

2004 Hunterdon County Teen Arts Festival

Because of grants from NJ State Council on the Arts, NJ Cultural & Heritage Commission, and sponsorship from various local businesses, the Hunterdon County Teen Arts Festival was a great success.

Once again the festival was held in nature's outdoor setting of Deer Path Park, in Readington Township and open to middle and high school students in grades 7-12. We provided both introductory and enrichment workshops, master classes and performance opportunities in instrumental music, vocal music, dramatics, dance, creative writing, and the visual arts. Students were given the opportunity to observe and learn from the critiquing process during their presentations and those of their neighboring schools, participate in stimulating workshops with professional artists. Students shared their achievements in the literary, fine and performing arts.

Here are some pictures of the events.



Dance Performances

Leland Schwantes and Patricia Brown critiqued about 44 performances! The Roxey Ballet School, world renown, presented teens with a breakdance workshop. As you can see from the photo, the performances drew much attention.



Drum Circle Workshop

A celebratory drum circle, in the shade, was provided for students passing by. They were encouraged to join in and pick up one of the many percussion instruments brought by the Drum Circle workshop artist, Moe Jerant. Many staff and teachers were seen taking part, too!



Visual Arts Tent

Everyone was encouraged to view works of art by our Hunterdon County Teen Arts participants. Critiquers, Wes Sherman and Gabrielle Kanter were available for one-on-one critiques, suggestions, and help to students serious about art. This tent had some *really* creative pieces and a lot of traffic by parents, teachers, and students.

The gazebo was where the Theatre workshop took place. George Street Playhouse did a great job providing the festival with improvisations, monologues, and mock interview workshops. The kids REALLY enjoyed it. You could hear them laughing and acting from far away!



Theatre Workshop



Choral Tent

Large Choral performances took place all day in a large tent by the pond. Joy Bechtler and Timmothy P. Urban, of Westminster Choir College critiqued sessions from 13 different schools. Dr. Bill Berz and Robert Porecca critiqued all large instrumental performances at the Cedars Pavillion. They all were very busy!

Our Cartoonist, Doug Baron was referred to us by the Hunterdon Museum. His workshop incorporated original comic book pages and reviews of different layout and perspectives necessary for effective cartoon storytelling. Doug demonstrated how to draw Popeye, Scooby Doo, Bugs Bunny and superheroes. He has his own published comic book series and has been included in Valiant comics and many newspapers.



Cartooning Workshop



Mural Workshop

Muralist and teacher, Patrick Gugliandolo, taught students composition and coloring of a mural. Liquitex Paint Company graciously donated the acrylic paint for the workshops.

Thank you for making this possible:

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- Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission
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