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### Greetings from the Mississippi Arts Commission!



Dear friends,

Many of you have voiced concerns recently over our current economic environment. I know you are facing many issues, including budget shortfalls, and that you are worried for the future of not only your organizations and projects, but the future of the arts in our beloved state. The Mississippi Arts Commission is working diligently to ensure a bright tomorrow for our state's artistic and cultural treasures. This is not the first time we have dealt with disaster, but thankfully, we have learned valuable lessons in recovery and renewal that can assist us all during these turbulent times.

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) received a \$50 million appropriation through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) for projects that focus on preservation of jobs in the arts. As mandated by ARRA, 60% will be administered directly through the NEA, with the remaining 40% to be distributed by state arts agencies and regional arts organizations through competitive and qualitative review.

MAC's portion of ARRA funding will be approximately \$300,000. We are currently creating the grant guidelines and an announcement will be made soon that will include all of these details. Please be aware that the grant must be used to support jobs in the arts that have been cut or are in danger of being eliminated due to the current economic downturn.

I can assure you that this agency will do everything we can to assist the arts community in Mississippi in every way possible. Please let me know if you have any questions.

My best,  
Malcolm

Pictured above: Students from Perkinston Elementary outside the State Capitol during MAC's Day at the Capitol on March 24th.

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# EUDORA WELTY

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## Centennial

The Mississippi Arts Commission is proud to be a supporter of the Eudora Welty Centennial Celebration, and to include it as part of our American Masterpieces Initiative. Ms. Welty is recognized as one of America's greatest and most cherished authors and April 13, 2009 marks her hundredth birthday! Welty lived and worked in Jackson for most of her 92 years and found a "sense of place" here that fueled her creative vision. For a complete list of activities surrounding the celebration, visit [www.eudorawelty.org](http://www.eudorawelty.org).

## 2009 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS A GRAND CELEBRATION!

On Thursday, February 26, Galloway United Methodist Church in downtown Jackson was the home of a very special event...the Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts! The day was very festive and provided an outstanding opportunity to recognize some very gifted Mississippians. Nominations are now being accepted for the 2010 awards. Visit the MAC website at [www.art.state.ms.us/special-projects/governors-awards.php](http://www.art.state.ms.us/special-projects/governors-awards.php) to download the nomination form.

Right: The 2009 recipients showing off their award.



Above left: Super Chikan performs on his guitar made from a toolbox!  
Above right: The crowd enjoying the wonderful ceremony.

# MAC'S DAY AT THE CAPITOL

## Calendar of Events –

### April

#### 10th Annual Crossroads Film Festival

Date: April 2-5  
Location: Jackson, MS

#### John Steptoe's Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters

Date: Friday, April 3  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Location: MSU Riley Center, Meridian

#### Arts Under the Dome presents Harmonious Wall

Date: Saturday, April 4  
Time: 7:00pm  
Location: First United Methodist Church, Downtown Gulfport

#### Two Rivers Gala

Date: April 4  
Time: 7:00pm  
Location: Jackson Medical Mall

#### MS Gulf Coast Bellydance Festival

Date: April 4  
Time: All Day, Show at 7:00pm  
Location: Ocean Springs

#### Community Dance Workshop

Date: April 4  
Time: 8:30am-12:30pm  
Location: Belhaven College Arts Center

#### Threefoot Festival

Date: April 4  
Time: 8:00am-6:00pm  
Location: Meridian

#### Art in the Pass

Date: April 4 & 5  
Time: 10 to 5  
Location: Pass Christian

#### Bamboo Wind Chimes Workshop with Rob Mendrop

Date: April 7  
Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm  
Location: SCH Center, Vicksburg, MS

#### Auxiliary Membership Luncheon

Date: Thursday, April 8  
Time: 11:30  
Location: MS Museum of Art, Jackson

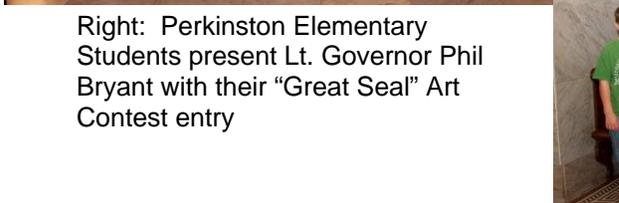


Above: MAC staffers, Allison Winstead and Diane Williams offered information on the agency.

The arts were “in the House” on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> during MAC’s annual Day at the Capitol. The top three schools in “Great Seal” art contest were in attendance and presented their entries to state lawmakers. Entertainment abounded on the first floor rotunda and visual artists were on hand creating very special art. It was truly a day of “all things art” at the State Capitol!



Left: Students from Nicholson Elementary in Picayune present Governor Haley Barbour with their “Great Seal” Art Contest entry



Right: Perkinson Elementary Students present Lt. Governor Phil Bryant with their “Great Seal” Art Contest entry



Left: Scared Heart (Hattiesburg) student presenting her “Great Seal” Art Contest entry to Speaker of the House Billy McCoy (center).



