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YOUR FUTURE IN
FINE ARTS





SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

you know what you
want!



You're a doer, a thinker, someone who doesn't mind getting your hands dirty. You are open-minded, deadline-driven and community-active. You perform well under pressure. You're a team player who doesn't mind a solo. A program in the School of Fine Arts is a good fit for you.

here's why

"The experiences I have had performing plays at Fairmont State University have been some of the most rewarding of my life. I have learned what it means to truly collaborate and share ideas, as well as the satisfaction of following projects that I truly care about from their inception to their finish. I have gotten the opportunity to learn about many different time periods and artistic styles, and to be in the room with a lot of very educated and passionate individuals who are dedicated to helping me become the best version of me."

Dana Sayre - Belle, WV
Theatre graduate, working on a second BA
with a double major in English/French



10 *reasons* to pick a program in the School of *Fine Arts*

you **WANT TO REACH OUT.** Volunteering with a youth arts camp, being part of a traveling theatre production or speaking in front of a group appeals to you.

YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL. Participating in a national debate tournament, a choir concert in Russia, a theatre festival competition or a trip to a major museum of art, you will see the world.



African Drum Ensemble performs in the Falcon Center

you **KNOW THAT "CREATE" IS A VERB.** You know that the fine arts are hands-on, that practice makes perfect and hard work pays off.

YOU VALUE A RICH HISTORY. You'll be attending a university that has been a leader in the fine arts since the 1920s.



you

CAN LOOK AT AN IDEA FROM A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW. You're a problem solver who enjoys showing others your unique personality.

