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(clockwise) A Michigan team congratulates each other; India excitedly parades into Opening Ceremonies; Dr. Sam & Omer welcome teams to MSU; Program Director Sammy Micklus at the Awards Ceremony; Dr. Sam awarding a first place team.



2013 WORLD FINALS

The 34th World Finals at Michigan State University was a great success. There were 826 teams from across the U.S. and 12 other countries such as Switzerland, Mexico, India, Japan, and more. It was the 3rd time MSU hosted the event and it gave participants a warm welcome back.

Over three days boundless creativity, teamwork, and sportsmanship was shown. While competition was tough, participants proved that World Finals is more than just a competitive event; it's an opportunity to be inspired by others, strengthen team bonds, and to enjoy cultural exchange.

Not only has World Finals proved that competitors are also friends in OotM, but that they will continue to be important parts of the program for years to come. Out of the 450 volunteer officials, many were former team members. It was exciting to see

so many Odyssey alumni returning to the program. In true Odyssey fashion, these individuals are giving back to students just as others did for them!

Also giving back were the Blue Valley Odyssey Angels. This year's winning group united attendees from around the world to help foster kids in need. The group decided to continue its project of making blankets for foster children at the Creativity Festival. They turned the Odyssey Angels booth into an interactive activity for anyone who wished to help others. Almost 300 blankets that were donated to foster agencies in three different states.

While teams made memories and friendships that will last a lifetime, they also worked extremely hard and competed on a world stage. Congratulations, and good job to all Odyssey teams — hope to see you next year!



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PET PROJECT, DIVISION I

- 1ST SZKOLA PODSTAWOWA W POGORZU *Pogorze, PD*
- 2ND LOUISE PEACOCK ELE SCH *Morrice, MI*
- 3RD ANGLO CHINESE JUNIOR SCH *Singapore*
- 4TH GUCUN PRIMARY SCH *Shanghai, CH*
- 5TH NEW KENT ELE SCH *New Kent, VA*
- 6TH ST JUDE THE APOSTLE CATH SCH *Sandy Springs, GA*

PET PROJECT, DIVISION II

- 1ST OSBORNE MID SCH *Hoschton, GA*
- 2ND YUEPU EXPERIMENTAL SCH *China*
- 3RD GRANT SCH *Redding, CA*
- 4TH ALFRED G WATERS MID SCH TM A *Middletown, DE*
- 5TH KARIYA INVENTION CLUB *Kariya, Japan*
- 6TH SHANDONG QINGDAO NO 7 MID SCH *China*
- 6TH QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCH *Roswell, GA*

PET PROJECT, DIVISION III

- 1ST PENNRIDGE HS *Green Lane, PA*
- 2ND OSRODEK PSYCHOEDUKACJI DAMB *Gdansk, PD*
- 3RD PALISADES HS *Coopersburg, PA*
- 4TH SARASOTA CHRISTIAN SCH *Sarasota, FL*
- 5TH JP STEVENS HS TM B *Edison, NJ*
- 5TH JINYUAN SR HS *China*
- 5TH BRECKENRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHS *Wheeler, MI*
- 6TH BOULDER PUBLIC LIBRARY *Boulder, CO*

THE EMAIL MUST GO THROUGH, DIVISION I

- 1ST UNIONVILLE ELE SCH *Monroe, NC*
- 2ND STOWARZYSZENIE TROP RUMIA *Rumia, PD*
- 2ND NEW PUTUO PRI SCH *China*
- 3RD WORLD LANGUAGE ACADEMY *Flowery Branch, GA*
- 4TH EDISON INT SCH *Westfield, NJ*
- 4TH ST JOHN NEUMANN REG ACADEMY *Williamsport, PA*
- 5TH LOYALSOCK-SCHICK ELE SCH *Williamsport, PA*
- 5TH CANNONSBURG ELE SCH *Rockford, MI*
- 6TH PAINTED SKY ELE SCH *Oro Valley, AZ*

