

SWWC Service Cooperative presents the 31st Annual

CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG ARTISTS



October 30, 2024 | For all students in grades K-8
Held at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, MN

Unleash your creativity and ignite your imagination by diving into the world of art! Where your hands and minds will craft extraordinary creations. Schools and parents bring students to this dynamic conference to explore diverse artistic worlds and inspire them to embark on exciting new adventures in which students will craft extraordinary creations. Get ready to experience the magic of creativity like never before! These programs are offered in hopes of opening doors to potential higher education and career opportunities for students.

REGISTRATION

Who can register:

- School teachers register groups of students and their chaperones.
- Parents register their students and themselves.

Online Registration Deadline:

September 25, 2024, at Midnight.



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CONFERENCE INFORMATION

General Registration

- Available to students in grades K-8
- Register Online: www.swwc.org/ya
- All attending adults must be registered online.
- There is no student/adult ratio at this time.
- Not required but prefer contact person be an attending adult.

School Participants

- Schools attending are responsible for collecting and entering registrations and payments online. See billing option for schools.
- If your school is unable to attend, direct parents to the website for access to conference information, giving them the opportunity to attend on their own.
- Please make sure parents sending students with the school are aware of the cancellation policy.
- School district funding may be available to support teacher and student participation in SWWC enrichment programs through MINNESOTA GIFTED AND TALENTED REVENUE MN Statute § 126C.10 2(b).

Parent Participants

- Parents do not have to attend with their school. They may attend on their own with their students.
- An adult must be registered along with students.
- If a parent misses the school registration deadline, they can still register and attend on their own.
- Check with your school to see if they are participating as a school group.

Registration Fees and Deadlines

Registration Deadline: **September 25, 2024, at midnight**

- \$40/per student
- \$10/per adult

Payments

- Parent payments are made at the time of registration with Credit Card. Payments go through WePay.
- Schools have a billing option or can pay with Credit Card.
- A school can be billed after the event, if they choose too. Contact us prior to registering for a billing code.

Lunch

- Bring your own lunch – refrigeration not available.
- Check with your school about the sack lunch program.
- Place lunches in containers or coolers and label with school/parent name.

Supplies

- Supplies are provided for students at the conference, unless otherwise mentioned in session description.

Sessions

- The Conference features an opening keynote and three, one hr. hands-on learning sessions for students.
- Students choose six session options (**grade appropriate**) and are later scheduled into three sessions that fit their schedule.
- Select sessions in the order of preference.
- Choices selected by student **DOES NOT** represent their final schedule.
- The students' final schedule is based on session demand & session sizes; therefore, **we cannot guarantee students will be assigned all topics requested.** We do our best to give them as many of their choices as we can.
- We retain the right to limit the number of students per district in a specific session.
- A session may be cancelled due to the number of students registered.

Conference Details

- Conference information is on www.swwc.org/ya
- **Final schedule** and other information will be emailed to the person who entered registrations, a few days prior to the event or as soon as it is ready.
- Please share information with chaperones/parents.
- Chaperones/parents are responsible for knowing the conference information and the cancellation policy.
- Contact person will need to check in and pick up group packet the morning of the conference.

Book Fair - Commuter Lounge (BA Bldg.)

- Paper Pie will run a book fair all day.

Students with Special Needs

- The SWWC Service Cooperative, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities ACT (ADA), is dedicated to making conference activities accessible to all students. Please contact Andrea for special accommodations by September 25, 2024.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

- Cancellation requests must be received by the final registration deadline for a refund, less a \$10/student service charge.
- After the deadline, no refunds will be processed.
- If a student is unable to attend, try to send someone in their place and notify us of the change.



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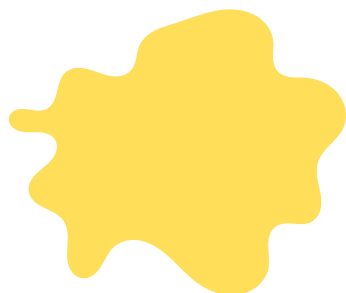
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Check-In, Refreshments
9:00 am - 9:15 am	Welcome
9:15 am - 9:45 am	Keynote
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Session I
11:00 am - 11:45 am	Lunch
11:45 am - 12:45 pm	Session II
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Session III
9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Book Fair

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Hector Curriel, Visual Artist

Hector Curriel is a Sioux Falls-based visual artist, originally from Lima, Peru. He studied architecture in Lima, Peru. He moved to the US in 2001, and studied art in Minneapolis, MN. Hector is a visual artist working in many mediums, such as fine arts, portraits, illustrations, caricatures, and cartooning. As a fine artist, many of his paintings are located in private and public collections in the States, and he has been featured in various exhibits. Hector has been working for many years as an accomplished artist presenter and holds frequent art workshops.

