



ASCEND

CREATIVES CONFERENCE

2025

Let's
do
this!!

Arise.

Be inspired.

***What does it look like to create
in the image of God?***



ASCEND
2025
Schedule

Declaring the **Excellencies** of Him who called us
out of darkness into His marvelous light".
1 Peter 2:9

| | Friday, JUNE 27TH | Saturday, JUNE 28TH |
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| 8:30 | CHECK IN Tea/Coffee/Chill | Tea/Coffee/Chill |
| 9:00 | All group session Main Sanctuary | All group session Main Sanctuary |
| 9:50 | Morning breakout sessions | Morning breakouts session |
| 12:00 | LUNCH | LUNCH |
| 1:00 | Afternoon workshop sessions | Afternoon workshop sessions |
| 5:00 | Connection/Free time | Connection/Free time |
| 5:45 | DINNER | DINNER |
| 6:45 | Open Friday Night with Manuel Luz, Kevin Christman live sculpting, Live Art reenactment by The Rock Theater of New Song Arts and Live Worship | Open Saturday Night with Frank Ordaz, Jeanne Randall, Live Art reenactment by The Rock Theater of New Song Arts and Live Worship. Updates on the Magna Deo project |

ASCEND Creatives Conference

is sponsored by



Welcome to Ascend!!

If you need anything during your stay with us you can contact Jeanne Randall at 541.601.7496 or our Conference Assistant director Kim Van Hise at 541.621.6015

Masterpiece has been hosting conferences encouraging artists of faith for 19 years. As a part of our mission and movement at Masterpiece Christian Fine Arts Foundation, ASCEND 2025 is partnering again with Ashland Christian Fellowship at this beautiful downtown campus alongside Ashland Creek to host, serve, and facilitate a West Coast convergence of artists, musicians, songwriters, poets and filmmakers. Our goal is to see conference attendees who will leave here pursuing excellence and influence in their craft to glorify God with their talents.

Connecting culture to Christ through fine art since 2007

For more information about Masterpiece, visit us at

www.mcfineartsfoundation.org



Ashland Christian Fellowship is a Jesus exalting, servant's heart driven church that has opened its heart and campus to the Ascend Conference. Here's what they say, "We host this special conference because we believe in the effort Masterpiece Christian Fine Arts Foundation puts into honing the God-given talents of artist who wish to glorify God with their art, be it painting, sculpting, music performance or writing, poetry, film production, or other art forms. We also know what a great outreach opportunity this conference offers with TWO opportunities for the public to visit our church and hear the gospel." We thank Pastor Cody Smith and their entire staff and team that through their generosity and love have really made this possible.

MORNING SPEAKERS

FRIDAY - JEANNE RANDALL - Ascend Conference **Director and founder of Masterpiece Christian Fine Arts** **Foundation.**

Graduate of Seattle Pacific University B.A in English and Elementary Ed. A lover of fine art, she is passionate about watching artists and creatives reach their full potential as people uniquely gifted by God to "speak" powerfully into current culture. She has been the curator and catalyst for the Masterpiece Fine Arts traveling exhibits to over 70,000 guests in major cities throughout the West and Southwest. She has been the director and speaker at Masterpiece conferences since 2006. She also served 15 years as event coordinator of the Green Springs Box R Ranch, a guest and retreat ranch and wedding venue in Ashland, Oregon which was operated by her family for over 45 years. She still is engaged with her family businesses in commercial real estate and forest resources.



SATURDAY INTERVIEWS with musicians **KEVIN BALOOTJE and JESSE MOLLOY** (see their bios in music track), **and** **filmmaker JEFF BATES.**

Filmmaker and producer Jeff Bates of Parabolic Visuals is set to give students a direct experience in film making and videography. Jeff has decades of experience behind the camera and is an expert storyteller through film. Most recently Jeff worked filming on the set of the popular series, The Chosen.

Jeff is also working as the Creative Director at Ashland Christian Fellowship. Workshop will explore story choice, set preparation, on-site filming, editing, music, mood, and other insights from the eye of the producer. Students will gain experience to become great storytellers through film techniques. will lead participants through the storytelling and techniques that create a great short film or video.



OPEN AND FREE PUBLIC SHOWCASE EVENINGS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS AT 6:45P.M.

