

# WHEN

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FESTIVAL WILL TAKE PLACE ON **OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, 23<sup>RD</sup> AND 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**



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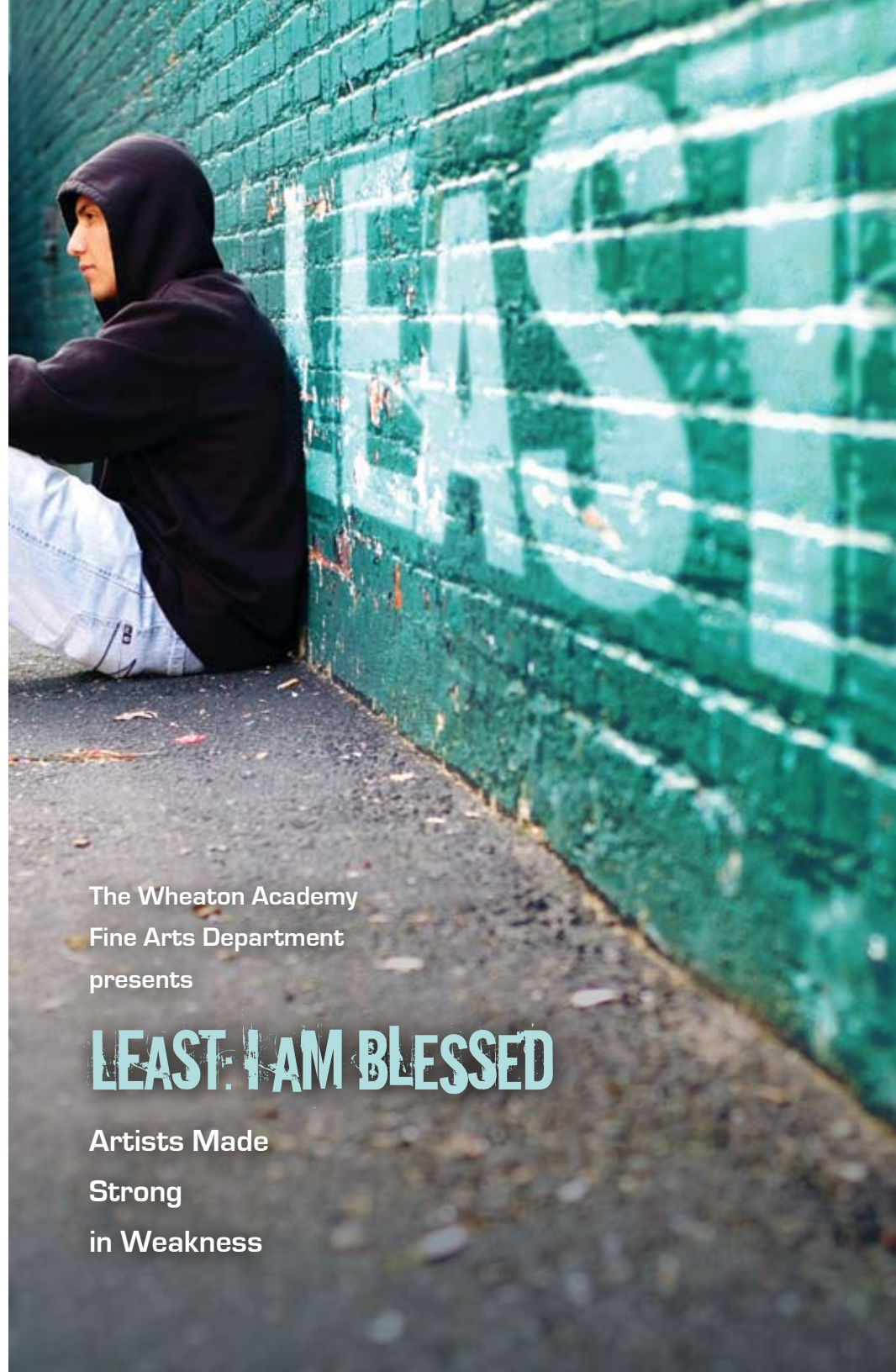
Submitted pieces must be received by October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and will be juried. Selected pieces will be performed or displayed on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Wheaton Academy in the festival entitled LEAST: I Am Blessed – Artists Made Strong in Weakness

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The Wheaton Academy  
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presents

## LEAST: I AM BLESSED

Artists Made  
Strong  
in Weakness

# WHAT

## A STUDENT FESTIVAL OF ART IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S BLESSINGS

# WHY

## WE TOO ARE THE LEAST AND IN NEED OF GOD AND HIS STRENGTH

### **MATTHEW 5:3**

You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

### **II CORINTHIANS 12:7-10**

So I wouldn't get a big head, I was given the gift of a thorn to keep me in constant touch with my limitations ... At first I didn't think of it as a gift, and begged God to remove it. Three times I did that, and then he told me, "My grace is enough; it's all you need. My strength comes into its own in your weakness." Once I heard that ... I quit focusing on the thorn and began appreciating the gift. It was a case of Christ's strength moving in on my weakness ... And so the weaker I get, the stronger I become.

### **A SOLDIER'S PRAYER**

I asked God for strength that I might achieve.

I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.

I asked for health that I might do greater things.

I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

I asked for riches that I might be happy.

I was given poverty that I might be wise.

I asked for power that I might have the praise of men.

I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life.

I was given life that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am, among all men, most richly blessed.

# LEAST



# HOW

## STEP INTO THIS PROCESS

**CONSIDER** the Scripture passages and the poem on the left.

**REFLECT** on your own thorn (a personal weakness, an illness, a struggle in a relationship, a disappointment, a sorrow, a life circumstance, etc.) and how God has used it to shape you and bless you in ways you never could have imagined.

**RESPOND** to one of the following:

- What does it mean to be blessed?
- Choose one word that describes you and consider how it has helped you depend on God.
- How is your thorn a gift?

**CREATE** a piece of art:

**THEATRE** one act, monologue

**PHOTOGRAPHY** one or a series of photographs

**DANCE** choreographed narrative piece or otherwise

**VIDEO** short film, public service announcement, music video, mini-documentary

**VISUAL ARTS** painting, graphic design piece, drawing, sculpture, other

**MUSIC** instrumental, vocal

**WRITING** poetry, short story, essay

**OTHER** art forms not mentioned above