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Dear Friends,

Serendipity is a propensity for making fortunate discoveries while looking for something unrelated. Mississippians are endowed with vibrant, quality arts and cultural activities wherever they live across the state. The connection between professional artist, arts organization, and patron is a relationship and fellowship that can have far-reaching impact. This impact is challenging to successfully measure, because it is in fact serendipitous.

The industry of the arts, serving the cultural institutions of Mississippi, generally has a well thought out mission and plan, and its goals are often accomplished through fertile vision statements. It is impressive to see how arts organizations serve as ambassadors and shepherds of foundation and grant support, as well as donor and patron involvement. They are the torchbearers shining a light on the benefits of the arts. It is pure magic to observe how an arts organization invites the community to see, experience, and participate in the alchemy that can result through the arts.

We are only beginning to realize the imprint of the arts as it relates to economic development. Mississippi blues and jazz draw other countries to our doorsteps in grand fashion. These Mississippi-based music genres create bountiful tourism opportunities for otherwise economically strapped communities; therefore, we lose a bit of what draws others to our state when we dismiss the arts. The cycle that must evolve is the education and training of our residents about the value and significance of the arts. The dedicated staff and volunteers in arts industry are crucial to sustain and manage the arts organizations that make this connection possible. The arts are the seeds that help us grow not only creative thought and opinion, but critical thinking that will benefit us in every aspect of our lives – for an entire lifetime.

Simply stated, arts industry encompasses many disciplines. Museums collect, preserve and exhibit. They are the leaders in interactive and extensive programs that promote and preserve the unique legacy of our state's memorable artists. Symphonies present live performances grounded in artistic excellence, partnered with innovation. Theater provides us with an avenue for communities to engage and become richly enhanced by local talent who experience professional artistic collaboration. Literary events offer conferences, workshops, and festivals where Mississippi's finest writers and playwrights, both past and present, are celebrated. Film festivals nurture media arts enthusiasts and present innovative films depicting life, culture, and the pursuit of society and community interests. Performing arts centers embrace a cultural and scholarly mission by presenting the finest performances and visiting lecturers. Dance creates a connection between people cross-culturally and economically and can provide an opportunity to heighten one's physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

Opera is one of the few arts disciplines that enfolds all aspects of art, including theatre, orchestra, dance and multimedia.

The arts in Mississippi are a celebration of our rich cultural heritage, engaging community and enriching the quality of life by enlivening the spirit of Mississippians. May I encourage you to have discussions about the arts, share information on the impact in your community, and savor that magic of serendipity!

My best,
Malcolm

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2011 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS A GRAND CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS



MS Department of
Education....the site of the
festivities!

Pastor Evelyn Hubbard and Marty
Stuart rocked the house!



Excellence in Music winner,
Mac McAnally, showed the
crowd why he was selected for
this award.

The late Pinetop
Perkins doing what he
did best! We are so
proud we were able to
honor him as Lifetime
Achievement winner.



After the ceremony, everyone
gathered with the recipients! It
was a grand occasion!

Special thanks to everyone who made the day a wonderful celebration!

Calendar of Events

April

Mixed Media, Pottery Headlines Exhibit at Library

March 1, - April 29, 2011
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
3881 Eastwood Drive,
Jackson, MS 39211

Belhaven University Spring Dance Concert

April 1, 2, 8 and 9
7:30 pm
Belhaven University
Jackson, MS

Mississippi Modern Architecture Photo Contest

March 31 - April 30
Tues through Sunday
Municipal Art Gallery
Jackson, MS

New Stage Theatre presents A Soldier's Play

April 5 - 17, 2011
Wed-Sat @ 7:30pm; Sun @ 2:00pm
New Stage Theatre
Jackson, MS

Amory Railroad Festival

April 7-10, 2011
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. daily
Frisco Park, Downtown Amory, MS

The Barber of Seville

Saturday, April 9, 2011
7:30 PM
Thalia Mara Hall,
Jackson, MS

Handel's Messiah- Parts 2 and 3

April 10, 2011
3:00 PM
St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Jackson, MS

Barber of Seville

April 12
7:30
Bologna Performing Arts Center Cleveland, Ms

Alcorn State University Jazz Festival

April 16, 2011
8 am - 10 pm
Vicksburg Convention Center

CALL TO ARTISTS!

VSA – the International Organization on Arts and Disability is sponsoring a national juried exhibition for emerging artists called “Momentum.”

The call for entries deadline is June 10, 2011 and the emerging artists should be between the ages of 16 and 25. Fifteen artists will be selected for the exhibition and will share \$60,000 in cash awards (a \$20,000 grand prize, a \$10,000 first award, a \$6,000 second award, and 12 awards of excellence of \$2,000 each). There will be an exhibition of the winners in Washington DC at the Smithsonian Institution's S. Dillon Ripley Center. The top three awardees will be honored at an opening reception on Capitol Hill.

For more information, please refer prospective applicants to the VSA website: www.vsarts.org/vwcall and be sure to share this information with others.



FIGMENT JXN will take place May 14 & 15, 2011 at the Old Coca-Cola Plant, a 150,000 square-foot former soda bottling facility. With a wide variety of buildings spread over 12 acres, the site can accommodate practically any artistic vision. The plant is located on U.S. Highway 80, once a bustling industrial corridor in south Jackson that has fallen on hard times. The city has plans to redevelop much of the area, and we see FIGMENT as a way to bring the vitality of art and collaboration to the area's future.

