



SHINING FORTH *in* ART

The 2012 International Art Competition for Youth invited young men and women around the world to submit artwork that shares their thoughts on this year's Mutual theme: "Arise and Shine Forth." These pieces represent the beautiful submissions received.

In Our Father's Home

Margarita Patana C.
Age 17, Laguna, Philippines

"Because youth can be nurtured and enlightened by the word of God, we can all 'arise and shine forth.' The Book of Mormon can be used as our guide.

"The missionaries represent two of my brothers who are serving missions. I appreciate the light they bring to others and especially the light they have given me."

Refuge

Shaelynn A.
Age 17, Alberta, Canada

"The star in this painting represents Christ's light in all of us and the light of the gospel. This light is shining forth in the darkness, creating a refuge for those who are searching for light. Every night a star shines forth in the darkness and manifests of His majesty, just as we can shine to all those who are searching for Christ."





Eager Eyes

**Samuel B.
Age 16, Utah, USA**

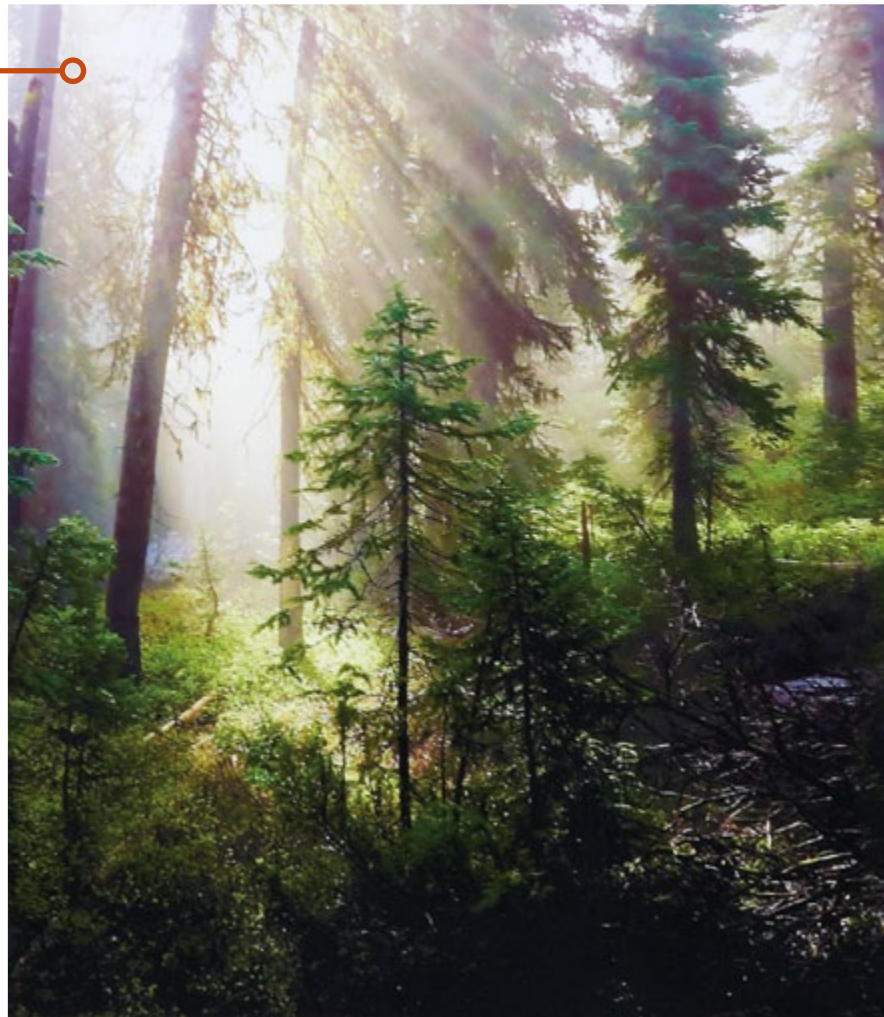
"This painting is about a group of sailors who find themselves lost and confused after a storm, but the lighthouse shines to help guide them. It shows that as we 'arise and shine forth' by following our Savior's example, then we can be guiding lights like the lighthouse."