Learn more about Hector on his website at hectorcurrielartwork.com



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SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

****IMPORTANT NOTE:** Due to limited space and high demand, students can only be scheduled into one pottery session per years attending.

Select sessions appropriate for student's grade level K-2, 3-5 or 6-8

A. Create Art to Wear

Gr. K-2, 3-5 & 6-8

It's Magical! Come learn about warm and cool colors as you create a drawing of your choice such as a dog, cat, tree, car, or anything! Then learn how to transfer your art onto a t-shirt. That drawing will magically appear on a t-shirt that you can proudly wear home and say, "that is my drawing".

***Bobbie Alsgaard-Lien**

B. Paper Quilting

Gr. 6-8

Want to make TWO whole quilts in just 1 hour? In this session you'll use colored paper to make two mini quilts - one using a modern quilting technique, and one with a traditional look. Come join me in creating some colorful fun! ***Cindy Bader**

C. Birch Tree Mixed Media Forest

Gr. 3-5 & 6-8

Design your own birch tree forest as we head into fall! You'll use painter's tape to create a birch tree scene just the way you like it. Then get ready to blend rich soft pastel chalk with your finger for a gorgeous sky background. Peel back your tape trees for the upcoming paint scraping trick that will transform them into a beautiful birch grove! (Bring an old shirt to protect clothing!) ***Diane Bakker**

D. Beat Blast Showdown

Gr. K-2, 3-5 & 6-8

Get ready to unleash your inner superstar at the Beat Blast: Youth Dance & Lyric Showdown! In this electrifying session, you'll dive into the world of hip-hop, learning to craft your own rhymes and bust out dance moves that will wow the crowd. Collaborate with fellow students to create and perform your own lyrics, while also perfecting your dance routines. This high-energy workshop is all about creativity, teamwork, and having fun. By the end, you'll have the chance to showcase your skills in a thrilling showdown, where everyone gets to shine. Snacks will be provided to keep you energized and ready to rock the stage!

***Shaku Bannister, Mixhael Angelou, DJ Versatile**

E. LOOOONG CATS!

Gr. K-2, 3-5 & 6-8

Growing from the page are long cats, fresh watercolor beasts that will stare into your brightest thoughts! Explore with watercolor and patterns with this mixed media project. Will they make your mom clear off the entire fridge to put on display with pride for months to come? Yes, indeed. ***Melanie Cable**

F. Happy Place Painting

Gr. K-2, 3-5, 6-8

Where do you dream of going one day? Where is your favorite place in the world? Is it a real or imagined place? Wherever it is, it's YOUR special place. Come use your creativity and imagination to bring your painting to life. As you put brush to canvas and learn to explore color and brush strokes, you will find what feels right for you. This class is for YOU to be free to create something all your own. (Bring an inspiration picture of your happy place.) ***Nicole Crivellone**

G. Draw Your Own Cartoons

Gr. 3-5 & 6-8

Dive right in and try your hand at step-by-step learning how to draw cartoons. Bring your curiosity and be entertained as you doodle away and create magic upon paper! Basic shapes will transform into dynamic drawings to proudly show off. The possibilities are endless! Whether cartooning for fun, implementing it into a school project, or creating a comic strip, you will be "drawn" into the adventure of cartooning! ***Hector Curriel**

H. Let's Paint on Wood!

Gr. K-2 & 3-5

Students will paint their own creative wildlife picture on a wooden circle. You will learn the best way to use sharpies, pastels and watercolors together on a piece of wood. Everyone's creation will look different, and everyone's painting will be AWESOME. ***Ed Fornberg**

I. Hot Air Balloon Sculpture!!!

Gr. 3-5 & 6-8

Students will design a Hot Air Balloon sculpture made of tagboard, and strips of paper curled with a special QUILLING tool and attach it to a background to make them 3D. This is called paper quilling. ***Ed Fornberg**

J. Drawing Outside the Lines

Gr. K-3, 4-8

Come explore tools and surfaces. There are no lines in Nature! Learn how to draw by shading to create life-like pictures. Discover how the drawing tools and surfaces you use can take your drawings outside the lines.

***Maggie Fuller**

K. E-Z Cut Block Printing

Gr. 3-5 & 6-8

E-Z cut blocks are easy to carve & print, no experience necessary! The students will create their own print. You can bring your own 4" x 6" image. A very simple image is recommended. Think cartoon. Or there are samples to choose from. We will print with water soluble ink and a rolling pin. Fast, Fun and Easy! (*Warning: students will be using a knife to carve.)

