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Dear Friends,

As this year comes to a close, it is time to reflect on what was accomplished and appreciate new partnerships. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the passionate and talented MAC staff. I hope our constituents realize that these professionals work tirelessly to provide assistance and guidance to artists and arts organizations across Mississippi. Our newest team member is Whole Schools Initiative Director, Andrea Coleman. I am confident Andrea will do an outstanding job and will build on the work of the Whole Schools Initiative.

I would also like to extend my thanks to members of the Mississippi Legislature for their continued support; giving this agency the means to provide valuable resources to those we serve across Mississippi. Governor Bryant, Lt. Governor Reeves and other Mississippi elected officials have been extremely dedicated to making sure the arts have a seat at the table.

MAC's Board of Commissioners represent the citizens of the State of Mississippi and serve in a voluntary capacity to provide oversight and guidance to the agency. Their leadership and knowledge are invaluable to the continued growth of our programs and work on a grassroots level.

Most importantly, I want to express my appreciation to the talented and creative people throughout Mississippi who continue to do amazing work and help to create a better quality of life within each community.

We have many positive outcomes to celebrate at the close of 2014, and many to be excited about in the new year to come. We look forward to serving the citizens of the state again in 2015, and please know how much we appreciate your support and dedication to the arts in Mississippi.

My best,
Tom



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Attention Festival & Event Planners! SAVE THE DATE

The 4th annual Back Stage Pass will be held January 21-22, 2015 at the Lake Terrace Convention Center in Hattiesburg! The conference focuses on providing professional development to festival and event planners. Don't miss it!

Find out more by visiting:

www.msmainstreet.com/index.php/events_news/event/3356

National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards

Applications Now Open for 2015!



The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, is accepting applications for the 2015 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards.

The twelve award-winning programs this year will each receive \$10,000 and an invitation to accept their award from the President's Committee's Honorary Chairman, First Lady Michelle Obama, at a ceremony at the White House.

After-school and out-of-school time arts and humanities programs are encouraged to apply. Please click the following link to access the online National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards Application: <http://www.nahyp.org/how-to-apply/>

Completed applications will only be accepted via the online process.

The application deadline is Monday, February 2, 2015, 5:00 PM PST.



This month's epic snow storms in the Northeast serve as a sudden and severe reminder that winter is here. Power outages are a primary result of winter storms. It is important to prepare now for a potential power outage at your home and studio. Find out what you will need to be prepared by visiting: <http://www.studioprotector.org/Blog/TipoftheMonth/tabid/312/EntryId/98/Winter-Storms-are-upon-Us-Prepare-For-Power-Outage.aspx>



Join the Mississippi Arts Commission at our annual celebration of the arts!

The Governor's Arts Awards are presented annually to outstanding writers, artists, performers, craftsmen and arts organizations that make lasting contributions to our state through their work. The awards will be presented on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Belhaven University Center for the Arts on Riverside Drive in Jackson.

A reception will be held at the Junior League of Jackson (next door) at 4:30pm. Everyone is invited to attend both events...both events are free and open to the public. We will be honoring the talents and accomplishments of this outstanding group of recipients.

Excellence in Music

Lane Chapel Quintet - Tupelo, Mississippi

Excellence in Visual Arts

Maude Schuyler Clay – Sumner, Mississippi

Excellence in Media Arts

Chesney Blankenstein Doyle – Natchez, Mississippi

Arts in Community

Mississippi State University Riley Center for Education and Performing Arts – Meridian, Mississippi

Excellence in Music

Craig Wiseman – Hattiesburg, Mississippi

For detailed information on all recipients, visit <http://www.arts.ms.gov/special-projects/GAA2015.php>

Several levels of sponsorships are available. To find out more, contact Susan Liles at sliles@arts.ms.gov

Calendar of events December

The Nutcracker Ballet and Sugarplum Fairy Tea

December 12, 13, and
14

7:00, 2:30 matinee,
12:30 tea

Mannoni Performing
Arts Center
Hattiesburg, MS

Carl Jackson's 18th Annual "Home for Christmas"

December 13

4:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Strand Theater
118 South Church Ave
Louisville, MS

The Mississippi Metropolitan Ballet-The Nutcracker

December 13 & 14

2:00 PM & 7:30 PM

Jackson Academy
Performing Arts Center

Amahl and the Night Visitors

December 16, 2014

7:00 pm

Holmes County Arts
Building
Lexington, MS

"Carols for the Christ Child"

December 22

7 pm

Poindexter Hall, MUW
Campus
Columbus, MS

Calendar of events
January 2015

Peter Pan

January 9 - 18
Thurs,-Sat 7:30pm; Sun
2pm
New Stage Theatre
1100 Carlisle St.
Jackson, MS

**"Princess Whatsername"
(School Performances)**

January 12 -16
8:30, 10:00, 11:30am &
1:00 pm
Meridian Little Theatre
4334 Hwy 39 N,
Meridian, MS