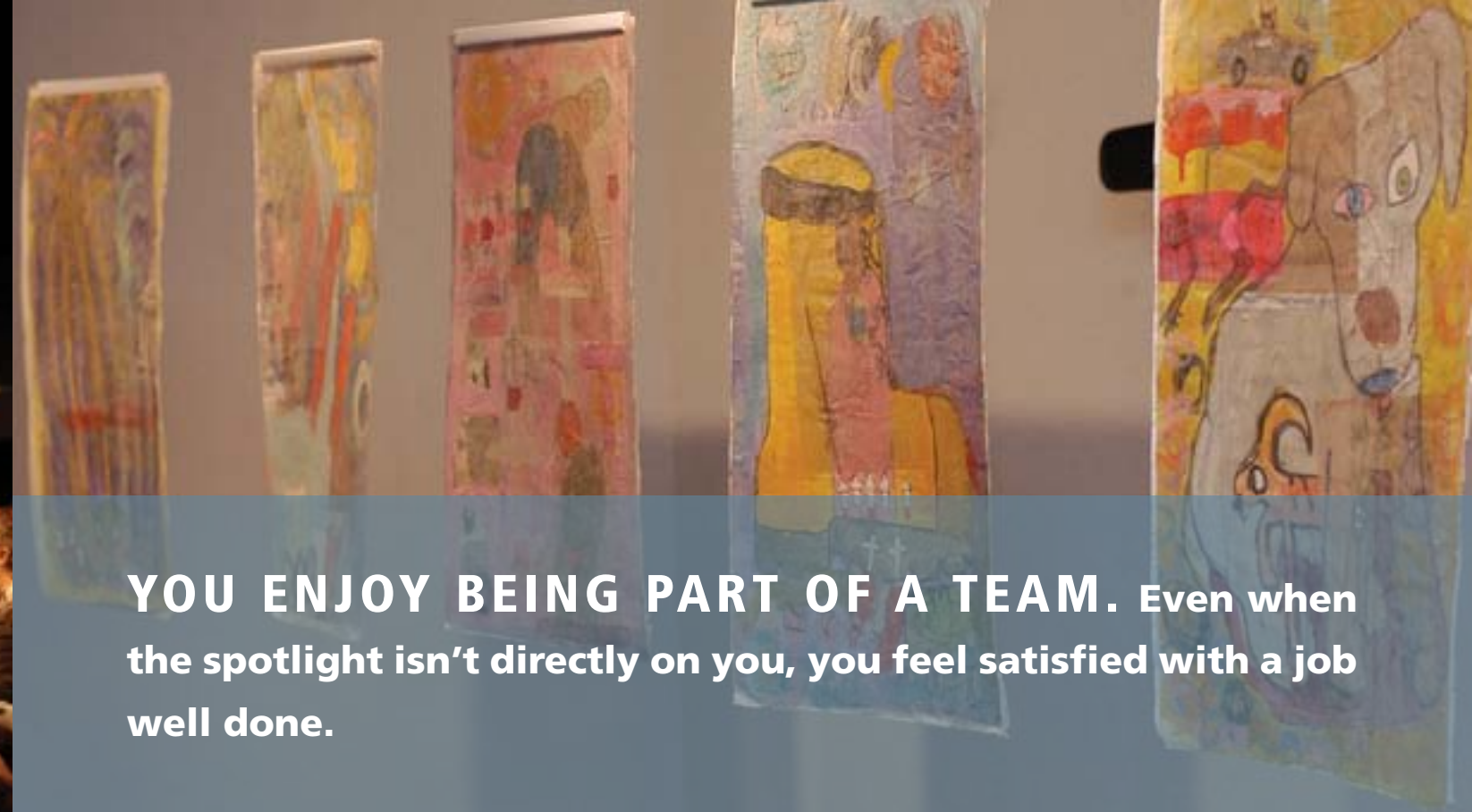


YOU SEEK THE UNDIVIDED ATTENTION OF A FACULTY MENTOR. You'll find out our talented faculty are respected in their fields and care about your personal success.





YOU ENJOY BEING PART OF A TEAM. Even when the spotlight isn't directly on you, you feel satisfied with a job well done.



you
CRAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS YOURSELF. From day one as a freshman, you'll be able to have a concert experience, compete on the debate team, submit work for a juried art show or act on stage.





your **GOALS INCLUDE GRADUATE SCHOOL.** You know a future in the fine arts requires a strong mind and an impressive portfolio.

you belong here
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The School of Fine Arts is comprised of three departments: Art, Music and Communication and Theatre Arts. We pride ourselves on our ability to provide you with individual attention from a dedicated teaching faculty who are also practicing artists. The opportunities for you to participate and practice your individual endeavors are numerous. You may begin your participation as a freshman. You will leave FSU with a resume full of academic course experiences, as well as production, ensemble or exhibition accomplishments that can be presented to a possible employer or graduate school.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND THEATRE ARTS

An interdisciplinary approach and an emphasis on “doing” are the hallmarks of the Department of Communication and Theatre Arts. In addition to their programs of study, students will have opportunities for work with artists-in-residence and professional touring companies. You may qualify for subsidized travel to Washington, D.C., New York, London or the National Storytelling Festival.

THEATRE

Whether you see yourself as an actor or someone who works behind the scenes, you can be involved with our main stage or studio productions as soon as you enter the program. Working with faculty who bring a breadth of experience from the worlds of professional, community and educational theatre, you will deepen your intellectual understanding of theatre and hone your skills as an artist through coursework in acting, directing, theatre history, theatrical design and educational theatre as you prepare for employment and graduate school. To complement your study, you will have the opportunity to participate in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival and Southeastern Theatre Conference. In 2007, FSU was the only school in Region II to have two shows represented in the KC/ACTF. You can spend your summer as a member of the resident company of our long-standing Town & Gown Players, the oldest community theatre in North Central West Virginia, or strike out on your own. Our students have recently interned at the Actors Theatre of Louisville, Georgia Shakespeare, Berkshire Theatre Festival, The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey and West Virginia Public Theater. While honing your craft, you can build friendships and make a difference in your community as a member of

Masquers, the student theatre organization. You can also work toward membership in the Alpha Cast of Alpha Psi Omega, the national theatre honorary. Fairmont State, the birthplace of the International Thespian Society, is a place where tradition and creativity meet.