Right: (from left) MAC’s Larry Morrissey, Malcolm White, Senator Lydia Chassinol, Governor Haley Barbour and Senator David Blount



## April continued..

### Knoll Textiles:

Date: Thursday, April 9  
Time: 5:00pm  
Location: Mississippi  
Museum of Art, Jackson

### Writers, Musicians & Publishers' Conf.

Date: April 10 and 11  
Time: 10:00am- 4:00 pm  
Location: Mt. Pisgah CME  
Church, Byhalia

### MS Delta Hair & Fashion Show

Date: April 12  
Time: 4:00pm  
Location: National Guard  
Amory, Drew, MS

### Museum Reads

Date: Tuesday, April 14  
Time: 11:00 am  
Location: MS Museum of  
Art, Jackson

### Unburied Treasures

Date: April 14  
Time: 6:30 pm  
Location: Jefferson  
College, Washington

### Welty Experience Package

Date: April 14 - April 18  
Time: 10:00 AM and  
12:30 PM  
Location: Welty sights in  
Jackson

### The Ponder Heart

Date: April 14-26, 2009  
Time: 7:30 pm & 2 pm  
Location: New Stage  
Theatre, Jackson

### An Irish Homecoming

Date: Friday, April 17  
Time: 8:00 pm  
Location: MSU Riley  
Center, Meridian

### Unburied Treasures

Date: April 18, 2009  
Time: 11:00 am  
Location: Winston County  
Library, Louisville

### Sheep to Shawl Day

Date: Sat., April 18  
Time: 10am -4pm  
Location: MS Craft  
Center, Ridgeland

**Visit the Calendar page on the MAC website for more information on these events or to be listed!**

# National Park Service

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior



## Save America's Treasures

### 2009 Save America's Treasures Grant Applications Now Available *Applications are due on Friday, May 22, 2009!*

The Federal Save America's Treasures program is one of the largest and most successful grant programs for the protection of our nation's endangered and irreplaceable and endangered cultural

heritage. Grants are available for preservation and/or conservation work on nationally significant intellectual and cultural artifacts and historic structures and sites. For more information visit – [www.nps.gov/history/hps/treasures/](http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/treasures/)

## gettyimages®

### Getty Images Expands Photographer Grant Program to Nonprofit Sector

[Getty Images](http://www.gettyimages.com) has announced an expansion of its editorial photography grant program to involve the creative community in recognizing the good work of the nonprofit sector. The new "Getty Images Grants for Good" program will award two photographers \$15,000 each to cover costs associated with creating compelling imagery to raise awareness about the issues and work of a nonprofit they admire.

In addition to the cash prize, the winning photographers will have the option to collaborate with Getty Images' team of art directors, photo editors, and producers during the execution of their project. The resulting work will be showcased on the company's Web site and will be used by the nonprofit to develop more powerful visual communications. The Getty Images Grants Program is an offshoot of the Grants for Editorial Photography program, which awards five grants of \$20,000 annually in support of visionary new work by established and rising photojournalists. The next deadline for the editorial photography program is May 15, 2009.

## WHITE HONORED BY MISSISSIPPI HUMANITIES COUNCIL

The Mississippi Humanities Council recently honored MAC's Executive Director, Malcolm White, for his outstanding contribution to the humanities. On Friday, February 27, Malcolm was presented with the "Preserver of Mississippi Culture" award at the Council's annual awards ceremony. The award recognized Malcolm's work to preserve traditional art, as well as his support of Mississippi's cultural endeavors.



Listen to MAC's "Mississippi Arts Hour" Sunday's at 3pm on Mississippi Public Broadcasting's Think Radio-WMPN 91.3. The show can also be heard on MAC's website and through Apple's iTunes

April 5  
Musician and MAC Roster Artist  
Sherman Lee Dillon

April 12  
Celebrating Eudora Welty Centennial – with Suzanne Mars & Patti Carr Black

April 19  
Author Mark LaFrancis

April 26  
Musician Jimbo Mathus

May 3  
Singer/songwriter  
Caroline Herring

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PERFECTION IN  
THE WORK.  
- Aristotle



Mississippi Action for Community Education (MACE) is accepting entries for the poster design for the 32nd Annual Mississippi Delta Blues and Heritage Festival to be held on September 19, 2009. The theme for this year's festival is: "31 Years of Blues... Let's Do It Again." The contest is open to all artists of all ages in any country.

The winning design will be selected by a panel of judges selected from the fields of arts, design and marketing. The winning artist will receive a cash award of \$500 and be honored at a media reception to be held in July, 2009. All entries must be received by May 15, 2009. Please mail or drop off your entry to: Mississippi Delta Blues Festival Poster Contest, 119 South Theobald Street, Greenville, MS 38701. For additional information, please contact William Brown at 662-335-3523 or [postercontest@deltablues.org](mailto:postercontest@deltablues.org). The winner will be notified by June 30, 2009. Visit [www.deltablues.org/MACE/postercontect.html](http://www.deltablues.org/MACE/postercontect.html) for official rules and to download application

## ARTS-RELATED JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### Mississippi School of the Arts Director

The MS Board of Education is seeking a Director for the MS School of the Arts (MSA). MSA, created in 1999 by the Mississippi Legislature, is a residential school for artistically talented and gifted eleventh and twelfth grade students. Coursework includes a special emphasis on the humanities, creative writing, literature, theater, music, dance and visual arts. The school is located on the campus of Whitworth College in Brookhaven, Mississippi which is approximately 60 miles south of Jackson.

The Director will be responsible for formulating, directing, and controlling the daily operations of the school in accordance with policies established by the State Board of Education. This includes recruiting students, employing staff, developing curriculum, and fostering positive community and state relationships.

Applications should be sent to: Joyce Wallace, Mississippi Department of Education, P. O. Box 771, Jackson, MS 39205. Inquiries may be made by contacting Ms. Wallace at 601-359-3511.

George Oliver Elementary, Clarksdale  
Certified dance instructor  
Certified strings teacher

A new visual and performing arts magnet school in Clarksdale is looking for professionals to fill the positions listed above. Serious inquiries to: [smontgomery@cmsd.k12.ms.us](mailto:smontgomery@cmsd.k12.ms.us) or 662/627-8605