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PHS Dance & Art students

The Two-Day Arts Festival Hosted by the Union County Freeholders through the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in the Department of Parks and Recreation Is an Opportunity for Students to Showcase their Talent

Plainfield, NJ – March 10, 2017 – Over 200 Plainfield Public Schools students will participate in The 2017 Union County Teen Arts Festival that will be held on Thursday and Friday, March 16 & 17 at Union County College in Cranford, NJ. The two-day Arts Festival is hosted by the Union County Freeholders, through the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, in the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Plainfield High School (PHS), the Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies (PAAAS), Maxson Middle School and Hubbard Middle School, will have students representing the Plainfield Public Schools District in the areas of dance, theatre, vocals, instrumentals, graphic

and visual arts, robotics, and television production.

Mr. M.A. Taylor, director of Plainfield High School's Dance Ensemble, who has been mentoring students for the past fifteen years, said he is proud of his students and is excited to be a part of the festival. "The festival is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our students' talent, they will be critiqued by professionals and will get to participate in different workshops offered throughout the day.

Mr. Taylor said the festival gives students an opportunity to dance to a different audience and is a boost to their confidence.

Other schools participating include private, public and charter schools, among them: The Benedictine Academy, Linden High School, Oratory Prep., Cranford Achievement Program, New Providence, Governor Livingston, J. Dayton School, Mother Seton, UC Teams, Abraham Clark, UC Vo-Tech, St. Mary of the Assumption, Hillside High School, Jonathan Dayton High School and more.

If selected, the students will be a part of the festival's final showcase to be held in May.



PAAAS Students



PHS Choir