***Bradley Hall**

L. Dragon's Eye

Gr. 3-5 & 6-8

Students will learn color theory, how to blend colors, work with a color scheme, and add highlights and shadows to create an interesting painting of a dragon's eye. They will work with tempera paint after drawing their dragon eye on a heavy, rough black paper. ***Tamara Isfeld**



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M. Create a Zine and Make a Scene!

Gr. 4-5 & 6-8

What are zines? Zines are little, self-produced magazines, usually made with a photocopier or printer. They allow you to share your thoughts, words, emotions, art, photos, etc. with the world. This session will briefly look at zine history and will give you the tools to make a zine. You will then make your own zine in this session. ***Oak Kelsey**

N. Sculpting a Canoe

Gr. K-2, 3-5 & 6-8

We will be sculpting canoes out of clay. Then you will receive a fired canoe to paint a design on and take home. While you are painting, I'll be talking about the history of Lower Sioux pottery and some of the symbols we still use today. ***Rochelle Lame Bull**

O. Expressing Your Layers

Gr. K-2, 3-5 & 6-8

Use semi-transparent sheets of vellum paper to create layers in your artwork. The transparency of the paper allows for you to trace more complicated designs (even from portraits or photos) and lets you create a background on one sheet and an exciting character or top subject on another. Stack them up for a unique finished artwork! This class will have metallic markers that can draw over dark colors or paper to create even more layers. In this class you can choose to draw or trace everything, or even decide to include a background layer from a magazine page or photo. Let's get creative! ***Krystl Louwagie**

P. Spooky Halloween Skeletons and Friends

Gr. K-2, 3-5 & 6-8

The students will enjoy creating a fun and scary Halloween Set-Up with many skeletons and other scary friends. Students can take pictures with their creation afterwards. It will be spooktacular...if time allows we will create a great REEL video for Facebook for the world to enjoy. ***The Zoo Man**

Q. Dance Drawing

Gr. K-2, 3-5 & 6-8

Learn to draw a person in motion at this gesture drawing session. Get your wiggles out and have fun dancing and drawing! This activity will boost confidence, improve quick drawing and builds observational skills to improve hand eye coordination. It teaches line drawing and an understanding of basic movement...and it is a lot of fun! ***SammyJo Miller**

R. Painting/Mural Works 101

Gr. K-2, 3-5 & 6-8

Students will learn how to paint an image fast with a simple technique. On canvas, they will learn how to create a small version of a mural. Get creative and colorful. ***Adam Preuss**

S. Monster Mash Up Character Creation

Gr. K-2, 3-5 & 6-8

Do you love drawing cartoon monsters? In this presentation you will draw your own fun cartoon monster character. The class begins with a discussion on monster characters. Then the class progresses by following a drawing tutorial to warm up your artistic muscles. At that point you can choose to finish the character or create your own character. In addition, you can draw a mash up of a monster of your own creation by mixing characteristics of different creatures into one character. A handout covering drawing tutorials on monster ideas, a variety of characters and other helpful hints will be provided to help create your very own creation in this class presentation.

***Scott Rolfs**

T. Mask Making

Gr. 5-8

Let's work with our hands. Students will create a plaster mask that can be used for making a costume for a play, preparing for trick-or-treating, or just for fun. With simple supplies you can create a plaster mask in no time. You can also decorate your finished plaster mask with paint, feathers, glitter, and sequins to really make it your own.

***Suree Sompamitwong & Leah Gossom**

U. Clay Caricatures

Gr. K-2, 3-5 & 6-8 (mix)

Work with Sculpey Modeling clay to create creatures, figures and other sculptures from your imagination. The items can be baked and painted at home. ***John Sterner**

V. Pottery Wheel Experience

Gr. 3-5, 6-8 (mix)

Students will observe examples of finished wheel thrown pottery work and watch demonstrations using soft clay to make simple forms on the pottery wheel. Students will then learn how to use the pottery wheel and work with the soft clay. This session concentrates on students gaining new experiences by working on a pottery wheel. Due to no kiln operator, the pottery will not be saved, dried, fired or returned as in previous years. ***Jim Swartz & Kennar Louwagie**

W. THEATRE-That's R-E, not E-R!

Gr. K-2, 3-5 & 6-8

OOH...Theatre! Acting! Lights! Costumes! Scenery! All the magic in one place! Come and experience the joy and thrill that is live theatre! We'll go backstage, under the stage and into lots of secret places that only people who work in the theatre get to see. Stand center stage and soak in the awe and applause that is LIVE THEATRE! R-E, not E-R!!

