



**Jurisdiction of Southwestern Florida
Pastor A. D. Shaw, AIM Chairman
Bishop Matthew Williams, Prelate**



Fine Arts Competition

Greetings In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Our Jurisdiction of Southwestern Florida AIM Convention is proud to announce our Fine Arts Competition. Your dance/drill/step/mime team is cordially invited to participate in this 2016 Competition!

This event will take place during our JSWFL AIM Convention on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at Brown Memorial COGIC in Tampa Florida immediately following the evening service. Your church is encouraged to participate in this truly anointed showcase and competition. We are confident the exposure and performance experience will benefit you and your ministry considerably.

If you have any questions or need further information, please call Sunday School Superintendent Cecelia Otis at 813-928-1789.



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2016 Participation Guidelines

- Each team must represent a Church of God in Christ Jurisdiction of Southwestern Florida Church.
- Teams must have prior authorization from their Pastor to enter the competition.
- Teams must follow the guidelines set forth by the Jurisdictional Fine Arts Competition Director/Staff.
- Each team member must be registered with the JSWFL AIM Convention.
- Each team must complete a JSWF AIM Fine Arts Competition Registration Form and submit registration fee.
- Teams must be present and in place an hour prior to competition. Teams arriving late will be removed from the competition.
- Teams' conduct must be exemplary at all times. Poor conduct and inappropriate behaviors are unacceptable. Teams that display such conduct will be disqualified from the competition and will not be allowed to perform.
- If a team needs to use props, notify staff if set-up is needed before your performance during line up. Also, have a designated person to clean and remove the props *promptly* after the team is off the stage. Please note that if you have special effects, we cannot guarantee their use during the performance, due to the limitations of the facility.
- Team's performance may not be less than 2 minutes AND may not exceed 5 minutes during the Competition.
- All team members must be off the stage before the 5 minutes, or the team is disqualified. There will be a horn/bell which will beep once in the beginning to signify the start of time, a 2nd time to signify 30 seconds remaining, and a 3rd time to signify the 5 minutes is up. All teams that exceed 5 minutes will be disqualified.

For Dance/Mime, the starting horn/bell will sound when the song begins, starting your 5 minutes.

****Be sure to have your music queued where you need it to start, accommodations will not be made to start at another point the music. ****

For Step/Drill, the starting horn/bell will begin upon first call

Team must be completely off the stage by the end of five minutes. An exit line will be provided at the end of the stage, all members must have crossed this line before the five minutes to qualify. In case there is a tie your team must be prepared to perform a 1 minute performance.



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2016 Team Registration

Teams must arrive 30 minutes to check-in, prior to the start of the competition. At this time, all money is due. Additionally, if music is being used, CD must be provide at check in. A church may be represented by one team only. Register your team under the correct **Category**. Your team will be judged according to the category they have been registered under. Every category will be judged with various criteria (see judging criteria below).

There are **Four Performance Categories** (*Register your team according to your correct category*):

- **Drill/Military Marching Teams** - A marching unit that performs routines based on military drill. Military Drill is considered a movement restricted by close-order maneuvering. These teams are mostly coordinated in military style uniforms, perform various precision movements throughout their routine, and most likely receive cadence calls from a formal leader. Drill Teams sometimes include military percussion, battalions, and other military paraphernalia used for exhibition.
- **Step Team** - A team with an elaborate synchronized group routine that focus on rhythmic percussive dance in which the participant's entire body is used as an instrument to produce complex rhythms and sounds through a mixture of footsteps, spoken word, and hand claps. Step Teams may feature theatrics, props, and music to convey the message and enforce the rhythm of their performance.
- **Praise Dance Team** - A team that has a type of dance movement which is an expression of worship. The team will respond with an appropriate dance which flows out of the music and is thought to enhance the prayer or worship experience.
- **Mime Team** - A mime teams uses their body and facial expressions to show forth what the music is saying also putting emphasis on each emotion. Most Mime teams use white face mask/paint to emphasize their performance.



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2016 Judging Criteria

The Judging Criteria for **Praise Dance Teams** are as follows:

Spirituality - Does the routine represent Christianity?

Execution - Does the routine flow/moves without hesitation?