Invite your friends and family. The public is invited to be inspired along with conference attendees at a our Open Public nights, Friday and Saturday for art exhibit from the collections of Masterpiece Christian Fine Arts, attending artists exhibit, great music and worship, and featuring guest speakers and performances. Doors open at 6:30 PM. for art exhibit and mingle. Program starts at 6:45 PM.

FRIDAY NIGHT

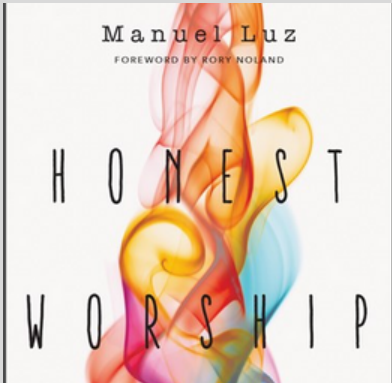
Features worship with Jeremy Oliveria and multi-church band, speaker Manuel Luz, Live SCULPTING with **KEVIN CHRISTMAN** and a LIVE DRAMA REENACTING of the powerful painting by Ron DiCianni "The Clay", featuring actress **Amirah David**. Production by **THE ROCK THEATER** of New Song Arts. Director Rich Peterson.



FRIDAY EVENING (CONT.)

SPEAKER: Manuel LUZ

**musician, songwriter, author, inventor,
and passionate teacher**



manuelluz.wordpress.com

From Rocket Science to Worship Arts — Meet Manuel Luz, one of our featured guest presenters and speakers at this year's ASCEND Creatives Conference!

With a BS in Aeronautical Engineering and an MBA in Management, Manuel became a rocket engineer to finance his "rock star dream." But everything changed when God got a hold of his heart. Now, with over 30 years of full-time ministry as Creative Arts Pastor at Oak Hills Church in Folsom, CA, Manuel leads worshipers and artists into deeper, more authentic expressions of faith.

He's a musician, songwriter, author, inventor, and passionate teacher who has ministered across the U.S. and in 11 countries around the world. His books — "Imagine That" and "Honest Worship" — explore the powerful connection between creativity, identity, and spiritual formation.

He's even co-invented the WalkaBout™, an award-winning percussion instrument featured at the world-renowned NAMM Show!

SATURDAY NIGHT

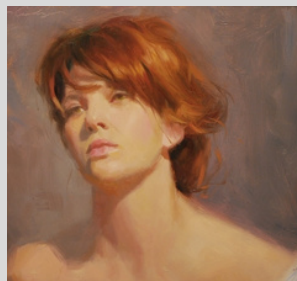
Speakers, Showcase of art, worship with multi-church team, drama and the Magna Deo project updates.

SPEAKER : FRANK ORDAZ, Artist

Hear his story. From George Lucas film painting for Return of the Jedi and ET to being featured at the White House and George Bush Presidential Library, Frank Ordaz's artistic journey is extraordinary. Experience his soul-stirring portrait work of Frank Ordaz, whose art captures not just a face—but the compelling stories within them.

And DIRECTOR OF ASCEND CONFERENCE, **JEANNE RANDALL** Founder and President of Masterpiece Christian Fine Arts Foundation, Jeanne brings decades of experience in inspiring and equipping artists to use their God-endowed gifts through their creative calling. She has curated and hosted fine arts exhibits seen by over 70,000 guests across the West and Southwest. She will also give an update on the Magna Deo project.

A Dramatic presentation of "The Rich Young Ruler" (art by Chris Hopkins) featuring actor Isaiah Gomburg produced by The Rock Theater of New song Church. Director Rich Peterson.



MUSICIANS/WORSHIP TRACK

MANUEL LUZ

(See speakers for Manuel's Bio)

JEREMY OLIVERIA Ascend Music
**Director/ MUSICIAN/VOCALIST/
PRODUCER @ STEREO CREATURE**

[instagram.com/jeremyoliveria/](https://www.instagram.com/jeremyoliveria/)

Jeremy is a multi-instrumentalist producer, recording artist, and vocalist. From touring, to recording and producing countless records for various artists, to leading worship for the last 10 years, to mentoring high schoolers in music production, Jeremy is passionate about authenticity and helping artists to find their calling. He currently produces and mixes records for musicians at his Recording Studio, Stereo Creature in Medford, Oregon. Indie Rock Cafe says "Oliveria's style definitely engages with the critical writing style that shows a keen eye for assessing the world." He has a heart for the experiences and soul of the young in current culture who are often without hope and his music often finds a home with them outside the walls of the church. Worship Director at Table Rock Church in Medford



