



2024 - 2025

# Accepting Imperfection



DANCE  
CHOREOGRAPHY



FILM  
PRODUCTION



LITERATURE



MUSIC  
COMPOSITION



PHOTOGRAPHY



VISUAL ARTS

*honoring*

EXCEPTIONAL CREATIVITY  
FROM STUDENTS IN THE  
SHAWNEE MISSION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT



OPEN HOUSE  
CELEBRATION  
*December 6, 2024*

Shawnee Mission  
Area Council  
**PTA**<sup>®</sup>  
*everychild onevoice*<sup>®</sup>

## *our distinguished* TEAM OF REVIEWERS

### **VISUAL ART: Greg and Susie Brantman**

*Greg and Susie Brantman met at Fort Hays State University where Susie earned a BA in Painting, Ceramics and Teaching and Greg received an MA after obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education at Northwest Missouri State. Susie received her Master's degree from KU. Both went on to teach art in the Shawnee Mission School District – Susie for 18 years before spending 27 years at Hallmark Cards as an Art Director and Design Manager and Greg for 39 years, retiring from SM North High School. Both Greg and Susie are practicing artists, and Greg has won several awards and recognitions over the years, including SMSDs Master Teacher.*

### **LITERATURE: Connie Strand & Lois Hunt**

*Connie Strand is retired from a long career as an editorial director at Hallmark Cards and before that was a newspaper reporter. She has a degree in journalism from Kansas State University, and is also a proud product of the Shawnee Mission School District. Lois Hunt spent her entire career working for Hallmark Cards. Before her retirement she was Creative Director working with editors, writers and members of the design community. She attended Truman State.*

### **MUSIC COMPOSITION: Ryan Main**

*Ryan holds Masters of Music in Music Composition and Music Education from the Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor of Music in Music Composition from the UMKC's Conservatory of Music. An award winning composer, his compositions are performed internationally and frequently featured at conferences, festivals, Carnegie Hall, and other events around the world. Ryan is passionate about quality music education for all. He founded and serves as artistic and executive director of the Youth Chorus of Kansas City, a non-profit organization serving youth of all socio-economic and cultural backgrounds throughout the Kansas City metro area.*

### **DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY: Liz Kelley-Hansen**

*Liz found her passion for dance in her teens and has spent her life as a singer/dancer, dance instructor, and studio owner. At a young age, she travelled to California and began an illustrious career in the entertainment business, including performing as a Golddigger on the Dean Martin Show and touring with the Bob Hope USO tour to entertain military troops. She later returned to KC and founded her own studio, Dance Studio I, running from 1984–2018, passing on her knowledge & passion to countless aspiring young dancers.*

### **FILM PRODUCTION: Dr. Dotty Hamilton**

*Dr. Dotty Hamilton is Professor Emeritus at Avila University, where she taught film and digital media for over 25 years. She earned a PhD in Film from KU and was a Visiting Professor at the University of Pecs in Hungary. She served on the Board of the Kansas International Film Festival, and served as a judge for a variety of film festivals. She has made numerous presentations at cinema conferences, published several book chapters on film, and guest lectured on film at Ottawa University, UMKC, and KU. She won several state awards for her documentary on Florida water problems, and produced environmental documentaries for the Florida Wildlife Foundation.*

### **PHOTOGRAPHY: Mark McDonald**

*Mark McDonald holds a degree in Photojournalism from the University of Kansas. As a longtime independent commercial photographer, Mark has provided professional images for numerous Kansas City businesses, magazines, and philanthropic organizations. With 40 years of experience in both journalistic-style and studio photography, his work is widely known throughout KC business community. As a former SMSD dad, he is a strong supporter of arts education and Reflections.*

## DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY

### **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:**

*Stella Erpelding, primary, Westwood View Elementary*

*Maxwell Deane, intermediate, Trailwood Elementary*

*Kira Wagner, high school, Shawnee Mission West*

### **AWARD OF MERIT:**

*Ellie Hagan, intermediate, Prairie Elementary*

### **HONORABLE MENTION:**

*Lilly Allison, intermediate, Tomahawk Elementary*

### **AWARD OF PARTICIPATION:**

*Emma Fenison, intermediate, Overland Park Elementary*

*Meredith Glasrud, intermediate, Christa McAuliffe Elementary*

## FILM PRODUCTION

### **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:**

*Olivia Martin, intermediate, Prairie Elementary*

*Daniel Bush, middle school, Sunflower Elementary*

*Olivia Garza, high school, Shawnee Mission South*

### **AWARD OF MERIT:**

*Lennon George, intermediate, Merriam Park Elementary*

*Arlo Good, middle school, Indian Woods Middle School*

### **HONORABLE MENTION:**

*Lauryn E. Plowden, intermediate, East Antioch Elementary*

# LITERATURE

## **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:**

*Matilda McInerney, primary, Brookwood Elementary*

*Colin Graves, intermediate, Merriam Park Elementary*

*Gabriella Coppage, middle school, Indian Woods Middle School*

*Victoria Olberding, high school, Shawnee Mission South*

## **AWARD OF MERIT:**

*Campbell Rigsby, intermediate, Prairie Elementary*

*Diya Thomas, middle school, Highlands Elementary*

*Nathan Mestel, high school, Shawnee Mission West*

## **HONORABLE MENTION:**

*Guneet Kaur, intermediate, Mill Creek Elementary*

*Meredith Wacha, middle school, Indian Hills Middle School*

## **AWARD OF PARTICIPATION:**

*Gannon Jones, intermediate, Overland Park Elementary*

*Vivian Larson, intermediate, Christa McAuliffe Elementary*

*Madeline McInerney, intermediate, Brookwood Elementary*

*Ava Reed, intermediate, Trailwood Elementary*

*Katie Barnes, middle school, Christa McAuliffe Elementary*

*Darius Bean, middle school, Westridge Middle School*

*Madeline Kennedy, middle school, Rhein Benninghoven Elementary*

*Emery McGee, middle school, Prairie Elementary*

*Samaya Najera, middle school, Roesland Elementary*

# PHOTOGRAPHY

## **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:**

*Arthur Dayani, primary, Belinder Elementary*

*Nixon Katzenmeier, intermediate, Christa McAuliffe Elementary*

*Annabelle Ogle, middle school, Mill Creek Elementary*

*Graham Rigsby, high school, Shawnee Mission East*

## **AWARD OF MERIT:**

*Cruz Torres-Sosa, primary, Tomahawk Elementary*

*Campbell Rigsby, intermediate, Prairie Elementary*

*Charlotte Clough, middle school, Christa McAuliffe Elementary*

*Elizabeth Barnes, high school, Shawnee Mission West*

## **HONORABLE MENTION:**

*Sebastian Hood, primary, Prairie Elementary*

*Emma Perkins, primary, Mill Creek Elementary*

*Nora Davey, intermediate, Westwood View Elementary*

*Theo Dayani, intermediate, Belinder Elementary*

*Darius Bean, middle school, Westridge Middle School*

*Mia Clark, middle school, Indian Woods Middle School*

*Bryce Bean, high school, Shawnee Mission West*

## **AWARD OF PARTICIPATION:**

*Norah Peterson, intermediate, Trailwood Elementary*

*Ava Schifman, intermediate, Highlands Elementary*

*Hattie Stenger, intermediate, Briarwood Elementary*

*Noah Granade, high school, Shawnee Mission South*

## MUSIC COMPOSITION

### **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:**

*Raegan Fitzpatrick, primary, Christa McAuliffe Elementary*

*Jiya Bhavsar, intermediate, Briarwood Elementary*

*Zachary Foss, high school, Shawnee Mission South*

### **AWARD OF MERIT:**

*Emil Wetzel, intermediate, Westwood View Elementary*

*Gentry Fox, high school, Shawnee Mission Northwest*

### **HONORABLE MENTION:**

*Desmond Zybko, intermediate, Christa McAuliffe Elementary*

*Ishya Bhavsar, high school, Shawnee Mission East*

## VISUAL ARTS

### **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE:**

*Brooks Major, primary, Rhein Benninghoven Elementary*

*Nixon Katzenmeier, intermediate, Christa McAuliffe Elementary*

*Carmen Carroll, middle school, Indian Hills Middle School*

*Reese DiSalvo, high school, Shawnee Mission South*

*Gwen Gafford, special artist, Briarwood Elementary*

### **AWARD OF MERIT:**

*Naomi Blackburn, primary, Roesland Elementary*

*Shiv Patel, intermediate, Rhein Benninghoven Elementary*

*Phoebe Yu, middle school, Brookwood Elementary*

*Phoebe Karrer, special artist, Prairie Elementary*

# VISUAL ARTS

## **HONORABLE MENTION:**

*Porter Wells, primary, Westwood View Elementary*

*Lucy Holman, intermediate, Westwood View Elementary*

*Sofia Martinez-Ramirez, intermediate, East Antioch Elementary*

*Olivia Staab, intermediate, Lenexa Hills Elementary*

*Madison Wilson, intermediate, Brookwood Elementary*

*Liam Davey, middle school, Westwood View Elementary*

## **AWARD OF PARTICIPATION:**

*Clint Beach, primary, East Antioch Elementary*

*Ruby Hauser, primary, Overland Park Elementary*

*Emmaline Martin, primary, Prairie Elementary*

*Henry Wann, primary, Tomahawk Elementary*

*Olivia Zybko, primary, Christa McAuliffe Elementary*

*Rosalie Helen Casillas, intermediate, Overland Park Elementary*

*Olivia Crockett, intermediate, Roesland Elementary*

*Fiona Francis, intermediate, Sunflower Elementary*

*Kate Harrelson, intermediate Briarwood Elementary*

*Cyrus Hertenberg, intermediate, Prairie Elementary*

*Emelia Joblin, intermediate, Belinder Elementary*

*Matilda McInerney, intermediate, Brookwood Elementary*

*Summer Persson, intermediate, Merriam Park Elementary*

*Eva Pfannenstiel Rodriguez, intermediate, Mill Creek Elementary*

*Henry Rieper, intermediate, Belinder Elementary*

*Eva Werly, intermediate, Belinder Elementary*

*Sarah Brown, middle school, Tomahawk Elementary*

*Ryker Trostle, middle school, Overland Park Elementary*

# THANK YOU

*to our fantastic Reflections School Chairs...  
you give our kids this opportunity to shine!*

*Lori Stanziola and Becky Richmond, SMAC PTA Reflections Co-Chairs*



*Katie Dayani, Belinder*

*Angie DalBello, Briarwood*

*Tiffany Inghram, Brookwood*

*Kristin Barnes, Christa McAuliffe*



*Melissa Kochen, East Antioch*

*Allyson Carr, Highlands*

*Allyson Carr, Indian Hills MS*

*Amy Griffin, Indian Woods MS*



*Mallory Bounds, Lenexa Hills*

*Armida Orozco-Dekker, Merriam Park*

*Becca Gregory, Mill Creek*



*Megan Zinn-Sanchez, Overland Park*

*Angela Rigsby, Prairie*

*Jenny O'Leary, Rhein Benninghoven*

*Dee Wright, SM East*



*Jennifer Olberding, SM South*

*Kristin Barnes, SM West*

*Jessica Kessinger, Sunflower*



*Ashley Wann, Tomahawk*

*Rebecca Keunan, Trailwood*

*Elizabeth Newkirk, Westwood View*