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Dear Friends,

As we celebrate this special anniversary of the agency, I would like to thank those who have allowed MAC to grow and achieve outstanding things over the past three years. I would like to thank Mississippi Public Broadcasting for working closely with us as we strive to communicate the value of the arts. Increasing the public's understanding of the importance of the arts to our economy, as well as to our overall quality of life, is critical to our success. We know the arts mean business and as advocates for the arts, we believe our message will resonate with everyone who will listen. Our job is not so much about educating people about something they don't know or understand as it is putting into perspective that they know by heart.

We will continue to build greater partnerships on local levels as we work to strengthen our connections in Mississippi's communities. This work involves collaborations with schools, colleges and universities, the juvenile justice system, local arts organizations, tourism interests, as well as individual artists in these communities.

As we plan for our gathering at the State Capitol on March 18<sup>th</sup>, I would like to stress to you what our annual appropriation helps us accomplish. This funding enables Mississippians of all backgrounds to touch common ground, our cultural heritage, and that enables us to know ourselves better. As the poet t.s. eliot said, "We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive from where we started and to know the place for the first time."

It is my sincere hope that you will join us March 18<sup>th</sup> to show lawmakers that the arts **really** mean business!"

My best,

Malcolm



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GOVERNMENT & THE ARTS:  
a creative partnership



## ATTENTION ALL ARTS ADVOCATES!!! MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND MAC'S ANNUAL DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Mark your calendar now and make plans to attend **Day at the Capitol**, scheduled for Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. We have scheduled some outstanding entertainment and we will have packets of information for you including a list of all legislators and talking points, as well as information on the Mississippi Arts Commission. We encourage you to contact your legislator prior to the event and set up an appointment to talk with them that day about the impact the arts make on your community. Contact Susan Dobbs at [sdobbs@arts.state.ms.us](mailto:sdobbs@arts.state.ms.us) for more information.

## LYNN MEADOWS DISCOVERY CENTER RECEIVES NATIONAL "COMING UP TALLER" AWARD



The Lynn Meadows Discovery Center for Children created the WINGS performing arts program as a vehicle for helping Gulf Coast elementary, middle and high school students to develop important life skills. The Center was nationally recognized as one of 18 youth arts and humanities programs, by receiving a prestigious 2007 *Coming Up Taller Award*. Youth and adult representatives traveled to Washington D.C. on January 28 for a ceremony in the East Room of the White House. The award was presented by Mrs. Laura Bush. *Coming Up Taller* is an initiative of the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities, which recognize and support outstanding community arts and humanities programs that celebrate the creativity of young people. Congratulations to everyone at Lynn Meadows! For more information visit [www.lmdc.org](http://www.lmdc.org).

## IN MEMORIAM

The staff of the Mississippi Arts Commission was saddened to learn of the recent passing of arts advocate, Gloria Dudding. At various times in her life, Gloria made her home in Clinton, Vicksburg, Natchez, Cleveland and McComb. Wherever she lived, she was deeply committed to and involved in the arts, starting community theatres in Clinton and McComb. She was three-time President of the Vicksburg Theater Guild, President of the Pike Little Theater in McComb and President of the Arts Council of Clinton. She was a tireless supporter of the arts and she will be greatly missed.

# Calendar of Events

## February

### Open mike at P.J.'s Coffee House

First Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm  
Picayune, MS

### Doubt, A Parable by John Patrick Shanley

February 26-March 9  
7:30pm & 2:00pm  
New Stage Theatre

### Hungry: an Irish story, a human drama

February 29  
8:00pm  
Powerhouse Community Arts Center, Oxford

### Tsugako Shimada Suiboku-ga-Ten

Feb 25- March 21  
Giles Architecture and Art Design Gallery, MSU

### Michael Garrett "How to be a Published" workshops

February 28-29  
Cutrer Mansion, Clarksdale

### West African Dance and Drumming Residency

February 25-29  
Theater and Dance Building, USM

## Coming in March

### MS Metropolitan Ballet Presents Cinderella

March 1 & 2  
Thalia Mara Hall, Jackson

### Waxworks: Acting Technique Workshop with Jamie Wax

March 1  
1:00pm  
New Stage Theatre, Jackson

### Annual AGO Choral/Organ Concert

March 7  
7:30pm  
Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson

# 2008 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS

Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> was an exciting day, not only for the recipients of the Governor's Awards, but for everyone in attendance. To have an opportunity to hear poet Natasha Trethewey recite a new poem AND to hear Charley Pride sing and play guitar was a special treat for everyone within the hallowed walls of Galloway United Methodist Church.



MAC would like to thank all those involved who made this special event possible. To all our sponsors, Mississippi Public Broadcasting, Governor Barbour and First Lady Marsha Barbour and their wonderful staff members, all of the staff members of Galloway United Methodist Church, and to The Old Capitol Inn. Most of all.....a special thank you goes to the amazing recipients for their artistic gifts to the state of Mississippi.