JENNI ABDO / VOCAL COACH

Jennifer is just an epic inspiration in life and voice. She has recently served as the Director of Worship arts at a local church in Medford, Oregon and she regularly graces the local region with vocal performances at events and wineries with her energetic girl group The Rogue Suspects or with the Band of Brothers. She will help to raise your technical awareness and abilities to advance your vocal gifts to the next level and have you laughing and consumed with the joys of singing..

MUSICIANS/WORSHIP (CONT.)



JESSE MOLLOY

Saxophonist

Production Manager at The Story/

[instagram.com/jessemolloy/](https://www.instagram.com/jessemolloy/)

Jesse Molloy is a nationally touring saxophonist, composer, and producer known for his dynamic performances with Panic! At The Disco and The Midnight. As one half of the production duo Crush Effect, Jesse blends live sax with cutting-edge electronic production, creating music featured in shows like Transformers: Earthspark and campaigns for Disney, Apple, and more. A former music industry professor at Southern Oregon University, Jesse brings both artistry and insight to every stage he steps on.

KEVIN BALOOTJE

Pastor/Worship leader/Singer-

Songwriter/Missionary

[instagram.com/kevinbalootje/](https://www.instagram.com/kevinbalootje/)

Kevin is a pastor, worship leader at River Valley Church in Grants Pass, Songwriter and missionary.

Kevin is passionate about shepherding through worship ministry and music especially as a means to serve the Latin American church and the next generation of worshipers. He has studied theology in many seminaries and served the Lord for over 10 years in many countries. He recently started his family ministry called "Balootje Worship Ministries" through which he and his family are focusing in training others around the world in the foundations of worship ministry and producing new music. Kevin is married to Debbie, has 2 beautiful daughters and reside together in Grants Pass, Oregon.



MUSICIANS/WORSHIP (CONT.)



IRYNA KUDIELINA/ Keyboard

[instagram.com/irynakudielina/](https://www.instagram.com/irynakudielina/)

Iryna Kudielina was born in Ukraine and started playing piano when she was six years old.

Iryna went on to attend the Kotlyarevsky Kharkiv National University of Arts and studied under Professor Anna Sagalova, where she graduated, with honors, and was awarded a Bachelor's degree in Piano Performance.

In September 2019 she won the Erasmus+ Project Competition and then moved to Porto, Portugal, to study piano under Professor Constantin Sandu at the Superior Conservatory. During her studies, she took part in numerous master classes given by professors from Vienna, Italy, Austria, the Netherlands, Germany, and Ukraine. In 2022, Iryna was invited to return to Portugal to pursue her Master's degree in Piano Performance at the Conservatory Superior. Iryna has performed a series of solo recitals at Teatro Nacional São João in Porto, Portugal. In June of 2022, Iryna was awarded the First Prize at the 16th Concurso Internacional de Piano do Alto Minho and the First Prize at the Premio Elisa de Sousa Pedroso in Vila Real, Portugal. Currently, Iryna graduated with Piano Performance at Southern Oregon University, in Ashland, Oregon studying under Dr. Alexander Tutunov.

And The Amazing

ANDREW KOSTRNA

Guitarist / Band Member

Simply said he's an epic guitarist and instructor!! Andrew joins us from Grants Pass where he serves at River Valley Church campuses



ARTISTS WORKSHOPS

FRANK ORDAZ / OIL PAINTING/ PORTRAITS

ordazart.com

Frank Ordaz is a nationally recognized portrait artist, illustrator, and former film industry painter whose career spans decades of creative excellence. Known for his ability to reveal not only the face but the soul of his subjects, Frank brings emotional depth and storytelling to each piece he creates..

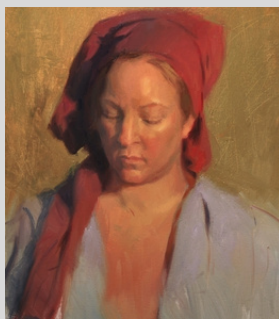


Raised in East Los Angeles, Frank found refuge in art from a young age and went on to study under master artist Theodore Lukits. He later attended USC and the Art Center College of Design.