Program of Study: Bachelor of Arts in Theatre or a minor in theatre

COMMUNICATION

Theory and practice come together in this program with its emphasis on performance. Employers in all fields seek people with good communication skills. In the program you will learn how to craft logical arguments, a skill essential to professions such as law, politics and sales. You can hone your research, thinking and speaking skills with practical experiences through participation in collegiate debate, the public speaking team or an internship in a local business or organization. Your study of human communication behavior will prepare you to attend graduate school in fields that require interpersonal communication skills including counseling, the ministry or public administration. Recent graduates have gone on to work in human resources, pharmaceutical sales and education.

Program of Study: Bachelor of Arts in Communication or a minor in communication

ORAL COMMUNICATION EDUCATION

If you want to coach a high school speech and debate team or if you see yourself directing the high school play, this degree program is for you. Oral Communication majors have the best of all worlds taking courses in communication, theatre and education. Your course work will be complemented with opportunities to act, design or work backstage on our main stage or studio theatre productions. You will gain experience that will prepare you to coach your own teams as you travel with the public speaking, oral interpretation or debate teams to competitions. In preparation for your West Virginia 5-12 teaching certificate, you will work on the annual FSU High School Invitational Forensics Tournament and spend time in local schools assisting teachers in their efforts to bring the spoken word to life. Recent graduates are teaching theatre and communication in public schools and attending graduate school in the areas of theatre for youth, acting, school counseling and school administration.

Program of Study: Bachelor of Arts in Education with Oral Communication as a teaching specialization

THEATRE EDUCATION

Educational theatre is the use of theatrical concepts to enhance the lives of children and adults. Coursework in acting, directing, creative drama and puppetry will give you the opportunity to study theatre not only as an art but also as a tool for personal and artistic development. Students in this program will work in the community arts program, and in local schools in preparation for a K-12 teaching certificate or for work in educational outreach in a theatre company, arts organization or cultural institution. As a teaching artist you will use your acting, directing and designing skills to create performances with and for children. You will guide children and adults in improvisations that build stories from literature and you will use the power of theatre to bring issues of social justice to life. Educational theatre is an appropriate path for students who are interested in further study in drama therapy, applied theatre and arts administration.

Program of Study: Bachelor of Arts in Education with Theatre as a teaching specialization

Student Organizations

Alpha Psi Omega

This honorary organization is the first national collegiate drama fraternity to be founded in the East, and was organized at Fairmont State College in 1925 with Dr. Paul Opp as its founder. Now with over 550 chapters, Alpha Psi Omega is the largest national honor society in America. The Alpha Chapter is active in community service and educational outreach.

Masquers

Theatre production has a celebrated history at Fairmont State. The first theatrical organization, “The Drama Club,” was founded in 1921 by a group of students inspired by a love of theatre and headed by George H. Turley. In 1923, with Dr. Paul F. Opp as advisor, the students changed the name of the group to Masquers, and elected Lawrence A. Wallman as the organization’s first president. Today, the students in Masquers work on the four main stage productions in the academic season as actors, technicians, and designers under the supervision of the faculty from the Department of Communication and Theatre Arts. They also use their talents to serve the community through projects such as the Halloween Food Drive and the Christmas Hat and Glove Tree. In addition, Masquers sponsors the annual awards ceremony dubbed “The Pappy’s” in honor of its first president and long time Fairmont State faculty member Lawrence “Pappy” Wallman. Part Oscars, part comedy roast, The Pappy’s is a fun-filled evening that celebrates theatre on the Fairmont State campus.

Pi Kappa Delta

This national forensics honor society supports the development of articulate citizens through a commitment to and promotion of ethical, humane and inclusive communication.

Special Events and Opportunities

- Mountain State Storytelling Institute
- FSU High School Invitational Forensics and Debate Tournament

THE ART DEPARTMENT

The Art Department at Fairmont State offers three programs of study – the Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art, the Bachelor of Arts in Education and the Bachelor of Science in Graphics/Fine Arts. You will be working with an energetic faculty of professional artists-educators, who will mentor you throughout your program.

