

Maltz Museum Presents

STOP THE HATE



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WORKSHOPS**



**ENTER THE
CONTEST**

ABOUT THE CONTEST

The 16th Annual *Stop the Hate: Youth Speak Out* essay contest and *Youth Sing Out* songwriting contest celebrates students committed to creating a more accepting, inclusive society. Each year, through the generosity of a donor, the Maltz Museum awards \$100,000 in scholarships and anti-bias education grants in recognition of 6th–12th grade upstanders.

ESSAY CONTEST DEADLINES

6–10 Grade:
Thursday, February 8, 2024

11–12 Grade:
Thursday, February 15, 2024

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HOW TO ENTER THE CONTEST

This year we honor Etty Hillesum, a young Jewish-Dutch woman who wrote diaries in Amsterdam during the Second World War. In 1943, she was murdered at Auschwitz, at only 29 years old. Etty believed internal personal change was a necessary first step to bringing about positive change in the world, and that this was the main lesson to be learned from the Holocaust. Etty bears witness to what it means to be human and commits herself to a radical choice: not to hate, even as she opens her heart to the horrors unfolding around her.

"I no longer believe that we can change anything in the world until we have first changed ourselves." — Etty Hillesum

FOR THE ESSAY CONTEST

In honor of Etty's message, we ask you to share your story. In 500 words or less:

- Describe a moment of injustice, bias, discrimination, or exclusion: something you witnessed or experienced, or a time when you learned about an unjust situation or event that affected you or others.
- How did this moment impact the people involved? What kind of personal change does this experience inspire in you?
- How can your personal change lead you to make positive changes in your community and the world? (How have you or will you affect others positively?)

FOR THE SONGWRITING CONTEST

You must be part of an organized group of 15 or more students. Songwriting workshops must be started by 1/8/2024.

Resources, rules, dates, and prizes are available at learn.maltzmuseum.org.

IMPORTANT DATES

ESSAY SUBMISSION DEADLINES

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LAST DAY TO SCHEDULE WORKSHOPS

Monday, January 8, 2024

STOP THE HATE WINNERS CEREMONY

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

ELIGIBILITY

Northeast Ohio public, private, religious, charter-school, home-schooled, or online students in grades 6–12 in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, and Wayne counties. Full rules available on our website.

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