Pictured: (top left); the 2008 award winners; (top right): Charley Pride performing at the ceremony; (bottom left): children of the Galloway United Methodist Church Early Childhood Development Center; (bottom right): Pulitzer Prize winning poet, Natasha Trethewey accepts her award from Governor and Mrs. Barbour

**Black Rose Theatre  
presents Mame!**

March 6-9 & 13-16  
Black Rose Theatre,  
Brandon

**Barry Hannah Writers  
Workshop**

March 8  
2:00pm  
Clinton Visitors Center

**Tosca**

March 8  
8:00pm  
Saenger Theatre, Biloxi

**Backyards and  
Beyond:  
Mississippi's and  
their stories**

March 8 – June 8  
Mississippi Arts Center

**Arts Under the Dome  
presents Dallas Brass**

March 9  
7:00pm  
First United Methodist  
Church, Gulfport

**Michael Garrett "How  
to be Published"  
workshops**

March 14-15  
Lemuria Book, Jackson

**Mississippi's Got  
Talent! Contest**

March 15  
7:00pm  
Old Clinton Jr. High  
School

**Public Speaking for  
Business Professionals**

March 17-April 21  
New Stage Theatre,  
Jackson

**Bamboo Presentation  
at Mary C. O'Keefe  
Cultural Center**

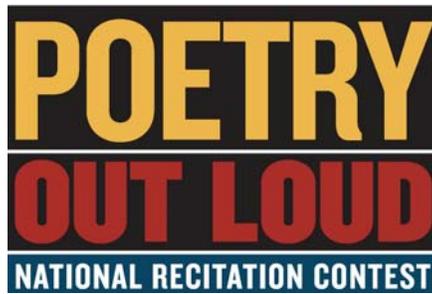
March 18  
7:00pm  
Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural  
Center, Ocean Springs

**Charles Templeton  
Ragtime Music Festival**

March 28-30  
Starkville, MS

**Tupelo Ballet presents  
"Cinderella"**

March 29  
Civic Auditorium, Tupelo



## MAC Announces Poetry Out Loud State Finals

The third annual state finals for the Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Contest will be held on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at New Stage Theatre in Jackson. The competition, presented in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the Poetry Foundation, is part of a national program that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization, performance and competition. Students from across the state will compete to go to the National Finals to be held in Washington D.C. April 28-29, 2008.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact MAC's Arts Education Director, Kim Whitt at [kwhitt@arts.state.ms.us](mailto:kwhitt@arts.state.ms.us).

## MAC FORMULATING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

After the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, part of the Mississippi Arts Commission's Arts Recovery Program is developing an emergency preparedness plan for our cultural and artistic partners all across Mississippi. Most everyone is aware of the "what to do" aspect of being prepared in an emergency, but the MAC is working to gather comprehensive information and provide suggestions and detailed contact information. Living in a state that regularly experiences flash flooding, tornadoes, occasional ice storms and devastating hurricanes, it is our goal to assist our constituents with suggestions and ideas pertaining to your evacuation plans, as well as protecting your personal and/or professional situations. Look for details on the plan very soon. For more information contact Sallye Killebrew, Arts Recovery Coordinator at [skillibrew@arts.state.ms.us](mailto:skillibrew@arts.state.ms.us).

## CALL TO GULF COAST PAINTERS AND SCULPTORS AFFECTED BY KATRINA/RITA

In collaboration with the Joan Mitchell Foundation, the Arts Council of New Orleans will commission and install ten exterior public art pieces throughout the City of New Orleans. Proposals will be accepted provided the artwork is durable, meets safety regulations and can be installed for a minimum of two years. Ten Commissions of \$25,000 each will be awarded. Application deadline is April 7, 2008. For more information visit, [www.artscouncilofneworleans.org](http://www.artscouncilofneworleans.org).

**Boys to Men in Song  
March 29**

4:00pm  
Parkway Heights  
Methodist Church,  
Hattiesburg

**Mississippi Boychoir  
Spring Concert**

March 30  
3:00pm  
Fondren Presbyterian  
Church, Jackson

**Visit the Calendar  
page on the MAC  
website for more  
information on  
these events OR to  
have your event  
listed!**

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"Mississippi Arts  
Hour" every  
Thursday at  
5:00pm on  
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player from iTunes.

Hide not your talents,  
they for use were  
made. What's a sun-  
dial in the shade?

*Benjamin Franklin*

## WHOLE SCHOOLS INITIATIVE SPRING RETREAT

The WSI Spring Retreat, held February 21 & 22 at Jacob's Camp in Utica, provided an outstanding opportunity for teachers and school administrators to continue their professional development in a fun and relaxed environment. Held twice per year, the retreat is two information-packed days of instruction on how to integrate the arts across the curriculum.



For more information on the Whole Schools Initiative, visit  
[www.mswholeschools.org](http://www.mswholeschools.org)