STUDIO ART

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Studio Art provides an opportunity for a broad study of art and prepares students for careers as professional artists. You can also prepare for advanced studies in studio art, gallery education, and related design programs. The program also prepares you for positions in the corporate world which require creative problem solving. The program will give you a sound foundation in several studio disciplines. After completing a series of introductory courses, you will select an area of concentration from ceramics, painting, or sculpture. In addition to the studio sequence, you will participate in the study of art history and you may pursue a course in gallery management. Your capstone experience will be a senior exhibition in Brooks Gallery. Since it is important for visual arts students to experience a wide range of media and interpretations, you will have opportunities to travel to museums and galleries. FSU supports travel outside Fairmont and the state of West Virginia. For example, past trips have included the Cleveland Museum of Art, Pittsburgh museums, Washington, D.C. museums such as the Hirschorn and the National Gallery of Art, and museums and galleries in New

York. Students from Fairmont State’s art department have traveled to such culturally rich destinations as China, England, and other European countries. Program of Study: Bachelor of Arts degree in Studio Art

ART EDUCATION

If you are a student who is interested in art and teaching, the Art Education program at Fairmont State will provide you with the skills you need to create art and to deliver instruction in the classroom. You will study drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, design, printmaking and art history with professors who are productive artists and scholars. Your art education classes will challenge you to develop innovative lessons that you will present to children in actual field experiences. Every step of the way, you will find professors and peers who will help you to develop the confidence you want when you begin your career as an art teacher in public schools. Program of Study: Bachelor of Arts degree in Art Education

GRAPHICS/FINE ARTS

The Graphics/Fine Art program offers a four year degree to students who have completed the first two years in the Graphics Technology program at Fairmont State’s Pierpont Community and Technology College. This is called a 2 + 2 program, because the second two years of courses are taken in the Art Department. This is a unique program which combines technical knowledge and creative expression. If you are interested in Internet Animation or Internet Publishing, layout and illustration or other aspects of commercial design, this program will appeal to you. The studio component of this program allows you to study painting, ceramics, sculpture, drawing, printmaking, and art

history. At the conclusion of your course of study, you may choose to participate in the capstone Senior Exhibition.
Program of Study: Bachelor of Arts in Graphics/Fine Arts

■ MINORS

Minors are available in both Studio Art and Art History.

Special Opportunity

- James David Brooks Memorial Gallery

You will have opportunities to see the work of nationally-acclaimed and regional artists whose art is on display in our gallery. In addition, each student in the B.A. in Studio Art or B.A. in Art Education will exhibit work in the Brooks Gallery as a part of the capstone Senior Exhibition course, taken in the senior year. Each spring, all students are eligible to submit work for the Juried Student Exhibition, for which a guest juror selects the pieces for the exhibition from the student works. The art fraternity, Kappa Pi, typically sponsors the Juried Exhibition and chooses the juror. Students are eligible to be nominated for Kappa Pi

Student Organization

Kappa Pi

If you are an art student who has completed (12 hours of art courses with a grade point of 3.0,) you may be nominated by an art professor for membership in the international fraternity. In addition to the membership, you will have possibilities for scholarships and for international travel through Kappa Pi. Each spring, new members are initiated into the organization by a formal ceremony attended by faculty advisors and student members of the fraternity. As a Kappa

Pi member, you will also have discounts on group travel to exhibitions and a discount as well on submissions to the Juried Student Exhibition.

