

# MASTERS SCHOOL OF ART

## *November 2018 Newsletter*



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### **Photo of the Month!**



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## Spring 2019 Pre-Registration

Pre-registration for our Spring 2019 term is now open! Please visit [www.msoaonline.com/admissions](http://www.msoaonline.com/admissions) and click the link for 'Foundational Studies' or 'College' to fill out the registration and 'Potential Class List' forms. If you registered online for the Fall term and have no changes in address or medical information, you will only have to answer basic questions for the Spring term.

Please be sure to fill out the Potential Class List form if you are Pre-registering! We set our Spring schedule based upon the classes you want to take. You will still need to Enroll in classes once the schedule is set, but pre-registered students will receive an email with the enrollment link before open enrollment begins.

Pre-registration ends on December 7th, so be sure to fill out the forms before our deadline to take advantage of the benefits of pre-registering, which is to enroll first into our Spring term's classes.

If you have any questions about pre-registration or enrollment, please email us anytime at [msoaadmissions@gmail.com](mailto:msoaadmissions@gmail.com).

### Crazy Hair/Crazy Hat Day

The kids had so much fun last month with their crazy hair dos and fun hats they wore for our special event.

We loved all the creativity from hair rolled up in colorful curls to pig tails lifted by balloons!

There were so many great creative hairdos and hats, it was hard for us to choose just one winner!

Congratulation to all our winners!

We look forward to next year's creative hats and crazy hairdo masterpieces.



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## Lost & Found

If any items belong to your family, please see Pam in the school office as soon as possible to collect your items. Thank you.



## Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon

We will be having our annual student Potluck Luncheon next week on Thursday and Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>, from 11:15am-12:15pm. Our Thanksgiving luncheon is one of the kids' favorite events. They love the festive holiday dinner...hot food...and it is positive, fun, and a time for the kids to celebrate Thanksgiving with their friends. All students are invited to the luncheon, even if they only take one or two classes and don't normally join us for lunch. Students are welcome to host a table. They will be responsible to decorate it. We will have a contest and prizes for the host (can be more than one host per table) for the best design/decorations. Just bring your decorations with you to school next week and let Pam know in the office first thing so she can assign you a table.

With our Thanksgiving theme in mind, we ask that all families use the following as a guide for bringing a covered dish:

**Last name A-F: please bring a dessert**

**Last name G-R: please bring a main dish**

**Last name S-Z: please bring a side dish**

Remember a lot of the students are gluten free and/or dairy free. We will have one table marked gluten free. We could use some parental helpers with this event to help set up the tables and clean up afterwards, especially with cleanup. All volunteers are welcome to join us for lunch. Many hands make little work, so your support would be greatly appreciated!

## Holiday School Breaks

Mark your calendar! We will be breaking from school for the following holidays:

- Thanksgiving Break – November 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>
- Christmas Break – December 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>
- New Year's Break – December 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>

## Fall 2018 Calendar Fundraiser



Our Calendar Fundraiser begins this month! We need all our families to get behind this fundraiser. There will be a form and a sample calendar sent home with the students to carry with them as they sell. Each calendar will be sold for \$12 and, as always, are filled with beautiful artwork and scripture. All proceeds will go towards our scholarship fund and help to provide needed equipment and supplies for your children. Calendar orders are due by December 7<sup>th</sup>, which will give students time to sell them over Thanksgiving break, and the orders will be available for pickup before leaving for Christmas Break. These make great Christmas presents! There will be a first and second place prize for those who sell the most calendars, so be sure to get out there and sell, sell, sell!

Congratulations to the students who made it into our 2019 calendar:

January – Jordan Hay; February – Hannah Rogers; March – Leah Yeomans; April – Emma Kassing; May – Angela Bruggeman; June – Micaiah Meyer; July – Abigail VanWetten; August – Keegan Stearns; September (and cover) – Chandler Watts; October – Ireland Covey; November – Deborah Talley; December – Samuel Hoskins.

