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Connecting culture to Christ through fine art.

SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER



Greetings in Christ!

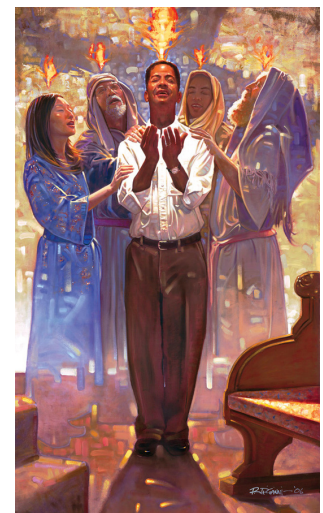
Thank you so much for your interest in Masterpiece. The Lord has blessed us greatly with a community of the faithful committed to the glory of the Kingdom of God. My name is **Asa Hoffman**, a 2021 graduate of Hillsdale College, and I recently began working with **Jeanne Randall** as an administrative assistant. As well as contributing to the various projects of Masterpiece, I am on the Magna Deo charter school planning team, an exciting new project I will talk about more later. I am full of gratitude for this opportunity and cannot wait to be a part of the work God does through this organization!

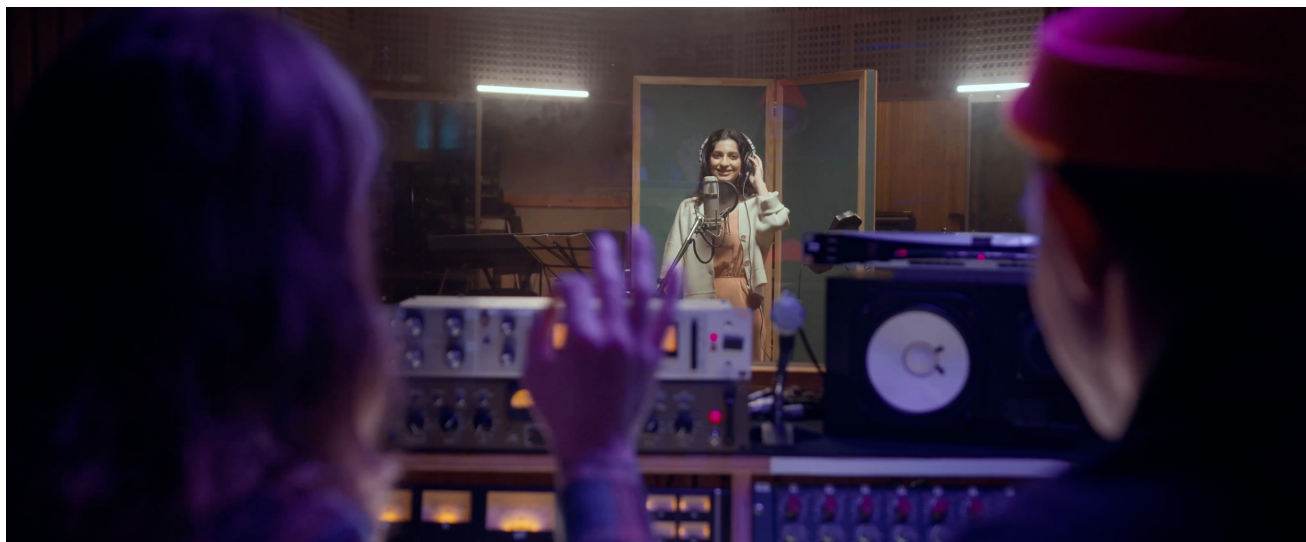
Magna Deo

The Magna Deo capital campaign team has done a fabulous job of late and has secured a very significant pledge that will get us well on our way to purchasing a property. We would like to offer special thanks to **Cal Martin, Les Connell, Nick and Kristin Sorani, Melanie Cardinal, and Doug Devine** for their time and energy in helping to raise the capital, evaluate options, and shape decisions for the Magna Deo Campus to become a reality. This project will be transformative for the arts in the Rogue Valley because of its dedication to conveying the truth, grace, beauty and nobility of Christianity through fine arts.



Art by Ron DiCianni
Above: *Under His Wings*
Below: *Baptism of the Holy Spirit*





Ascend Conference

Two of our main events this year are quickly approaching! On August 19th-21st at **Edgewater Christian Fellowship** in Grants Pass, OR, Ascend Young Creatives Conference 2021 features world-renowned artist and longtime friend of the foundation **Ron DiCianni** as the lead arts instructor, **Jeff Bates**, who has worked on the set of the revolutionary show *Chosen*, as the lead filmmaking instructor, and expert lead musicians **Jeremy Oliveria**, **Demian Norvell**, **Matt Combe**, **Michael Bahn**, **Sam Peck**, **Seth Stanley**, **Acacia Bates**, **Nick James**, **Tom Cox**, and **Steve Hopkins**. The art, music, and filmmaking tracks each will feature diverse workshops, and there will also be all-group inspiration from **Pastors Rick Booye** and **Xavier Brasseur**, **Jenna Hays**, and **Matt McAuliffe** and more. We are thrilled to see the work of God in this event as many young artists and creatives learn excellence and greater purpose in their craft. Sign-ups are open at AscendWestCoast.org.



Ascend 2021 Lead Artist Ron DiCianni

Beauty from Ashes

From September 8th-10th, we will be partnering with **Trail Christian Fellowship** in Eagle Point, OR to host Beauty from Ashes, an art exhibit and online auction to benefit victims of the fires which raged in the Rogue Valley last year. It will be a powerful celebration of God's redemptive work on the one-year anniversary of those life-altering events. The exhibit will be open to the public and will feature a wide range of compositions from local artists. Stay tuned for more details on this vital community event.

Charter School

We are also in the beginning stages of planning for the Magna Deo public charter school. This school will follow the classical education model of the Barney Charter School Initiative, an outreach of Hillsdale College. The planning team, led by project manager **John Mawhood**, **Jeanne Randall**, **Jenna Hays**, **Andy Kemmelshue**, and me, aim for the opportunity to build in the south Rogue Valley a school dedicated to goodness, truth, and beauty. We believe this will reinvigorate educational options in the Rogue Valley and offer families a fantastic public school educational option. We've started the exploratory process, connected with representatives from other Barney Charter schools in other states, and begun a survey process for prospective families. We are grateful your prayers as we continue the search for the right person to lead the charge in this endeavor and new team members to help. For more information, check out ClassicalQuest.org.

Stay connected with us and these missions at mcfineartsfoundation.org. And thank you for helping us to connect culture to Christ through fine art. The Lord bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way.

The Lord be with you all.

II Thessalonians 3:16

