



# MSJ RENAISSANCE

Unleash your creative potential at Mount St. Joseph University. Join the MSJ Renaissance to enrich your understanding of the human experience, expand your potential, and enhance your critical thinking. Regardless of your major, put your passion into action in the performance, visual, or written arts—and earn a \$500 award each semester. Our renaissance programs provide real-world experience and opportunities for personal growth among a close-knit community.



**\$1,000/year**  
MSJ RENAISSANCE AWARD

Planned participation in Art Guild, MSJ Choirs, MSJ Theatre, Peak Productions, University Band, or Writer's Block. Students may only receive one award, regardless of participation in multiple groups. Does not require separate application.

## PERFORMING ARTS

### MSJ BANDS

We have a diverse selection of instrumental ensembles to participate in and currently offer Jazz, Concert, Marching, Pep, and Rock Band. Each ensemble meets 1-2 times a week and performs at a variety of venues all over the Mount and in Cincinnati. If you have a desire to perform and want to explore creating music with other instrumental musicians, we will have an ensemble that is the right fit for you. Please contact [mark.mccafferty@msj.edu](mailto:mark.mccafferty@msj.edu) for more information.

### MSJ CHOIRS

MSJ Choirs offer many vocal opportunities for all students, regardless of their major! Voices of Gold, our contemporary a cappella group, is joined by our advanced ensemble, Chamber Choir, and our large ensemble, University Singers. The groups perform in all styles of music, and entertain our University and Greater Cincinnati communities. Please contact [kelsey.demange@msj.edu](mailto:kelsey.demange@msj.edu) for more information.

### MSJ THEATRE

Theatre has a long-standing tradition at the Mount. We believe it is for everyone. All students are welcome to participate regardless of their major. If you have a passion for performance, technical theatre or would like to develop these skills, the Mount is the place for you. With fully staged productions each semester, MSJ Theatre Arts strives for a collaborative, fun experience for all! Please contact [lauren.carr@msj.edu](mailto:lauren.carr@msj.edu) for more information.



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*Arts at the Mount*

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## VISUAL ARTS

### ART GUILD

The Art Guild is a hands-on art making experience. Members of the class will be completing public art projects both on and off campus. The Art Guild provides students with the opportunity to work on individual and group projects in areas of their expertise and interest. Enrollment in the group is open to all MSJ students by instructor approval. Please contact [kurt.grannan@msj.edu](mailto:kurt.grannan@msj.edu) for more information.

### PEAK PRODUCTIONS

Peak Productions is your opportunity to learn about video production in the field. You get real-world, hands-on experience, which is the best way to build good production value and storytelling skills. Set yourself apart from the Instagram crowd and elevate your videos by joining today. Please contact [bevin.blankenbuehler@msj.edu](mailto:bevin.blankenbuehler@msj.edu) for more information.

### WRITER'S BLOCK

Writer's Block (LIB 100) is an inclusive, collaborative writing community. This 1-credit class meets on Fridays for an hour under the direction of Drs. Brian Phillip Whalen and Elizabeth Taryn Mason. This is a creative space that provides students time to write, get feedback, and share their stories, essays, and poems via campus readings, publications, and fun group projects. Please contact [brian.whelen@msj.edu](mailto:brian.whelen@msj.edu) for more information.



*"I think that it is amazing that the Mount offers these awards and gives students who are creative in some way a chance to express that creativity while being supported. Writing, not purely for a class but writing freely, is a part of me, and I like the ability to have that expressed in my education."*

- Noah Douglas, Liberal Arts/Computer Science Major



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