

Masterpiece Christian Fine Arts Foundation



The Sower
Johne Richardson
print on watercolor paper
Words in Red exhibit



ounded in 2007, Masterpiece Christian Fine Arts hosts traveling fine art exhibits, sponsors annual conferences and workshops and commissions artists to create Biblically themed art for current culture. Masterpiece carries on the traditions of classical art ideology practiced from the Renaissance down through 19th century, teaching, exhibiting and promoting manifestations of unparalleled technical excellence, which throughout history result in great works of lasting beauty. Contemporary artists offer their spin and current splashes of brilliance on these themes and techniques resulting in modern artistic intrigue. We'd like to bring a permanent facility to Ashland within the next 3 years.

"Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate."

-Psalm 145:3, 5



# **Exhibits**

Since 2008 Masterpiece has traveled throughout the West Coast and Southwest with Biblically themed exhibits of fine art produced by renowned artists from across the country. These have been visited by more than 50,000 guests.

## International Exhibition

Recently, we were invited by civic and church leaders in Versailles, France to exhibit at an art/faith cultural exchange. We look forward to developing this partnership and opportunity in the near future.

Moving forward, our vision encompasses a timeless declaration—Magna Deo, Great and Magnificent God.



# Artist Workshops

We host annual artist workshops and conferences with remarkable instructors who present their works and inspire attendees to create works that are increasingly technically excellent and emotionally impacting.









## Ascend Youth Conferences

Masterpiece Christian Fine Arts sponsors the Ascend Creatives Conferences—hosting, serving, and facilitating a West Coast convergence of young artists, musicians, and filmmakers pursuing excellence, influence, and passion in their crafts with a view to using their talents to the glory of God. Ascend is an annual four-day workshop that consists of classes, hands-on training, featured speakers, and evenings of worship and teaching shared with the local community.



# A Place to Connect Culture to Christ through Fine Art

Our current culture is in an ever-growing spiritual crisis, with people often feeling lost—without identity and a spiritual compass. There is a longing for unconditional love, acceptance, truth, and purpose. Throughout the centuries, man has attempted to give meaning to this sense of longing through the arts. Masterpiece Christian Fine Arts Foundation seeks to support the development and exhibition of Biblically themed fine art to connect individuals to the Creator. After much thought and prayer, we feel called to reach for a new horizon and we are inviting you to join us in this new venture.

Masterpiece is pursuing a significant endeavor in Southern Oregon known as Magna Deo. The Magna Deo Campus will showcase exquisite rotational exhibits of Biblically themed art including a bronze edition of "The Pieta", one of 12 life-size castings from Michelangelo's 15th century original marble. "The Pieta" was commissioned in 1498 by French cardinal Jean de Billheres. At 23 years old, Michelangelo constructed this timeless piece connecting us to this poignant moment between the Son of God and Mary, his mother. We hope to inspire other young artists in the same way to explore their creativity to the highest level.



# Magna Deo Project

Magna Deo is an education, worship, and cultural center surrounded by artistic beauty and rooted in historical Christianity. We have the opportunity to create a multifaceted campus to equip articulate thinkers and creative influencers with a Biblical worldview through fine art.

The Magna Deo Project will aspire to unleash the creative ambitions that uplift the human spirit with beauty and hope—blessing Southern Oregon and visitors from around the world.

With many yearly visitors and world-renowned attractions such as Crater Lake, The Shakespeare and Britt Festivals, its award winning culinary tourism destinations, festivals and vineyards, Southern Oregon's Rogue Valley is becoming a year-round destination with visitors from around the world. Magna Deo's presence will stand as a beacon of hope.