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

You will develop musical and leadership skills in university and public school settings. You will work closely with dynamic faculty and area music educators with many areas of expertise who help students achieve their goals. Numerous performance opportunities are available to all students, including large and small vocal and instrumental ensembles and chamber music groups. Performing groups offer touring experiences to venues such as New York City, Toronto, the Bahamas and throughout West Virginia. You may also participate in musical theatre. The Department of Music offers both a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education and a minor in music. Four-year scholarships are available by audition for qualified music majors, minors and ensemble participants. Non-music majors participate actively in ensembles, take lessons and join music student organizations to keep their musical lives active. As a music major, you will study a comprehensive balance of music theory, music history and music education methods to prepare you for teaching music to Pre-K through adult students in a variety of settings. You will gain experience using state-of-the-art music technology resources as well as traditional instruments, and you will acquire teaching methods for vocal and instrumental music. Music education majors bring their experiences to a close with a senior recital on their primary instrument and a semester of student teaching in the public schools. Students enjoy

membership in professional and honorary music student organizations, which include trips to professional conferences and teaching seminars. Recent graduates of the music program have received graduate degrees in music education and pedagogy, and they are employed as music educators in public schools throughout West Virginia and beyond. Participants in activities gain exposure to the world through music and receive lifetime career benefits through development of self-discipline, building confidence in performance skills and increasing aural awareness. Programs of study: Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education and a minor in music

Student Organizations

The American Choral Directors Association

This is a non-profit professional organization of choral directors from schools, colleges, universities, communities, churches and professional choral groups. Membership in ACDA is open to any student who participates actively in the choral music program. Members are eligible to attend any state, division or national conference and convention, and they are given opportunities to work on choral projects serving the college and community.

Kappa Kappa Psi

The purpose of the national honorary band fraternity for college band members is to promote the existence and welfare of college and university bands, to honor outstanding band members, to stimulate campus leadership, to promote a pleasant and helpful social experience for all engaged in college band work and to cooperate with other campus musical organizations. The Theta

Sigma Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi at Fairmont State provides its members with the opportunity to participate in numerous community service projects as well as special social activities. To be eligible for membership, a student must have participated in band at least one semester and be enrolled each semester in the college band to maintain an active status.

Sigma Alpha Iota

This is an international honorary music fraternity for women who have a strong interest in music. Its purpose is to uphold high standards in music education and performance in the United States and foreign countries and to provide the school and community with a variety of services. Women become eligible for membership in SAI during their second semester of college. Prospective members must have a 3.0 music average, a 2.5 cumulative average, and must be enrolled in two hours of music courses.

West Virginia Collegiate Music Educators Association

The WVCMEA is a professional organization for students, especially music majors who plan to teach music, and those who have a strong interest in music. Local Chapter 315 sponsors monthly meetings with interesting programs, trips to outstanding concerts and excursions to observe excellent music programs in the public schools. Membership in WVCMEA provides students with the opportunity to attend the State Music Conference and the Fall Conference designed especially for college music majors.

Special Opportunity

Department of Music faculty members mentor students on research projects based on their individual areas of interest. For example, a recent music student presented a paper on the life and works of Aaron Copland at the Annual Celebration of Scholarship at FSU. Other students are working with faculty on summer research project proposals. Faculty members welcome the opportunity to discuss potential topics of undergraduate research with interested students.

Performance Opportunities

Chamber Music Program
Chamber ensembles at FSU come in many forms. Students participate in chamber choir, brass ensembles, woodwind ensembles, guitar ensemble and digital piano ensembles. The music faculty are available and willing to coach ensembles in all vocal and instrumental areas.

FSU Bands

With over 70 years of performances, the FSU Bands are among the most visible performing ensembles. Membership in the bands is open to students who play a band instrument or have the necessary skills to participate in one of the auxiliary units such as flags or rifles. The Marching Band performs at all home football games during the fall semester and at various marching band activities such as parades and festivals. The Wind Ensemble is open to all students who can play a band instrument. Students are presented with the opportunity to study and perform a wide variety of band literature. The Jazz Ensemble is open by audition to advanced instrumental students. It is designed to give students an

opportunity to rehearse and perform big band jazz and jazz-rock literature under faculty direction. The Fairmont State Bands have traveled across the East Coast and as far south as Walt Disney World and Bermuda. In the spring of 2008, the band travelled to the Bahamas. They perform on tour every two years, and in the future, expect to return to Europe, Mexico and Australia/New Zealand. They have produced compact disc recordings in recent years and plan to record more in the future. Alumni who have participated in the band have gone on to have successful careers in music education as well as a variety of occupations all across the United States.