Frank began his career at Lucasfilm's Industrial Light & Magic, creating matte paintings for iconic films like E.T., Return of the Jedi, Indiana Jones, and Star Trek II. He received an Emmy Award for his visual work on Ewok – The Battle for Endor.

Today, Frank paints from his studio in Auburn, CA, where he creates fine art portraits, teaches, and continues to engage culture through meaningful art. His work has been featured in national publications, Christian media, and even commissioned by the White House.

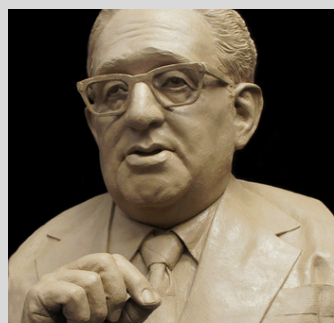
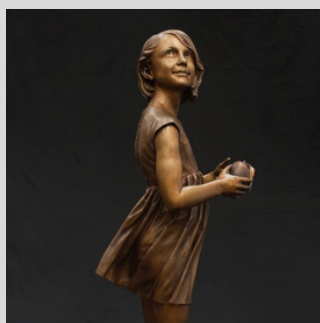
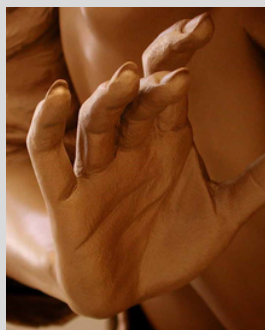
Through every painting, Frank seeks to reflect the dignity, story, and spirit of each person he portrays.

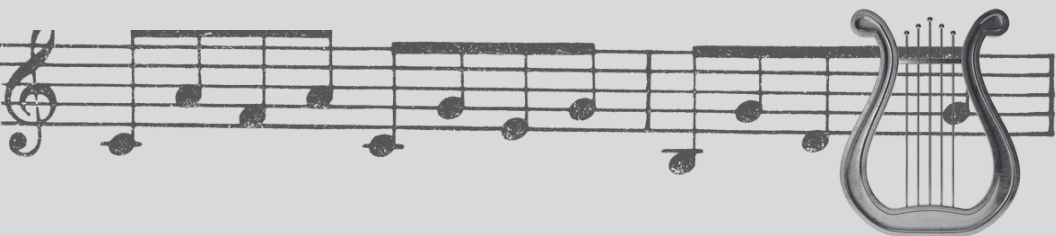


KEVIN CHRISTMAN
SCULPTING
kevinchristman.com



Kevin Christman's has been teaching figurative sculpture for over 25 years. He studied at Art Center in Pasadena and has competed in New York at the prestigious Grand Central Academy and exhibited his work from the Salmagundi Club in New York to the MEAM in Barcelona, Spain. Kevin's mastery over a variety of mediums is apparent in his commissioned works including the stained glass windows and bronze sculptures at St. Mary's Chapel in Medford to the Skate Park Memorial in Talent and the magnificent bronze angel fountain at Celia's Hospice House in Medford.





“As a former song writer and worship leader myself, I know your music and art can change the world! Love and serve the Lord your God with all your heart, soul mind and strength!! Arise. Let's do this!! Truly, David”



With Grateful Hearts

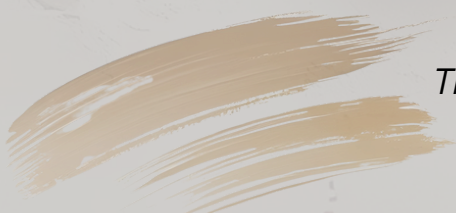


THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AT
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We are deeply grateful for each artist, musician, speaker, volunteer, and attendee who made this gathering so meaningful. Your presence, creativity, and faith have filled this space with beauty, purpose, and hope.

Our prayer is that you leave this place inspired, equipped, and encouraged—to create boldly, worship freely, and reflect the glory of God in all that you do.

May the seeds planted here continue to grow in your life, your art, and your calling.



*With heartfelt thanks,
The ASCEND Conference Team*

SOLI DEO GLORIA – ALL GLORY TO GOD!