***Sheila Tabaka**



Photos, Videos, & Media

By participating in this event, you are giving SWWC permission to use any audio/video recordings and photographs that are taken during the event.



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MEET YOUR PRESENTERS

Agnes “Bobbie” Alsgaard Lien

I have been an artist/educator for a very long time. The rewards of doing something you love and passing that love onto others has been one of my greatest joys. Art has taken me around the world and educating others has allowed me to share what I have learned.

www.agnesnora.com

Cindy Bader

I have been a quilter for 30 years now, and I turned my hobby into a career by starting a long arm quilt business, speaking, teaching quilting classes, and designing quilt patterns. My passion is sharing my love of quilting with others! www.patternsontheprairie.com

Diane Bakker

Diane Bakker holds a BA in Elementary Education from the U of MN, Morris and taught 4th grade in Willmar for 8 years before embarking on home-educating their sons for the next 18 years. Throughout that time, she also loved teaching enrichment classes for K-12 students. She has continued to provide enrichment activities for little ones through seniors in their golden years in a variety of settings and loves to see the sparkle in eyes of all ages when they learn something new!

Sheku Bannister (AKA BIGG Shake)

Sheku, known in the music world as BIGG Shake, is an influential hip-hop artist and performer dedicated to creating music that unites and inspires. With a rich background in music and theater arts, Sheku has a passion for crafting songs that transcend cultural and linguistic barriers, bringing people together through shared experiences and community. Beyond his musical endeavors, Sheku is an advocate for positive affirmations for youth and enjoys organizing fun, interactive events like the 'Hip Hop Dance and Lyrics Showdown' and the Levitt jam camp. He also takes pride in his role as a loving father, celebrating fatherhood through heartfelt tributes in his music.

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Mixhael Angelou (AKA Chris)

Mixhael Angelou born Christopher David, in Monroe, Louisiana. He has always had a passion for music; from a young age getting started with instruments and choir in church; to starting his first music group at 12 with his brother. He is receiving an independent record deal by 13, with Snowtown Ent. A sub label of Universal Music Group. At 19 years of age was brought into and received a deal through Keezo Kane with Kanye West and G.O.O.D. Music. Adding modeling, fashion, acting, skateboarding, and some college to his belt. Now 34; with years in the music industry under his belt, having worked with the likes of Nipsey Hussle, Rick Ross, DJ Drama, Mac Miller, Miguel, The Escovedo family/Sheila E., Prince, Modsun; just to name a few. Is now independent with his brand NoWhere Boy and on3.

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Malik Sanders (AKA DJ Versatile)

Malik was born on June 24, 1996, and raised on the South Side of Chicago, Illinois, moved to South Dakota in 2015. With a degree in Physical Education and Health Education, Malik is dedicated to inspiring youth, believing they are our future. He embarked on his musical journey in February 2023 and brings seven years of experience as a professional DJ, specializing in weddings and events. As a devoted father to a four-year-old son and the youngest of three sisters, Malik is an outgoing, fun-loving entrepreneur committed to positively impacting young people's lives.

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Ms.Chevious (a.k.a. Melanie Cable)

Ms.Chevious is an award-winning chalk artist, painter, sculptor, and face painter! She tours the Midwest teaching and selling whimsical original art, coloring books, jewelry, and prints. Her weaknesses are hummingbird moths and cheese.

www.facebook.com/Ms.CheviousMurals

Nicole Crivellone

I have been painting since 2022. My first painting was a landscape, and I enjoyed the process so much I have just kept on painting. I have always been creative, before painting, I did a lot of ink drawings and did not do much with color. Painting has allowed me to explore color and learn about a whole new area of art. I think all forms of art are about trial and error, learning new things and finding the patience to make mistakes, fix them, and learn from them. In art, there is so much freedom and so much space to make your own rules, I hope to show others how to enjoy the freedom and peace of mind that can come from painting!

Hector Curriel

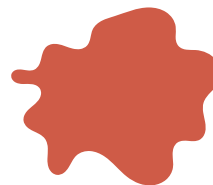
See keynote page. www.hectorcurriel-artwork.com

Ed Fornberg

School year 2024-25 marks year 46 of me teaching.... I LOVE to share my love of creativity with others. I have taught in New Ulm, Tracy, Storden, Jeffers, and currently in Westbrook Walnut Grove Schools. I sell paintings, drawings and other artwork on the side too.

Maggie Fuller

Maggie Fuller is a rural writer and visual artist from Montevideo, MN. She enjoys gardening, painting, writing, and playing with her dog, Daisy. She has been a mentor in the 4-H Young Writers program. She has also served as a 4-H judge for the Creative Writing Project in various Minnesota counties. Maggie is an encouraging and enthusiastic mentor for both artists and writers.