Through the Mists

**Andrew C.
Age 18, Utah, USA**

"Once while hiking, I looked up and saw bright beams of light descending through the mist and falling upon a young pine tree.

"The truths of the gospel of Jesus Christ are the light in my life, piercing through the dark mists and allowing me to grow and let my light shine forth. I know that even as a young tree grows to great heights, so can I. By letting my light shine forth, I can help others dealing with difficult trials."





On the Way to Early-Morning Seminary

Chih Yun C.
Age 16, Taiwan

"We should study the scriptures diligently and pursue the blessings God has in store for us. In this painting the straight road symbolizes the direction to eternal life, and the light on the road shows the blessings Heavenly Father has given me.

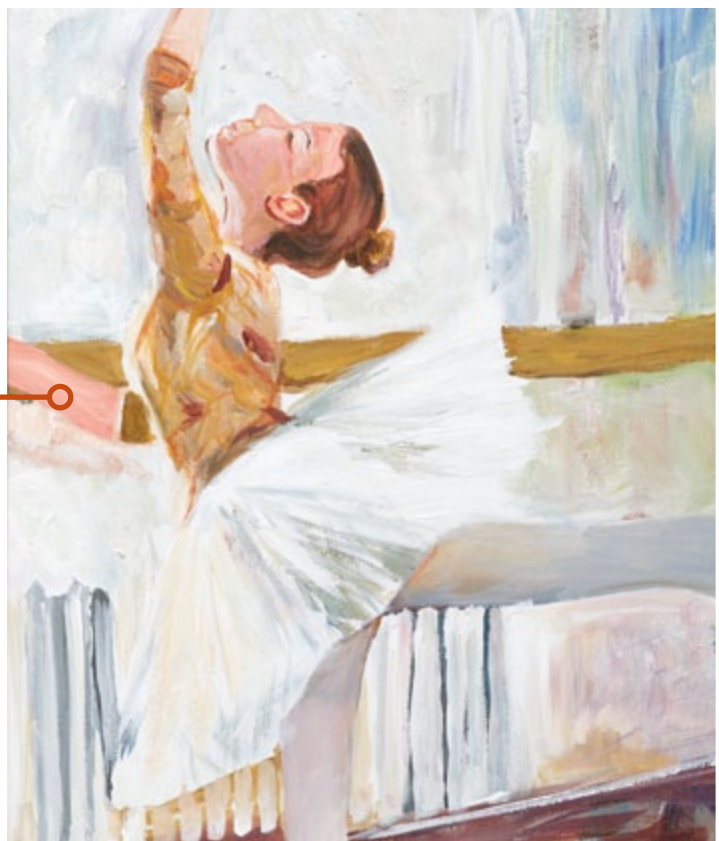
"Feasting upon the word of God daily helps us remain vigilant and make clear judgments."

Stretch with Grace

Emma H.
Age 13, Utah, USA

"The bar represents the iron rod, and the ballerina's hand shows how we must reach toward God.

"I will 'arise and shine' in darkness as I hold fast to the iron rod. Always stretching upward, I will focus on developing my talents to build His kingdom on earth."



Turn Towards the Sun

Claire Effie F.

Age 14, Washington, USA

"A sunflower 'arises' and grows taller than most other flowers. When it feels the heat from the sky, it turns toward the sun and completely opens itself to the sun's rays.

"In this painting, the sunflower symbolizes us when we recognize the Light of Christ and are turned continually in His direction. We should be like the sunflower and grow, arise, and use God's light to shine bright unto the rest of the world."



Spiritual Refuge against the Dark: The Armor of Light, Power of Example

Javic Llave O.

Age 15, Capiz, Philippines

"My art represents the values and good works the youth of the Church must uphold. The background represents the world and its evil influence. It portrays that although we are in the world, we must not allow ourselves to be influenced by what the world offers."

A Call to the Youth

Candace W.

Age 17, Washington, USA

"To me, 'arise and shine forth' means that we need to live our standards daily. By doing so, we will be worthy to enter the temple. The angel Moroni is a symbol for the temple, which in turn is a symbol for the Church. Our good works, as members of the Church, are a shining example to the world—a high standard for the nations."



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