

**28th Session of the California State Summer School for the Arts (CSSSA)
Seeks Teen Artists, Writers and Performers**

Summer 2014 Applications Must be Postmarked on or before February 28, 2014

For 28 years, the California State Summer School for the Arts has sought the most talented high school-aged visual, literary, media and performing artists in California. The teenagers who are selected are designated California Arts Scholars and attend one of the country's premier summer arts institutes on the campus of the California Institute of the Arts in Valencia, this year from **July 12 - August 8, 2014**.

Over its history, CSSSA has provided its exemplary four-week summer arts program to more than 14,000 talented high school students. Instruction is offered in the fields of Animation, Film/Video, Creative Writing, Dance, Music, Theater, and the Visual Arts. For the 520 high school students accepted each year, CSSSA represents a unique opportunity to spend four weeks studying and working with professional artists, writers and performers of national stature. The talented teenagers who successfully complete the program are eligible to receive three units of California State University course credit.

CSSSA provides the highest quality professional artistic training to the most deserving teenagers regardless of their economic situations. More than 30 percent of our students receive financial aid. CSSSA expects to equal or surpass that record in 2014. No student who has the drive and talent to succeed in the application process will be denied admission, solely on the basis of inability to pay.

California students are charged a comprehensive fee of \$1,550 to cover room, board and tuition for the four-week 2014 summer session. Students from outside of California must pay a comprehensive fee of \$5,000.

CSSSA is also able to help some of its students with college aid through the distribution of Herb Alpert Scholarships for Emerging Young Artists. An agreement between CSSSA and the Herb Alpert Foundation, which has committed \$1.6 million in funds for this project, means that 21 students each year are designated Scholarship recipients. The scholarships are awarded every summer to three students in each of seven categories: Animation, Film/Video, Creative Writing, Dance, Music, Theater, and the Visual Arts. In 2014 in each category, one outstanding student will receive \$40,000 to be awarded over the course of four years, and two students will receive single-year awards of \$2,500.

Alumni of the program include actors **Zac Efron**, star of the *High School Musical* series of films and the film *Me and Orson Welles*; Golden Globe recipient **James Franco**, featured in the *Spiderman* movies, *Milk* and *127 Hours*; **Craig McCracken**, the Emmy Award-winning animator; actress **Katharine McPhee**, currently seen on the NBC series *Smash*, and actress **Kirsten Vangsness**, seen as Penelope Garcia on the CBS series *Criminal Minds*.

Applications to CSSSA are due on or before February 28, 2014, for the summer 2014 program. To learn more about CSSSA or obtain application forms and instructions, visit www.csssa.ca.gov, or call the Sacramento headquarters at (916)229-5160.

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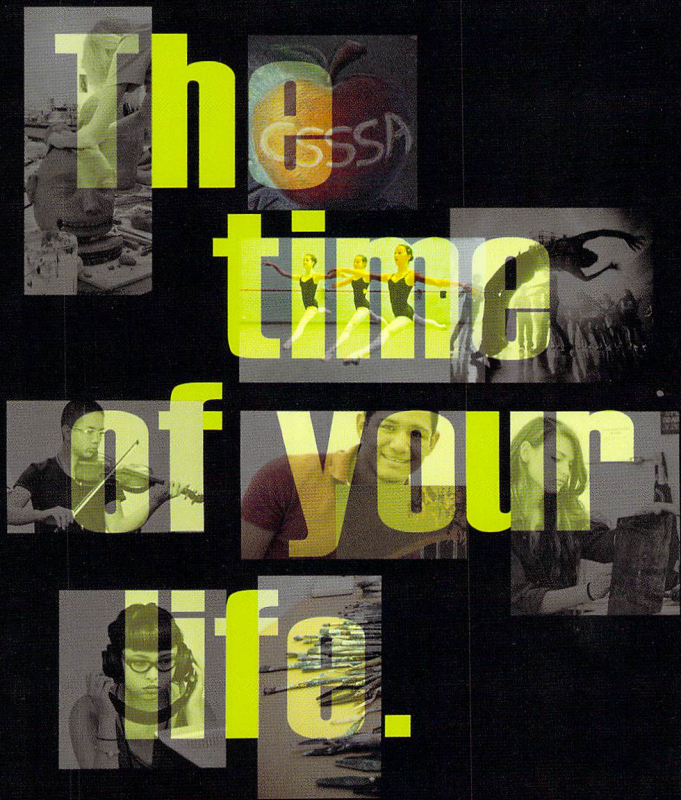
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