THE EMAIL MUST GO THROUGH, DIVISION II

- 1ST STILLWATER CREATIVITY A *Stillwater, OK*
- 2ND PZPOW WEJHEROWO *Wejherowo, PD*
- 3RD FT COUCH MID SCH TM A *Pittsburgh, PA*
- 4TH FT COUCH MID SCH TM B *Pittsburgh, PA*
- 5TH MAGEE MID SCH *Tucson, AZ*
- 5TH BUDDHIST WONG WAN TIN COLLEGE *Hong Kong*
- 6TH FH NORTHERN HILLS MID SCH *Grand Rapids, MI*

THE EMAIL MUST GO THROUGH, DIVISION III

- 1ST HUNTER TANNERSVILLE MS/HS *Tannersville, NY*
- 2ND NORTH PENN HS *Lansdale, PA*
- 3RD OSRODEK PSYCHOEDUKACJI DAMB *Gdansk, PD*
- 4TH RAFFLES GIRLS SECONDARY SCH *Singapore*
- 5TH SOUTHLAKE CARROLL HS *Southlake, TX*

- 6TH LIBERTY HS *Bedford, VA*
- 6TH NORTH ATLANTA HS *Atlanta, GA*

THE EMAIL MUST GO THROUGH, DIVISION IV

- 1ST UNIV OF SHANGHAI FOR SCI TECH *China*
- 2ND NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY *Ft. Mitchell, KY*

ARTCHITECTURE: THE MUSICAL, DIVISION I

- 1ST CAOQUANGBIAO PRIMARY SCH *China*
- 2ND NOTRE DAME ACADEMY *Johns Creek, GA*
- 3RD CANNONSBURG ELE SCH *Rockford, MI*
- 4TH HOWARD DRIVE ELE SCH *Palmetto Bay, FL*
- 5TH ZESPOL SZKOL STO W LODZI *Lodz, PD*
- 6TH GYESEONG ELE SCH *Seoul, Korea*

ARTCHITECTURE: THE MUSICAL, DIVISION II

- 1ST ANGLO CHINESE SCH INDEPENDENT *Singapore*
- 2ND NOVO RESTORATION *Loveland, CO*
- 3RD MAGEE MID SCH *Tucson, AZ*
- 4TH GIMNAZJUM NR 4 W GDYNI *Gdynia, PD*
- 5TH STONE VALLEY MID SCH *Alamo, CA*
- 6TH COMMUNITY HOUSE MID SCH TM A *Charlotte, NC*

ARTCHITECTURE: THE MUSICAL, DIVISION III

- 1ST MONROE-WOODBURY HS *Central Valley, NY*
 - 2ND MYERS PARK HS WHITE *Charlotte, NC*
 - 3RD UPPER ST CLAIR HS *Pittsburgh, PA*
 - 4TH WELLSVILLE HS *Wellsville, NY*
 - 5TH III LO GDYNIA *Gdynia, PD*
 - 6TH RAFFLES GIRLS SECONDARY SCH *Singapore*
- ARTCHITECTURE: THE MUSICAL, DIVISION IV**
- 1ST OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY *Stillwater, OK*
 - 2ND MT PLEASANT LIONS CLUB ORANGE *Midland, NC*
 - 3RD SCOTTSDALE COMM COLLEGE *Mesa, AZ*
 - 4TH ROSE-HULMAN INST OF TECHNOLOGY *Terre Haute, IN*
 - 5TH SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE *San Antonio, TX*

TUMBLE-WOOD, DIVISION I

- 1ST QINGDAO LAOSHAN EXP PRI SCH *China*
- 2ND CHANGZHOU JIEFANG RD PRI SCH *China*
- 3RD WALNUT BEND SCHOOL OF ENV SCI *Houston, TX*
- 4TH SOUTH LEBANON ELE SCH *Lebanon, PA*
- 5TH ST JUDE THE APOSTLE CATH SCH *Sandy Springs, GA*
- 6TH ROWLETT ELE SCH TM A *Bradenton, FL*

