rts festival scheduled for weekend

That do you get when you cross artists in all mediums, students and faculty in all disciplines, and a community service project?

get innovations: New Arts Forum, original arts festival that will be held this weekend and Saturday.
The festival, held at the Performing Arts center, begins at 8 p.m. each night.
Participation in the arts festival is open to everyone in the Creighton community, providing original material.

Interested students were asked to submit a project proposal, which would include a short project description, how long the piece is, and a $2 application fee. Organizers of the project say they have received the basic goals they designated at the beginning of the project.

-To encourage original artwork and provide a place to show it.
-To get new people involved in the arts.
-To raise the visibility of fine arts on campus.
-To get artists from different mediums working together.

-To demonstrate to the Omaha community that art is "alive and well" at Creighton.

"One very important goal," arts junior Jayne Vonnahme said, "is to raise as much money as we can for Francis House. All proceeds are going to them."

Teresa Boyd, arts junior, who will perform a dance solo for the event, said, "This is my chance to perform something of my own, my original work."

Boyd said the money will be going to a good cause, too.

"It's a great idea to give the money to Francis House," she said. "All the people involved have a lot of creative ability, and it needs to be recognized."

Bill Cook, arts senior, said working on the project helped him relate to artists in all areas.

Cook, who has been one of the five students working on the Innovations board, said his goals for the arts festival were reached.

"It helped me get along with people from other mediums better," he said.

"The idea is the best thing about the project," arts senior Michelle Hadley said. "I've learned the responsibilities of board organization."

Laurie Steele, arts junior, said she agrees.

"I've met new people, and I've learned how much work a project like this takes," Steele said.

"There have been so many great volunteers to help organize the project," Vonnahme said, "not to mention the hours people worked on submissions."

Vonnahme said that there are several original plays at the festival.

"The artwork is very creative," she said. "One student is reading her own short story and we even got a submission of computer graphics."

Admission for Innovations is $2.