The first FIGMENT JXN is an ongoing two-day event designed to promote spontaneous collaboration, active communication, and significant fun. Scheduled artists will commingle with contributors bringing unplanned commissions to the site, and a series of music acts will perform throughout the duration of the event. Visitors to Jackson are invited to camp at the plant, thus encouraging a creative, communal experience that goes beyond the duration of the average art exhibition. If you are an artist who is interested in participating, the final deadline for project submission is April 15, 2011.

For more information visit the FIGMENT website at <http://jackson.figmentproject.org>



ATTENTION EDUCATORS!!!!

Mark your calendars now for the 2011 Whole Schools Summer Institute!

The Institute will be held at the MSU Riley Center in Meridian July 17-21, 2011.

The theme of this year's event is "Creativity at Work!"

**St. Andrew's Presents:
ARTS ON THE GREEN**
April 16-17, 2011
Sat 10a-5p Sun 12p-5p
St. Andrew's Episcopal
School North Campus

**Ceili, Irish Dance for
Everyone**

April 17, 2011
2:00 to 5:00 PM
Fenian's Pub, 901 East
Fortification St. Jackson

**Cotton District Arts
Festival**

Saturday, April 23, 2011
8 am to 5 pm
Historic Cotton District,
Starkville, MS

**Mississippi Poetry
Society Spring Festival**

April 30- May 1, 2011
Registration open at 9:00
a.m
Gulf Hills Hotel/Conf.
Center, Ocean Springs,
MS

Coming in May

**Ballet Mississippi's
Spring Production**

May 1, 2011
3:00 p.m.
Thalia Mara Hall, Jackson

**The Quebe Sisters
Band in Concert**

May 7th, 2011
2:00pm - 5:30pm
323 South Main Street,
Greenville, MS

**Bizet's Carmen from
Barcelona**

Sunday, May 8, 2011
2:00 PM
Russell C. Davis
Planetarium, Jackson

**Celebrate Maestro
(20th anniversary
celebration)**

May 14, 2011
7:30 p.m.
MSU Riley Center
Meridian, MS

**Visit the
Calendar page of
the MAC website
to learn more
about these
events or to
have your event
listed!!**

MAC'S DAY AT THE CAPITOL

ARTS SUPPORTERS SHARED SOME "BLUES, BEER & BARBECUE"
WITH STATE LEGISLATORS!



A little root beer and barbecue chips!



Senator David Blount with MAC
Commissioner, Stephanie
Punches of Natchez

Members of MAC Board of
Commissioners with Senator
John Horhn



Reverend H.D. Dennis of
Vicksburg's Margaret's
Grocery fame received
special recognition during the
festivities. Supporters of
preserving this folk art
treasure came out to show
their support!

ATTENTION MAC GRANT APPLICANTS



The Mississippi Arts Hour can be heard statewide on Sunday's at 3pm on Mississippi Public Broadcasting's Think Radio. Find the station nearest you by visiting mpbonline.org. The show can also be heard on MAC's website and through Apple's iTunes

Upcoming shows

April 10

Malcolm White hosts with visual artist, William Goodman

April 17

Special MPB Fund Drive Show

April 24

Larry Morrissey hosts with writer Michael Kardos

*The imagination
is the secret
marrow of
civilization.*
Henry Ward Beecher

Grant Panel Schedule:

Wednesday, April 13

Fellowship & Artist Roster from performing artists

Thursday, April 14

Arts-Based Comm Dev – Operating & Project Grants

Tuesday, April 19

Arts Industry – Operating Grants
Mississippi Heritage – Operating and Project Grants

Wednesday, April 20

Arts Industry – Project Grants
Folk Art Fellowship, Folk Art Apprenticeship and Artist Roster applications from Heritage-related artists

Thursday, April 21

Fellowship & Artist Roster from literary artists
Artist Roster applications from media artists

Tuesday, April 26

Arts Ed – Arts in the Classroom & Project Grants

Wednesday, April 27

Arts Ed – Whole Schools & Teaching Artist Roster

Thursday, April 28

Fellowship & Artist Roster from visual artists



CONGRATULATIONS TO 2011 POETRY OUT LOUD STATE CHAMPION

Kristen Dupard, junior at Ridgeland High School, was chosen as the winner of the 2011 Mississippi Poetry Out Loud recitation contest. She will travel to Washington, DC on April 27th to compete in the national Poetry Out Loud Recitation contest. The Mississippi finals will be broadcast on Mississippi Public Broadcasting on Sunday, April 17 at 6pm.

ARTS-RELATED JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Director of Principal & Planned Gifts

Baltimore Symphony Orchestra – Baltimore, Maryland

Founded in 1916, the BSO's mission is to perform the highest quality symphonic music of all eras that nurtures the human spirit.

The Director of Principal and Planned Gifts reports to the Vice President for Development and will be a key member of the senior development team. The position plays a vital role in developing sophisticated contributed revenue strategies for the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra that will impact its growth over the next five years. **APPLICATIONS AND INQUIRIES**

Send letter and résumé outlining demonstrable accomplishments and a verifiable track record of results to:

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