, 31, and June 1.

Showcase Categories

The following categories will be adjudicated in-person. One entry per school is permitted in each of the following categories. Please indicate on the registration form which groups your school will be bringing.

- Small Instrumental (4 min. max / 1–15 performers)
- Large Instrumental (12 min. max/ 16+ performers)
- Small Vocal Music (4 min. max/1-15 performers)
- Large Vocal Music (12 min. max / 16+ performers)
- Small Dance (7 students or less, 10 minute time limit)
- Large Dance (7 students or more, 10 minute time limit)
- Small Theater (4 min. max/1-15 performers) (Comedy, Drama, Musical)
- Large Theater (15 min. max/ 16+ performers) (Comedy, Drama, Musical)

The following showcase categories will be adjudicated virtually. All virtual entries must be received by **April 6, 2023**. Submission instructions can be found in the proceeding pages:

- Visual Arts (2D & 3D –10 max entries per school)
- Film (10 minutes max – 1 entry per school)
- Creative Writing (Shorty story and poetry accepted, 4 page max, 5 total entries per school)

Listed below is the number of students and/or groups that Passaic County will have available to nominate for showcase at the state festival.

- Small Instrumental – (4) students/groups
- Large Instrumental – (1) group
- Small Vocal Music – (3) students/groups
- Large Vocal Music – (1) group
- Dance – (4) students/groups
- Small Theater – (3) students/groups
- Large Theater – (1) group
- Creative Writing – (Short story: 4 students)
(Poetry: 2 students)
- Film – (2) students
- 2D Visual Arts - (20) students
- 3D Visual Arts - (4) students

Scoring Rubrics and Criteria

Click the button below to view the scoring rubrics that will be used by adjudicators in each category. These are the same that are used at the NJ state festival. These documents can also be found online at <https://web.pccc.edu/pcchc/#teenarts>

View Scoring Rubrics

Student submissions in all categories should be 100% a product of student work. Submissions that have been produced, edited or assisted by any professional organization are not appropriate for a student arts festival.

Instruments and Equipment

One bass drum and approximately 40 music stands will be provided for large instrumental performances. A standard drum set, a guitar amp and a bass amp will be provided for jazz group performances. We will also provide microphones, two keyboards, and an amp. If you require other instruments for your performance, you must bring them yourselves.

Adjudication for In-person and Virtual Categories

All adjudicators are experienced professionals with strong levels of expertise. Their biographies will be made public in the coming months. Two adjudicators will be available per category. Critiques for in-person categories will be given on the spot. For categories adjudicated virtually, written critiques will be emailed to participants by May 5, 2023.

Creative Writing Submission Instructions

Creative writing entries must be digitally submitted by **April 6, 2023**. **5 entries per school may be submitted, one entry per individual student.** Entries must be submitted online by filling out the form linked below. Please submit ALL creative writing entries from your school in ONE folder via the form linked below. All submissions must adhere to the following:

- Accepted genres include poetry and short story (4 page max.) Students may submit as many pieces in either genre as will fit in 4 pages
- Use Arial or Times New Roman font, 12 point. Margins should be 1" on all four sides
- Identify each work with the student name and school in the name of the file (i.e., johndoe_schoolname.docx)
- Student's Name, School, Grade, Age must be at top right corner of each page in the document
- Each submission must have a title
- Number each page at the bottom right-hand corner

[Submission Form](#)

Film Submission Instructions

Film entries must be digitally submitted by **April 6, 2023**. **1 entry per school may be submitted.** Entries can be uploaded on the form with an .MP4 file or via a downloadable link, YouTube preferred. All submissions must adhere to the following:

- Time limit: 10 minute max.
- Multiple students can be listed on one entry
- Identify each work with the student name and school in the name of the file
- Include a 5 second slate at the beginning of each video submission with school name, video title, student name(s), and the total length of the video
- Any videos deemed unacceptable for high school students will be returned and not reviewed

[Submission Form](#)

Visual Art Instructions

Visual Arts entries must be digitally submitted by **April 6, 2023**. **10 entries per school may be submitted, one entry per student.** Please submit ALL visual arts entries from your school in ONE folder via the form linked below. All submissions must adhere to the following:

- Please save each file with the following name format: School/ Discipline /Category / Title/ Student. An example file name would be PHS-Visual-Art-2D-Self-Portrait-John-Doe.jpg.

[Submission Form](#)

Additional Information

- Performances will be scheduled on a first come first-serve basis. Every effort will be made to accommodate the needs of each school, however the performance schedule will be final once made public. Workshop descriptions and times will also be released along with the performance schedule.
- Workshops have limited seating available. If a workshop is at capacity, students may select another with more availability or enjoy ongoing performances.
- Please note that each participating school is required to supply two (2) volunteers, who will be assigned to assist the Teen Arts staff on the festival day. Each volunteer will work approximately 3 hours and be assigned to a specific workshop/critique site.
- All performing students are asked to arrive at their performance site 15 minutes prior to their performance time in order to keep the entire schedule running smoothly.

School Registration

Individual Registration

2023 Passaic County Teen Arts Festival Timeline

January 27 - Early bird registration closes

February 17 - General registration closes

March 10 - Payments due

March 30 - Performance schedules and workshop descriptions released

April 6 - Entries for virtual categories due

May 5 - Written critiques will be sent back to schools

May 19 - Passaic County Teen Arts Festival 9 am - 2 pm. Students

will be notified by the end of the day regarding nomination to the statewide festival.

May 30, 31, June 1 - Statewide NJ Teen Arts Festival

For more information, please contact:

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