TUMBLE-WOOD, DIVISION II

- 1ST XIANGMING JUNIOR HS *China*
- 2ND CW DAVIS MID SCH *Flowery Branch, GA*
- 3RD WILDWOOD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY *Marble Hill, GA*
- 4TH RAFFLES GIRLS SECONDARY SCH *Singapore*
- 5TH RACHEL CARSON MID SCH *Herndon, VA*
- 6TH KILMER MID SCH *Vienna, VA*

TUMBLE-WOOD, DIVISION III

- 1ST WOODWARD ACADEMY UPPER SCH *College Park, GA*
- 2ND BRISTOL CENTRAL HS *Bristol, CT*
- 3RD FRANKLIN COUNTY HS *Rocky Mount, VA*
- 4TH YORK CENTRAL SCH *Le Roy, NY*
- 5TH MARIA CARRILLO HS TM B *Santa Rosa, CA*
- 5TH THE CHARIR SCH OF WILMINGTON A *Wilmington, DE*
- 6TH OWEN J ROBERTS HS *Spring City, PA*

TUMBLE-WOOD, DIVISION IV

- 1ST VIRGINIA TECH *Blacksburg, VA*
- 2ND UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA *Norman, OK*
- 3RD PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY *Lebanon, PA*
- 4TH SCOTTSDALE COMM COLLEGE *Mesa, AZ*
- 5TH UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT *Trumbull, CT*
- 6TH SOUTH URAL STATE UNIVERSITY *Chelyabinsk, RU*

IT'S HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, DIVISION I

- 1ST CRESTWOOD ELE SCH TM A *Rockford, MI*
- 2ND SHANGHAI SCI TECH PRI SCH *China*
- 3RD GLENWOOD SCH *Short Hills, NJ*
- 4TH UNIONVILLE ELE SCH *Monroe, NC*
- 5TH SCRIPPS MIRAMAR RANCH LIBRARY *San Diego, CA*
- 6TH SYCAMORE CREEK ELE SCH TM A *Raleigh, NC*

IT'S HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, DIVISION II

- 1ST CARMEL MID SCH *Charlotte, NC*
- 1ST SKYE CHASE ACADEMY *Alexandria, VA*
- 2ND THORNAPPLE KELLOGG MID SCH *Middletown, MI*
- 3RD J MICHAEL LUNSFORD MID SCH *South Riding, VA*
- 4TH GOSHEN MID SCH TM A *Goshen, NY*
- 5TH EAST ROCKFORD MID SCH TM A *Rockford, MI*
- 5TH MAGEE MID SCH *Tucson, AZ*
- 6TH RAFFLES GIRLS SECONDARY SCH *Singapore*
- 6TH LICEO DE MONTERREY *Garza Garcia, MX*

IT'S HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, DIVISION III

- 1ST ROCKFORD HS *Rockford, MI*
- 2ND NORTH ATLANTA HS *Atlanta, GA*
- 3RD ANGLO CHINESE SCH INDEPENDENT *Singapore*
- 4TH LAKE NORMAN HS *Mooresville, NC*
- 5TH MYERS PARK HS WHITE *Charlotte, NC*
- 6TH OWEGO FREE ACADEMY *Owego, NY*
- 6TH HUMBOLDT GYMNASIUM *Potsdam, GM*

IT'S HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, DIVISION IV

- 1ST UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE *Lewes, DE*
- 2ND ROWAN UNIVERSITY *Glassboro, NJ*
- 3RD NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY *Ft. Mitchell, KY*
- 4TH SCOTTSDALE COMM COLLEGE *Mesa, AZ*
- 5TH BLOOMSBURG UNIVERSITY *Elysburg, PA*
- 6TH SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE *San Antonio, TX*

RANATRA FUSCA

Louise Peacock Elementary School Corunna, MI *Pet Project, Div I*

This team used pneumatic, electronic, and detailed mechanics to provide an awe-inspiring engineering spectacular. All three vehicles showcased extraordinary design and risk-taking, including an accordion-like vehicle that inched across the competition site.

