

World AIDS Day 2009 Creative Arts Competition



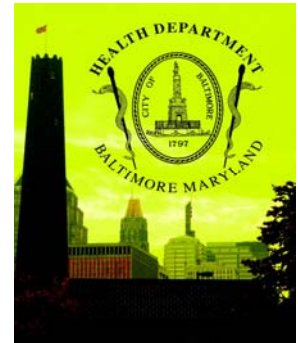
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In observance of **World AIDS Day 2009**, the **Baltimore City Health Department** is inviting students and community members to submit poetry, spoken word pieces, essays, and short videos on the topic of HIV and AIDS. **World AIDS Day** is on December 1st. As Baltimore communities and local businesses continue efforts to increase awareness, testing, and treatment access, the theme for the competition is, "**Why Stopping AIDS is Everyone's Business**"

Let Baltimore hear you!

The competition will be hosted on the **Baltimore City Health Department's** new **Facebook** page!

- Simply create your piece, then **post it on Facebook wall for the Stopping AIDS event at www.facebook.com/BaltimoreHealth**
 - You can also fax written submissions to: (410) 396-1617
- Text submissions should be no more than 300 words, and videos no longer than 1 minute
- Submissions *do not* have to explicitly address this year's theme. However, **only those addressing the "Why Stopping AIDS is Everyone's Business" theme will be eligible to win**
- Only submissions posted **by 11:59 p.m. on December 18th** will be eligible for the contest
- Winning pieces will be selected for each of the following groups (please indicate your group when you post your submission):
 - Baltimore City High School Students
 - College Students (in Baltimore City)
 - Baltimore City community members
- Submissions will be judged by members of the local arts community, as well as professional writers/instructors from Baltimore schools and arts organizations
- The top selections will be announced on the **Health Department's Facebook** page and on TV25! Prizes will also be awarded to the contest winners



*BCHD strongly encourages submissions that are focused and respectful. Submissions with discriminatory, racist, offensive, obscene, inflammatory, unlawful, or otherwise objectionable statements, language or content will be removed.