**"Princess Whatsername"
(Youth Production)**

January 16
6:30 pm
Meridian Little Theatre
4334 Hwy 39 N
Meridian, MS

**Millsaps College Arts and
Lecture Series**

January 20
7:00 P.M.
Millsaps College Recital
Hall
Jackson, MS

**"Back on Broadway"
Musical Performance**

January 29
7:00 p.m.
Corey Forum Holmes
Community College
Grenada, MS

To have your
event listed, visit
<http://www.arts.ms.gov/calendar/index.php>



Folk & Traditional Arts Director Attends Conference in NOLA

Jennifer Jameson recently traveled to the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies' meeting in New Orleans and she gathered with several folk arts coordinators. Organized by LA state folklorist Maida Owens, they toured the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Fest Archive, St. Augustine's Catholic Church in Treme (known for being the first racially integrated church in Louisiana), and listened to a presentation given by Mardi Gras Indian Chief, Shaka Zulu, at his restaurant/gallery, The Golden Feather.

From L to R: Ross Brand (FL), Jennifer Jameson (MS), Riki Saltzman (OR), Mira Johnson (PA), Dana Everts-Boehm (TN), Folk and Traditional Arts Director Barry Bergey (NEA), Emily West (OR), Charlie Lockwood (TX) and Cliff Murphy (MD) behind the camera.

SAVE THE DATE!!
Arts Day at the Capitol
March 25, 2015
11:30-1:30
Details coming soon!

Special Initiatives Director Participates in MS Development Authority's Asset Development Division's Annual Meeting

Connie Souto Learman recently attended MDA's Asset Development Division's annual meeting. Others in attendance represented Mississippi Main Street, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, state universities, community colleges, utility companies, other community representatives, private developers and many MDA Divisions staff members attended the event. Participants came together to help communities assess local resources and create



On the Road with Arts Industry

The month of November was filled with professional development conferences for Turry Flucker. He recently attended the American Folklore Society conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico. This group is a US-based professional association for folklorists, with members from around the world. He also attended the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA) conference in New Orleans, where Dr. Jane Chu, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts delivered the keynote address. She spoke to attendees about the role of “the arts as an essential component of our everyday lives and our collective role in ensuring all Americans and our communities benefit from the arts.” Truer words were never spoken!



The Mississippi Arts Hour can be heard on Sundays 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.

December 14
Tom talks with Steven Byess from the North Mississippi Symphony Orchestra

December 21
Larry talks with author Rick Bragg

December 28
Diane talks with filmmakers, Robbie Fisher and Alex Warren

New shows are posted to our Facebook page each Friday! “Like” us to stay up to date.

Folk Arts Apprenticeship Show in the MAC Gallery



On Tuesday, November 18, recipients of MAC's Folk Arts Apprenticeship grants were featured in our gallery in the Woolfolk State Office Building. It was a great show with some outstanding music and beautiful quilts. To find out more, visit MAC's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mississippi-Arts-Commission/40356507113>.

Our next gallery show will begin on January 5th and run through March 6th, with a reception on January 29th at 2pm. This show will feature the work of our FY2015 Fellowship recipients. Mark your calendars now...you won't want to miss this one!

Mississippi Arts Commission

In 1968, the Mississippi Legislature created the Mississippi Arts Commission as the official grants-making and service agency for the arts. Since then, the Commission has broadened its role as an active supporter and promoter of the arts in community life and arts education.

MAC's mission is to be a catalyst for the arts and creativity in Mississippi and the agency's vision is to support and celebrate Mississippi's creative and innovative spirit

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Arts & Economic Prosperity IV Americans for the Arts

Every day, more than 100,000 nonprofit arts and culture organizations act as economic drivers - creating an industry that supports jobs, generates government revenue, and is the cornerstone of our tourism industry. This study documents the key role played by the nonprofit arts and culture industry, and their audiences, in strengthening our nation's economy.

MAC encourages you to take a moment to check out the latest findings by Americans for the Arts on how the arts impact communities, economies and the lives of people across the country.

There are resources available to help Mississippi communities talk about the value of the arts, and we hope these tools will be helpful.

Visit www.americansforthearts.org/by-program/reports-and-data/research-studies-publications/arts-economic-prosperity-iv. Let's make sure we know our impact by Arts Day at the Capitol on March 25, 2015.

Arts-Related Job Opportunities

Deputy Director

Washington State Arts Commission

Reporting to the Executive Director, this exempt position serves as Deputy Director for agency administration, including budget, finance, and agency operations. The incumbent in the position will serve as agency chief budget and financial officer, and coordinates core agency services, including information technology and contracting. This position supervises two administrative staff. As a key advisor that works directly with the Executive Director, this position is relied upon to optimize agency performance and enhance the work environment. In the absence of the Executive Director, this position exercises full executive authority.

www.arts.wa.gov/about-us/news/artswa-announces-position-opening-for-deputy-director-