Center for the Arts

Ongoing rotational fine art exhibits. Weekly workshops and classes in sculpture, mosaic, music, drama, film, and dance



**Culinary Center** 

Weekly culinary classes and events utilizing Magna Deo's gardens and vineyard



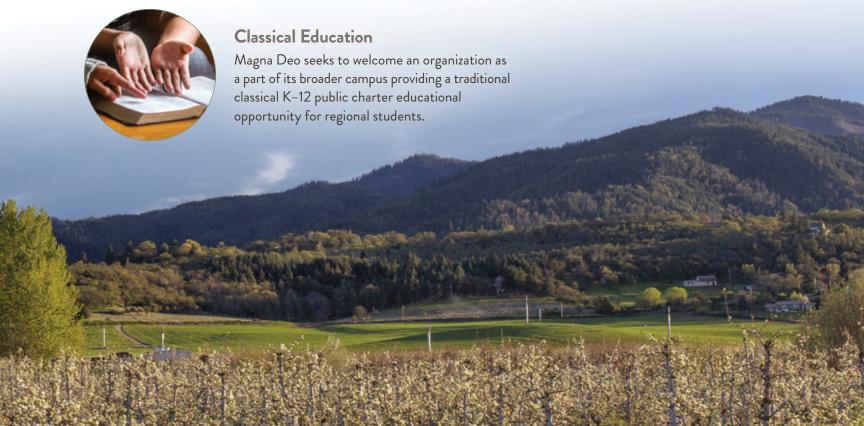
Worship Center

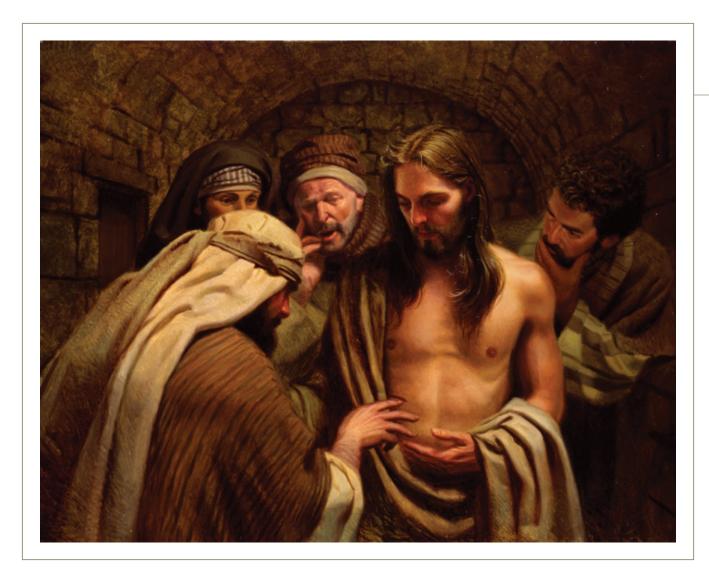
Weekly services and events for youth and adults for Biblical study, exploration, and modernday applications



Gardens

A renowned destination for exceptional floral grandeur and landscape design





**The Believer**Frank Ordaz
oil on canvas
Words in Red exhibit

### Center for the Arts

The Magna Deo Center for the Arts will present rotating fine arts exhibits of exceptional quality and technical excellence that convey a Biblical worldview. These include works by renowned contemporary artists as well as historic works. Workshops and classes will be available for all ages in all disciplines, including painting, sculpture, mosaic, music, drama, film and dance.

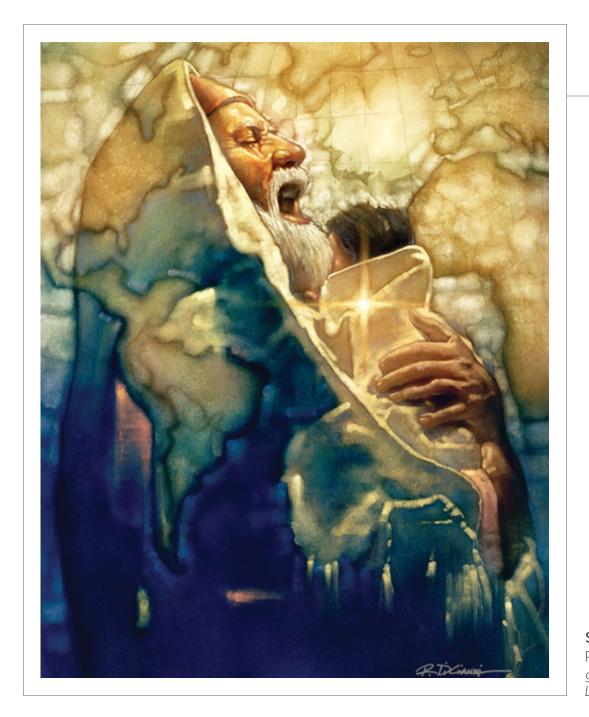
Throughout history, art has been a vehicle self-expression used to convey opinion, perspective and emotion. It's that emotion that often soars beyond the intellect and touches the heart in ways mere words alone cannot. Magna Deo cultivates this receptive environment as a gateway for a greater connection between the heart and mind.