Choral Program

Singing in a choir at FSU is an opportunity for students of all majors and degree programs. Three choirs perform music ranging from Renaissance madrigals to symphonic masterworks to contemporary pieces from cultures around the world. Collegiate Singers is the choir open to all students of the university without audition. Previous experience in high school, church or community choirs is desirable but not required. The repertoire includes many styles and languages both accompanied and a cappella. The Chamber Choir is a small, select mixed ensemble which holds auditions at the beginning of every semester. All students with excellent choral experience and music reading ability are welcome to audition. A larger repertoire of challenging music and more foreign language performance is expected in the Chamber Choir. The University-Community Chorus is organized for special occasion concerts. The Collegiate Singers and Chamber Choir are joined by volunteer singers from the greater Fairmont area to perform large works with orchestra

such as Handel's "Messiah," the Mozart "Requiem" and John Rutter's "Magnificat," to name just a few. FSU choirs sing one or more concerts each semester. In addition to campus events, the choirs have toured throughout West Virginia performing for high schools and churches, as well as Illinois, Ohio, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York and Canada. Recent tour engagements include Toronto in 2007, sharing a concert with the Upper Canada Choristers, and at New York City's Carnegie Hall in 2003, singing the "Mass in C" by Beethoven.

FSU Community Orchestra

The Fairmont State University Community Orchestra gives students an opportunity to play in an ensemble with professional orchestra members, as well as students from West Virginia University. The orchestra performs one concert each semester in a series shared with the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra from Charleston. Participation in the FSUCO is open to students with experience in all orchestral instruments, with permission from the conductor. Music students may also audition to perform solos with the orchestra in our annual concerto competition.

School of Fine Arts SCHOLARSHIPS

The School of Fine Arts has numerous scholarship opportunities available to its majors. While no application for admission is required for Fine Arts programs other than that required by the university, scholarships require a separate application and depending on the area, an interview, audition or portfolio review.

In addition to the Fairmont Undergraduate Scholarships (FUS) which are allocated to the School of Fine Arts, the following endowed scholarships are also available:

- James David Brooks Memorial Art Endowed Scholarship
- Fairmont Concert Association Music Endowed Scholarship
- Blanche Kinney Fine Arts Endowed Scholarship
- Marion County Little Theatre Endowed Scholarship
- Matthew M. & Alberta R. Neely Speech Communication Endowed Scholarship
- Lundix & Angela Savarino Scholarship
- B. J. O'Dell Sherman Endowed Scholarship
- Virginia P & Richard P. Wellock Music Endowed Scholarship
- Debate Team Scholarships

The Blanche Kinney Endowment is also used by the School of Fine Arts to support visiting artists, master classes and gallery exhibits. The fund is also used to support student travel to attend fine arts events in places like Pittsburgh, New York, Washington, D.C., Stratford, Ontario, and London. This endowment is one of the largest maintained by the Fairmont State University Foundation, Inc.

Fairmont State University also maintains Participation Scholarships that are granted to students, regardless of their major, for participation in activities such as the Marching Band, Collegiate Singers, Masquers Theatre Productions, Debate, Wind Ensemble or the Art Gallery.

Whether you grew up with Fairmont State University in your own backyard or you've never set foot in West Virginia,

come visit us.

It's the only way to know if FSU is right for you.



TO SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT...

Contact our Office of Admissions toll-free at (800) 641-5678, Ext. 2 or (304) 367-4892 or reach us through our web site at:

www.fairmontstate.edu

While you're here, you can:

- See the entire campus
- Meet professors and coaches
- Cover the ins and outs of financial aid
- Tour campus and see our new engineering technology building and other new additions

Every fall and spring, we schedule a Saturday Visitation Day so you, your family and friends can visit the campus and attend information sessions on admissions, financial aid and residence life. You can meet with faculty about the academic colleges, schools and departments. Be sure and catch one of the campus tours that are offered throughout the day.

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