

*“People of this world do not understand our Christian language. How can we speak to them in a way that they will understand? People of the world do not think it is necessary to believe. How can we get past their defenses to get to their hearts? The world, in trying to sell its philosophies understands one thing that we forgot. A person will not really believe something until it speaks to his feelings and his spirit.*

*The media uses what they know about how the mind works and the power of the arts, drama, photography, film, dance, story telling, etc. to speak to people and sell us whatever they want. This is a pity because the arts originally belonged to the people of God. Now they are seldom used and often categorized as superfluous or unnecessary. From stories of the son’s of Seth, to the portrayals of the prophets, to the dances of the Israelites, to the stories of the Rabbis, to the medieval Passion plays that portrayed Christ’s last days on earth, to film and story today, believers have always used the Arts, for worship, evangelism, teaching, enjoyment and exhortation. Why have so many churches thrown the gift of the creative arts back in the face of our Creator God? The only reason I can think of is fear.*

*Fear is never a good reason to make a decision. If the arts are corrupt in the world, then we need not to say the arts are corrupt. We need to bring them back to where they belong, in the holy service of Our King.”*

Excerpt taken from:  
“In Defense of Christian Arts”

Cover Art by Barbara Bagshaw, title  
“What will you do with what I’ve placed in your hands?”

**“I will praise You with all of my heart;  
I will tell of Your wonders.”**

**Psalm 9:1**

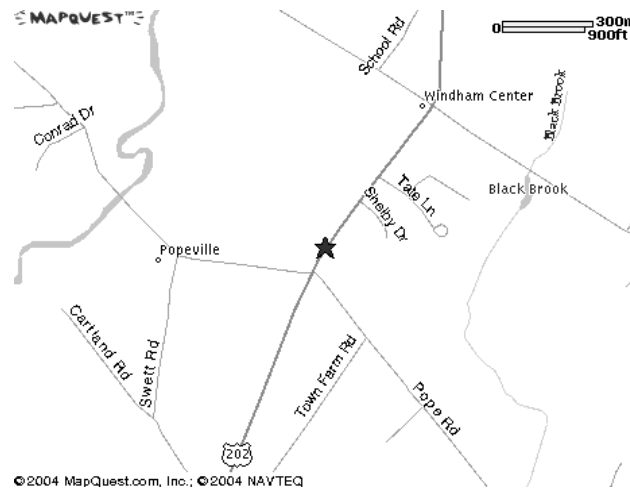
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**Location of event: Windham High School Auditorium  
406 Gray Rd Windham, ME 04062 207-892-1810**

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[www.newenglandchristianartscouncil.org](http://www.newenglandchristianartscouncil.org)**

# **7TH ANNUAL HIS GIFTS AND PRESENCE NEW ENGLAND ARTS FESTIVAL**



**Date: June 28, 2008**

**Time: 3:00-8:30 pm**



**☞ Meme Stephens**

Nashville recording artist based in New England (NH)  
www.memestephens.com

**☞ Stephanie Powell & In The Spirit Dance Ministry**

Former Ballet/Modern Instructor Alvin Ailey NY, NY  
Studio owner and teaches at Townsend University (MD)

**☞ Emile Ibrahim**

Photographer/Head of Arts for Christ from Cairo, Egypt.  
www.artsforchrist.org

**☞ Warrior Poetes**

Often share the stage with numerous Christian greats! (KY)  
www.warriorpoetes.com

**☞ Lisa Gallant Seal**

Rock Star for Jesus / singer, songwriter, worship leader.  
www.myspace.com/lisagallantseal

**☞ Jasmine Bates**

Dancer, former lead choreographer at Potter's House  
under Bishop T.D. Jakes. (CA) www.jasminebates.com

**Also featuring:**

Maine's Poet Laureate - Betsy Scholl, Lamar - Hip Hop Artist (MA), Eternity Dance Studio, Tenille Baker, Australia, African Gospel Rhythms, Tenley Westbrook (NH), Jane Mudgett - former President of Christian Dance Fellowship FL and many more.

**Mission Statement**

In the beginning God created - Genesis 1:1 God is creator, God still creates today. He calls us to be creative. In Psalm 9:1 "I will praise you with all of my heart; I will tell of your wonders". The heart is the center of the human spirit from which springs emotions, thoughts, motivations, courage and action. Our desire is to praise Him from the center of our spirit.

**Submission Information**

This event is open to visual artists, musicians, singers, dancers and poets of all ages.

All submissions are subject to approval and/or juried by the festival review committee and must be received by May 28th. **Incomplete submission will not be considered.** You must submit form, fee and submission (CD, DVD or slides). Artists may sell their works and approved merchandise and keep all profits.

Free lodging will be available for out of state participants who *submit as associates* before May 28th, (based on availability). Submission deadline is May 28th.

Artists understand that we are **NOT** insured for safe-keeping of artwork and by submitting assume own liability. We take many measures to prevent damage or theft. Visual art drop-off date: June 27th between 12pm -1pm. Visual art must be picked up June 28th at 8:30pm promptly.



Headlining this year is 4 time Grammy nominated, Dove Award winner and author, Margaret Becker.  
www.MaggieB.com

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**NEW LOCATION!!** See back for details.

Prizes will be awarded for in all categories.

Refreshments available for purchase.

*This is an Inter-denominational Event*

**FROM CREATOR TO CREATION  
WE HAVE THESE TREASURES IN  
EARTHEN VESSELS.**

**SUBMISSION FORM**

**Non-refundable submission cost: \$20 (see cost options below)**

By registering, I understand that I give consent for NECAC to use any photo of myself or my work for event promotion purposes.

**Check category below:**

**Visual Arts**  
Work dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Performance Arts:** Title and time length and medium  
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Poetry/Literature**  
Details/Submission: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submission Checklist:**

- \_\_\_ Submission Form
- \_\_\_ Submission Cost/Associate Level (\$20, \$25, or \$40)
- \_\_\_ Dimensions of submitted works , disk or slides (visual artists)
- \_\_\_ Song titles, performance CD and/or video (musicians/dancers)

**Submission costs and artist association level options:**

- \_\_\_ \$20 submission cost
- \_\_\_ \$25 individual associate artist level\*\*
- \_\_\_ \$40 band /dance troupe associate artist\*\*

(Artist association levels include submission fee & lodging for out of state participants) See all benefits: www.newenglandchristianartscouncil.org

\*\*Do you need lodging? \_\_\_ YES How many? \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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