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MEET YOUR PRESENTERS CONT.

Bradley Hall

Brad is a watercolor and printmaker artist living and working in Granite Falls, Minnesota. He carves linoleum blocks, paints watercolors, and combines both mediums. He sells his work at galleries and art shows throughout the Midwest. He loves teaching his methods to young students! bradleyhallgallery.com

Tamara Isfeld

I am a community artist, living in Granite Falls. I am working as an artist and teacher at YME high school and at the Granite Area Arts Council. When I'm not in school you can often find me along the river walk painting a mural or out on a trail taking my dog for a walk.

Oak Kelsey

He lives in Marshall with his wife and two kids. He works as a personal care attendant and artist. He enjoys bike riding, making music, painting, animation, making zines and other creative adventures.

Rochelle Lame Bull

My name is Rochelle Lame Bull, I am a member of the Lower Sioux Indian Community. I have always enjoyed creating beautiful artwork. I love furthering my art skills by learning of new and exciting techniques and using diverse materials. My favorite type of art right now would have to be pottery.

Krystl Louwagie

Krystl grew up on a Minnesota farm. She graduated with a Studio Art degree with an emphasis in intaglio printmaking from Hamline University in St. Paul. She now lives in Marshall and works full-time for the non-profit Southwest Minnesota Arts Council. On the side, she finds time to work as a commission artist, professional face painter, petting zoo assistant, pet sitter, and as a Les Mills Body Pump Instructor at the Marshall area YMCA. You can follow her artistic journey on Facebook under Krystl Louwagie-Artist & Instagram under ArtByKrystl or Krystl's website, artbykrystl.com. She mostly creates ink and marker portraits (people & pets) and short autobiographical comics about her life. artbykrystl.com

Kennar Louwagie

I am an Art teacher in Minneota. I love teaching, painting, drawing, and getting my hands dirty in clay.

The Zoo Man

For the past 43 years, I have owned and operated Zoo Man's Attractions in Sleepy Eye. I travel all over the USA doing programs for the young and young at heart. Zoo-Mans-Attractions

SammyJo Miller

SammyJo Miller is a visual arts instructor and practicing artist. Since moving to Southwest Minnesota in 2021, she has completed 8 murals in Redwood County and has more in the works! Miller offers classes across Minnesota in fine art, crafting, and youth engagement through her mobile arts studio SJMiller Arts. www.sjmillersarts.com

Adam Preuss

I am a member of the Upper Sioux Community and resident of Granite Falls. I specialize in abstract portraits and mural works. I enjoy the outdoors, traveling, and cooking.

Scott Rolfs

Scott Rolfs received his BFA in Illustration at the School of Associate Arts. He has worked for design studios creating kid friendly character designs, graphic novel and children's publications and freelance clients. He especially enjoys working on his own comic projects and attending comic conventions. He has been presenting drawing classes for young artists since 2007.

Suree Sompamitwong

Suree is a multi-disciplinary artist celebrated for her emotionally evocative creations, which she describes as "raw art." With a deep conviction that art serves as a powerful tool for mental healing, Suree prioritizes expression and emotional processing over technical perfection. Suree is also the founder of Creative Healing Space, a non-profit that promotes community, creativity and healing through various creative modalities. Her day job is as youth employment specialist with the SW MN Private Industry Council.

Leah Gossom

Leah is a college art instructor at MN West in Worthington and also helps Suree at Creative Healing Space.

John Sterner

John has been involved in art in so many aspects. He has taught art for many years...from first graders through university students. John has also taught workshops, small groups, community programs and university connected presentations. He makes personal and public art. He works in many mediums such as sculpting in bronze, iron and fabricated steel, making graphic art on the computer and paper, and he loves to paint.

Jim Swartz

Jim Swartz is a retired SMSU Art Professor, where he taught pottery, sculpture, jewelry, and later also digital photo over the 33 years. He is a YAC regular and has given many other pottery, sculpture and metal casting workshops for students and adults over the years. Jim specializes in welding, metal casting, iron pours and digital photography for his creative work.

Sheila Tabaka

Sheila Tabaka is a theatrical director and costume designer. She spends her days and years in the SMSU Costume Shop. Recently, she attended a kilt making apprenticeship at the Kiltmaking in Edinburgh, Scotland and is the owner of Caledonia Kilts. In her free time, Sheila volunteers for various committees at Living Word Lutheran Church, spends time in her garden, travels with her husband, reads, does puzzles and chats with her 5 children. SMSU Theatrical Programs



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