### Tuition Due Dates

We would like to give everyone a reminder that tuition is due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month. In other words, December's tuition will be due on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Paying on time helps us to pay much of our overhead that hits us the end of the month/beginning of the month. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

## New Classes for Spring 2019

### Gouache Painting – Instructor: Cheri Holman

Description: Join the old masters in a study of Gouache. Learn to put your watercolor painting on a canvas. Paint romantic landscapes and styling still life, even painterly portraits. While gouache can look like acrylics, it retains the ease of watercolor's water based clean up and reactivation. Intermediate level class for ages 12&Up; pre-requisites: Watercolor 101 and Painting 101

### Stage Craft – Instructor: Cindy Miguel

Description: Learn to design, create and build performing arts sets, props, costumes and lighting elements. This is a hands-on class where all the “behind the scenes” activity takes place. How to create special effects, enhance mood with lighting and sound, explore different set and prop materials and much more will be fully explored. The students in this class will create and produce elements for the other performing arts class performances at the Revue. A great way to see your “artwork” come to life on stage!

### Exploration of Comedy – Instructor: Cindy Miguel

Description: Students will practice improvisational techniques, write and produce comedy sketches and learn different types of performance comedy such as physical comedy, satire, musical comedy and “stand up”. Concepts of timing, rhythm, vocal tone, gestures, eye contact and audience connection are just a few of the elements of comedy that will be explored. Each student will select one style to perform as a final for the Revue.

## Meet our new Director, Cindy Miguel

Cindy returns to MSOA after a 2-year break during which she completed her Master of Counseling Degree and a Certificate of Biblical and Theological Foundations from Multnomah University. She also holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in education from the University of Portland with endorsements in Special Ed. and Social Studies.

She has taught dance, junior high, preschool special needs and martial arts for a combined total of 18 years. She is a second-degree black belt in Tae kwon Do and a certified instructor. She is also an ACSM certified personal trainer, COBRA certified self-defense instructor and UBC certified instructor of fitness and kickboxing.



With a grandmother as an artist and a father who majored in music, Cindy grew up with fine arts all around, reading music before words and participating in band, orchestra, dance and choirs throughout school. She has been part of Portland's Singing Christmas Tree since 1999 where she enjoys singing in the choir, costume design and set and prop design and choreography for a smaller ensemble comedy group within the “tree family”. Cindy also enjoys lots of creative projects at church, raising 5 children and coaching Special Olympics track and field.

*“Achieving goals of my own are fun for a day, but encouraging and teaching students who go on to achieve goals they didn't even think possible is eternally rewarding!”*

## Director's Note:

*You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, And called from its farthest regions, And said to you, 'You are My servant, I have chosen you and have not cast you away: Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'* Isaiah 41:9-10 New King James Version (NKJV)

Here it is, already November, a time of entering the Holiday season of Thanksgiving and Christmas preparation and reflection. At MSOA, we are getting to know one another better, selecting final painting projects, and growing deeper friendships at art school.

As a new director, one of my first jobs is to observe and assess where I can best serve and encourage. I also must assess the needs of the community to see which gaps we, as a school, are to fill. It can seem overwhelming for students to tackle new skills, and it can seem overwhelming for me to try and fill director's shoes, but one truth remains that connects us all and tethers us, each one in our task at hand. We are called, chosen and appointed for this time.

As I have gotten to know each of the students better, it is abundantly clear that they are chosen and called to great things. I watch as students boldly touch their paint brushes and colored pencils to surfaces, creating amazing shapes, stories and reflections of their hearts that otherwise wouldn't be expressed. I ask what is it that we have that is not found anywhere else. The answer is profound, simple and so significantly needed in our world today. We focus on the foundational principles of the masters of art. Our art is integrally connected to the original intent of spiritual connection and expression of that which is eternal and lasting. In a current society that promotes programs that have loosened their principles to the point that what is reflected in the art is merely a flash emotion, one-dimensional and temporal, fluctuating with the trends of the times; our vision and purpose is clear, refreshing and powerful.

So, as we all move into the Holiday season together, let me start by saying how profoundly thankful I am to be working alongside Laura and Lisa as a diverse and integrally rich director team as we serve all of the students and families. Laura is so dedicated to her vision and impeccable standards in curriculum; Lisa is so passionate about her students and being able to offer the best classes to suit the students' needs; while I am committed to sharing what we have as a school with a world that desperately needs it. I am working hard at making sure that supply needs are met and that teachers and students all feel supported, seen, heard, valued and loved.

As we continue to grow together, please feel free to share ideas, comments, concerns and needs with me at [cindy.msoa@gmail.com](mailto:cindy.msoa@gmail.com). As a little added note, the students have just started working together on an all-school song to present at the exhibit and revue. It is going to be awesome. It is not too early to save the January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 date on your calendar!

~Cindy Miguel  
Director of Operations