Music Selection - Was the music in-sync with the interpretation?

Artistic Illustration - Was the routine artistic/imaginative?

Uniformity - Uniform & Uniqueness?

Spacing - Adequate use of the performance area?

Originality - Was the routine distinguishable?

Synchronization - Was the routine performed in unity?

The Judging Criteria for **Mime Teams** are as follows:

Spirituality - Does the routine represent Christianity?

Synchronization - Was the routine performed in unity?

Appearance - Was there adequate use of the performance area?

Music Selection - Was the music in-sync with the interpretation?

Expression - Does the team use their body and face expressions to show what the music is saying?

Uniformity - Similar / same attire?

Creativity - Was the routine artistic/imaginative?

Movement - Were the movements clear and precise?

The Judging Criteria for **Step Teams** are as follows:

Spirituality - Does the routine represent Christianity?

Spacing - Was there adequate use of the performance area?

Accuracy - Were all moves clear and in-sync? Successful execution of moves?

Enthusiasm - Did the team present enthusiasm/energy through the routine?

Creativity - Was the routine artistic/imaginative? Was the routine distinguishable?

Vocalization - Did the team present clear vocalization? Did the team respond to commands presented?

Technique - Difficulty & Technical Skills?

Uniformity - Uniform & Uniqueness?

The Judging Criteria for **Drill/Military Marching Teams** are as follows:

Spirituality - Does the routine represent Christianity?

Spacing - Did the team keep precision spacing during routine?

Clarity - Did the team present clear vocalization?

Responsiveness - Did the team respond to commands presented?

Precision - Were all moves clear, precise, and close-order maneuvering?

Uniformity - Similar / same attire?

Execution - Successful execution of moves?

Synchronization - Was the routine performed in unity?



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2016 Competition Dress Code

- Uniforms may range from T-shirts and skirts or long pants (females) or long pants (males) to professional uniforms. *Female dancers, if wearing a Praise Dance Dress wear either footless tights down to the ankles with dance slippers and or whole tights without slippers.
- T-shirts may display the Church logo. Sashes are acceptable.
- Females, if wearing a dress or skirt, it must at or below the knee. If wearing pants no tight fitting pants or leggings.
- Blouses or shirts must not be sheer or revealing.
- Males must wear pants and shirts (with some sort of sleeve), no shorts.
- Shoes and socks or nylons must be worn. (Exception: Praise Dance/Mime Teams may perform with bare feet)
- Teams that violate this policy will not be allowed to perform or compete. Uniformity is the key during judging.

JSWFL AIM Competition Awards

- We are all winners each team participating will receive a participation certificate.
- ONE trophy will be awarded to the 1st place winning team at the conclusion of the competition.
- Judges decisions are final.
- There will be designated staff members to handle your questions and concerns. No one is allowed to approach the judges.
- Please feel free to e-mail all questions to Sunday School Superintendent Cecelia Otis for more information COTIS662@verizon.net.



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2016 Team Application

Church Information

Church's Name: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Church's Address: _____

Telephone #: _____ Email Address: _____

District Name: _____

_____ \$30.00 Registration Fee enclosed

_____ Check ___ Cash ___ Credit Card

Please review 2016 rules and regulations.
Please ensure correctness of form for future correspondence.

Team's Name: _____

Total # on Team: _____ Team Captain's Name: _____

Director's/Church Representative Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Type of team: Check One (Please ensure correct category)

___ Drill/Military

___ Stepping

___ Praise Dance

___ Mime



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I CONSENT TO THE PARTICIPANT'S PRESENCE /ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME ALL HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS WHICH MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH HIS/HER/MY PARTICPATION IN THE JSWFL AIM CONVENTION AND ALL AFFLIATES OF THE FINE ARTS COMPETITION. I ALSO AGREE TO NOT HOLD THE ORGANIZER/ ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ENVIRONMENTAL OR HEALTH AND SAFETY INFRACTION INCURRED DURING THE ACTIVITIES, WHETHER DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES OR THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ORGNIZAION'S INSTRUCTIONS AND CONTEST MECHANICS. WE HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE CONTEST RULES AND GUIDLINE.

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