Charter School of Wilmington Team A Wilmington, DE *Pet Project, Div III*

This team has created an unusual way to move on land with a scrap of wood, an electric motor, and one wheel that didn't even touch the ground. Their innovation is absolutely amazing!

Gyeseong Elementary School Seoul, South Korea *ARTchitecture: The Musical, Div I*

This team took a risk by using minimalistic costume and scenery to create an emotionally moving performance. Its solution told the story of South Korea's most significant national treasure, Sungnyemun. Using almost no words, the team took us on a historical journey from its construction to its destruction by fire, then its restoration. This left judges and the audience in awe.

CW Davis Middle School Flowery Branch, Georgia *Tumble-wood, Div II*

This team showed exceptional creativity in creating a ramp that was transformed into the shape of a six-foot-tall dragon that could actually walk and flap its wings. The operating gears and scales were made completely of balsa wood.

Raffles Girls Secondary School Singapore *Tumble-wood, Div III*

This team transformed trash into a special backdrop and ramp. It cut straws into various lengths that created Lady Gaga's face on the side of its ramp. The visually stunning face was adorned with a motorized flower that could spin. The team also constructed a mosaic backdrop with various trash items like spoons, beans, and pasta. It formed a portrait of the band *Kiss*, and a Lady Gaga costume so over-the-top that it would impress the star herself.

OMER'S AWARDS

Upper St. Claire High School Upper St. Claire, PA: This team's set and props demonstrated exceptional skill: a giant boat with crashing waves and a moving moon costume; a trash heap that when illuminated cast a shadow of a woman; and even a prism-like device that gave the appearance of the team swimming, diving and more.

Aiden Stickland Ryan Elementary School Chandler, AZ: Aiden decided to compete on his own in a problem that many teams had difficulty doing with seven team members. He received multiple standing ovations after his performance and showed true courage, perseverance, and Odyssey spirit.

Dawn and Rich Outtrim Tannersville, NY: In the fall of this year, these coaches experienced the tragic loss of their son. The couple continued coaching despite the challenges they faced, showing dedication to the team in the face of personal hardship.

Port St. Lucie High School Port St. Lucie, FL: The team asked judges all questions in song, worked together in song, and never stopped smiling. The spontaneous judges enjoyed seeing them work together, and their love of being on a team was truly obvious.

CONGRATULATIONS 2013 WFTTEAMS!



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- _____ Individual school: Must register in the school name. May enter one team per problem per division in competition.
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- _____ Community Group: May enter one team per problem per division in competition. May not be an organization established solely for the purpose of participating in Odyssey of the Mind. Please submit by-laws if this is a new membership.

Division IV:

- _____ All team members must be high school graduates and registered for at least one class at a college or university. They do not have to attend the same institution. May enter one team per problem. May proceed directly to World Finals.

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Hey Teams,
Here's to a new year of teamwork,
fun, and creativity! Best of luck.

Your friend,
OMER

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Spirit & Creativity Awards



Jackie Otte received this year's **Spirit Award** for over 30 years of volunteerism within Ootm at the regional, state, and international level. As NY AD, she successfully ran one of the largest Odyssey associations. She has also ensured that Odyssey's future remains strong with her work in the Shadow Program and the Primary Problem.



The **Creativity Award** was given to Korczak Ziokowski and the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation for utilizing great creativity, problem-solving, and teamwork in helping to protect and preserve the culture of the North American Indians through art, education, and volunteerism. Administrative Vice President Rollie Noem accepted the award on behalf of the foundation at the Opening Ceremonies.

2013 Odyssey Angels



2013 Blue Valley Odyssey Angels with Director Cheryl Micklus showing off their blankets at the popular OA booth.

Learn more at: www.odysseyangels.org

Float & Banner Parade

BANNER FINALISTS

- Arkansas
- Connecticut
- Kansas
- Maryland
- Missouri
- North Carolina
- Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Hong Kong
- Japan

FLOAT FINALISTS

- Delaware
- Florida
- Georgia
- Maine
- Michigan
- New Jersey
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- India
- Mexico

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