Magna Deo will inspire creativity and support the aspirations of a gifted generation who want to embark on this journey of spiritual discovery to entice every human heart into finding it's identity in the arms of a Loving Father.









Simeon's Moment Ron DiCianni giclée on canvas Let There Be Light exhibit

# Worship Center

A place for spiritual discovery through Biblical Worship, prayer, music and teaching rooted in historical Christianity. Weekly events for youth and adults provide an environment for Biblical study, exploration and modern day practical application.



# Classical Education

In concert with the beauty and artistic traditions of Magna Deo's broader campus, we welcome a charter model K–12 classical educational partnership dedicated to the traditions of an exceptional classical education and the arts. Additional online partnerships and resources will be available.







Feeding of the 5000 Dan Chen bronze Words in Red exhibit

# Culinary Center

Culinary creativity and food preparation set in an environment that revives body, mind and spirit and re-elevates the role of the table and hospitality in cultural connections and conversations. With farm-to-table produce in part from Magna Deo's gardens and vineyard. Culinary classes and workshops for all ages are offered weekly.



## Gardens

A renowned destination for exceptional floral grandeur, and landscape design. Indulge in organic food cultivation used in the culinary classes offered by Magna Deo's Culinary Center. This setting also provides the backdrop for events consistent with biblical celebrations, such as weddings.



# Your Financial Support Matters

We are asking for your help to bring the vision of Magna Deo to life. We must raise **\$2.8 million** to purchase a location and renovate or build our facilities. Much like the cathedrals of old, collectively we can build an edifice to the glory of God—a unique opportunity in our lifetime to communicate the gospel of Christ via the fine arts. Prayerfully consider the calling to use your gifts and talents as building blocks for the Magna Deo project.

### Projected Use of Funds



To support the Magna Deo Capital Campaign, please give at www.mcfineartsfoundation.org/donate.



"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

—1 Peter 2:9

#### The Gathering

Tom duBois oil on canvas Birds Beasts and Beauty exhibit A Genesis to Revelations Alliance with Animals

### Dear Friends

I am honored to have the opportunity to share with you a personal lifetime legacy and goal for over four decades: People +



God and connecting them one to the other. And through our work with Masterpiece for the past 15 years, personal interactions with guests in our art exhibits have given us thousands of opportunities to introduce individuals to the hope of a God who loves them and deepen their understanding of His story through superb fine art, when they might otherwise be personally and culturally resistant.

I invite you to join us in taking the beautiful canvas of Southern Oregon and expanding the impact of Masterpiece Christian Fine Arts, to collectively create a stunning artistic edifice—bringing attention to our extraordinary and most excellent God. This is our generational opportunity, in times of unprecedented cultural crisis and hopelessness, to join fellow saints and patrons from centuries past and introduce hundreds of thousands of visitors from along the West Coast to a most magnificent God through the arts in an atmosphere of hospitality and beauty.

Thank you for considering becoming part of this exciting quest with me.

Warmly,

Jeanne Randall · President and Director

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H.R. RookmaakerArt Needs No Justification



#### Help find the place God has chosen.

Whether it is a blank canvas or an unfinished work, we yearn to discover the perfect place to fashion the campus of Magna Deo. If you know of such a place, please contact Jeanne Randall at <code>jeanne@mcfineartsfoundation.org</code>.



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