



# INTERFAITH CENTER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

*"... involving a community of respect and justice."*



## Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday High School Art Contest



### Official Contest Rules

#### WHO?

High school students in Macomb County

#### WHEN?

**Deadline is Monday, December 5, 2016.** Finalists will be announced and contacted by Friday, Jan. 6, 2017. Winners announced at the 2017 MLK Holiday Celebration of Macomb County on Monday night, Jan. 16, 2017.

#### WHAT?

Create a two-dimensional piece of art that conveys your interpretation of the 2017 MLK Holiday Celebration theme: **A Sense of Justice**. This theme is in honor of both the 50th anniversary of the appointment of Thurgood Marshall to the Supreme Court as well as the 40th anniversary of the appointment of Damon Keith to the US District Court of Appeals for the Eastern District of Michigan. While Marshall was instrumental in ending legal segregation and became the first African-American justice of the Supreme Court, so have the decisions of Judge Keith helped to desegregate public schools, break color lines at corporations and require municipalities to repair the damage caused by systemic racism. These two giants in the history of our justice system worked alongside Dr. King and continued his legacy. Today, Judge Keith continues to advocate for civil rights and racial justice. These men had a sense of justice, and we hope their careers, along with the work of Dr. King to secure Civil Rights and Voting Rights for all Americans, will inspire you to create a work of art for this competition.

#### HOW?

Here's what you need to do:

- ✓ Format your art work for display  
[Poster Size (**No larger** than 22" x 34") and matted so that it could be put within a 24" x 36" standard frame and include a wire on the back so that it could be hung on a wall.]
- ✓ Include an index card attached to the back of your art piece **with a brief description of your entry.**
- ✓ Include your name, age, grade, art teacher, address, and phone number on the back of your art piece
- ✓ Submit your entry to Macomb Intermediate School District (c/o Deb Fortuna) before or on Dec. 5, 2016

#### JUDGING?

The art contest will be judged by the 2017 MLK Holiday Celebration Planning Committee members. Judging is based on five categories: 1) quality of art, 2) creativity, 3) visual impact, 4) adherence to the theme, and 5) following our rules.

#### OTHER RULES?

1. All artwork submitted must conform to your school and district policies regarding appropriate content.
2. Art submitted after the December 5, 2016 deadline may not be accepted.
3. Entrants agree to be bound by the official contest rules and decisions of the judges.



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### PRIZES?

We'll select a group of **finalists** who will receive:

- Cash prize: 1<sup>st</sup>-\$100; 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$50; and, 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$25
- Two (2) complimentary tickets to the 2016 MLK Holiday Celebration (\$80 value)
- Visibility--photos of art work will be uploaded to the ICRJ website and available online during 2017, the top three pieces (minimum) will travel throughout the county as part of an exhibit displayed (February thru August), and many entries will be included in a presentation at ICRJ's 2017 MLK Holiday Celebration

➤ The winner will have a photo of their winning piece placed on the cover of the ICRJ's 2017 MLK Holiday publication that is distributed to **thousands** before and on the MLK Holiday. In addition, the winner will be featured in press releases.

### ANYTHING ELSE?

- **Understanding Of Publication:** By submitting your art, you confirm that you understand that your art becomes the property of the ICRJ and that whether a winning entry or not, it may be used by the ICRJ in whole or in part, royalty free, in any printed or electronic media and in promotional materials, including fundraising and online publications.
- Please note that entries in the MLK Holiday High School Art Contest may be included in ICRJ's Annual MLK Holiday High School Art Contest Traveling Art Exhibit. The exhibit is hosted and showcased by various municipalities and local libraries after the MLK Holiday to offer more exposure to your art. Often local media will get involved to bring the exhibit to the public's attention.
- Art submitted for the contest will remain the property of the ICRJ through the time that it is part of the Traveling Exhibit (through August 2017) and then will be given to the MISD.

### WHY ENTER CONTEST?

- ❖ EXPOSURE—Have your work of art:
  - Viewed by the community
  - *(If Winner)* Featured on cover publication distributed to thousands
  - *(If one of Top Pieces)* Part of "traveling art exhibit" throughout Macomb County
  - Highlighted on the MISD website, and featured in several media releases
- ❖ VALUABLE EXPERIENCE—Entering a contest is a terrific way to hone your craft and share what you create.
- ❖ CREDENTIALS—Adding "Winner of the ICRJ's MLK Holiday High School Art Contest" will catch attention when added to college and art school entrance applications and when part of your art portfolio.
- ❖ GOOD CAUSE—The ICRJ is a not-for-profit organization working to end hate, bigotry, and racism. Your art will help raise awareness of our work to promote social justice, provide education, and build bridges of understanding among people of different cultures.

### QUESTIONS?

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