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**GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR
EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS ISSUE**

Dear Friends,

I hope you will join us on Thursday, February 25th, at Galloway Memorial United Methodist Church for the annual Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts celebration. This distinguished and important event, established in 1988, celebrates twenty-two years of recognizing the accomplishments of outstanding and creative Mississippians.

The Mississippi Arts Commission, along with the Governor's Office, is proud to have had the opportunity over the years to recognize the gifts of some of the most talented individuals, the most giving organizations, and the most dedicated arts groups from across Mississippi.

As we acknowledge the five deserving recipients, it is my hope that everyone will take a moment to reflect on Mississippi's epic story. Let's take this opportunity to celebrate the amazing people who have struggled and persevered to make Mississippi what it is today. Our arts and culture have been the fertile soil that has grown a people of immense talent and great strength. To the thousands of gifted artists, musicians and craftsmen who call Mississippi home...we celebrate you all!

As we face challenging times ahead, let us remember that our art and culture moves us, inspires us, and gives us a reason to dance.

I hope to see you at the ceremony on the 25th!

My best,
Malcolm



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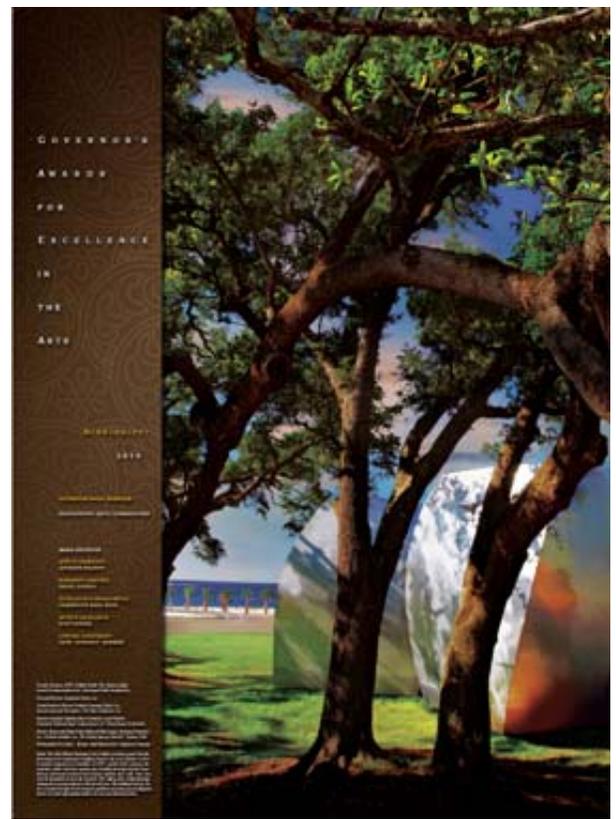
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2010 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS

February 25, 2010

1:00pm

*Galloway Memorial
United Methodist Church,
Jackson*



Join the Mississippi Arts Commission, along with Governor Haley Barbour and First Lady Marsha Barbour, for the 22nd annual Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts! The ceremony is free and open to the public. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony in the fellowship hall of the church.

The 2010 Recipients:

ARTS IN COMMUNITY

Lenagene Waldrup
Cleveland, Mississippi

Lenagene Waldrup's roles in life seem almost endless! It is, however, the role that she has assumed in recent years that has endeared Dr. Waldrup to countless teachers and students in her area. She has been on a mission to provide arts opportunities for low-income children in the rural counties of the Mississippi Delta. Using the research from her doctoral dissertation, "Effects of Art Education Programs on Readiness Skills of Rural Mississippi Children," Dr. Waldrup developed an arts program for five Delta school districts – a program which she coordinated herself. After being a principal in Alaska, she returned home to Mississippi in 2001 with the desire to expand the model arts program she started before leaving the state. This program has now expanded to 11 school districts in four Delta counties and serves 2,200 students and 193 teachers and assistant teachers in 20 different elementary schools.



Calendar of Events – February

Petronel Malan, Masterclass

Friday, Feb. 12
9 a.m.-11 a.m.
Hattiesburg, MS

MSO Pops II: A Broadway Valentine

Saturday, February 13
7:30pm
Thalia Mara Hall, Jackson

The Life and Love of Robert and Clara Schumann

Tuesday, February 16
7:00 p.m.
Millsaps College Recital Hall, Jackson

Joseph Hopkins, baritone - Michael Patilla, guitar

February 18, 2010
7:30 p.m.
Giles Hall, MSU - Starkville, MS

Magnolia Film Festival

February 18-20
Thurs-Sun- 7:00 p.m.,
Sat- 2:00
Starkville, Mississippi

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Feb 18-21, 26-28, 2010
7pm & 2pm
The Dixie Theatre,
Ripley, MS

Art for Meridian

Feb 20, 2010
6:00 pm until 11:00 pm
Northwood Country Club
Meridian MS

Have a Heart, Buy Art! 1st Anniversary Event

Saturday, February 20
7:00pm
Gallery 782 Co-Art,
Biloxi, MS

Glenn Miller Orchestra Performance

Sunday, February 21
2:00 p.m.
Corey Forum of Holmes
Community College,
Grenada

MISSISSIPPI HERITAGE

Bessie Johnson

West Point, Mississippi

Bessie Johnson has had a passion for basket weaving for over 40 years. Both of her parents were active in traditional crafts and her father taught her the basics of basket weaving. She taught herself how to blend a rich cultural heritage and a contemporary artistic vision to create her own unique art form of basket weaving using pine needles, gourds, corn shucks and other natural materials. Johnson has served as a master artist in the Mississippi Arts Commission's Folk Art Apprenticeship Program and was a Folk Art Fellowship recipient in 1999. She is a charter member of the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi and displays her work at festivals throughout the region. Mrs. Johnson has been featured on Mississippi Public Broadcasting's *Mississippi Roads* and she has won numerous awards in major art shows and festivals. She is also committed to teaching and sharing her work, eager to inspire others. To date, she has had four apprentices to work under her tutelage and has taught countless basket weaving classes and workshops.



EXCELLENCE IN BROADCASTING

Grassroots Radio Show

Serving all of Mississippi

Lovers of music, especially bluegrass, acoustic and folk music, have a standing appointment every Saturday night when radio airwaves broadcast *Grassroots*. Ever since Mississippi Public Broadcasting began its statewide radio network in 1984, *Grassroots* has been a fixture in the Saturday night line up. In its 25 year history, there have been only two hosts—Mike Morgan was the original host and Bill Ellison



has hosted for the past 17 years. Ellison compares his work on *Grassroots* to that of a museum curator as he unearths and shares treasures from America's and Mississippi's musical past. Whether it is a spotlight on a Leake County string band recording from the 1930's, or announcing the next show date for a band of "outlaw" college bluegrass musicians from Oxford, listeners know that *Grassroots* is the source. *Grassroots* is showing no signs of letting up in making a lasting and significant contribution to Mississippi's rich artistic legacy.

A Year With Frog and Toad

February 24-March 14
2 p.m. Sat & Sun only
New Stage Theatre,
Jackson

Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts

February 25, 2010
1:00pm
Galloway United
Methodist Church

The Friends of Terry - present-JoAnne Robinson

Feb. 25, 26, & 27, 2010
6:00pm
Terry Depot-Terry

Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration

February 25-28
Natchez, Mississippi

Bravo 4: Romantic Preludes & Scandinavian Grandeur

February 27, 2010
7:30pm
Thalia Mara Hall
Jackson, MS

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

ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE

Wyatt Waters
Clinton, Mississippi

Wyatt Waters has always drawn and had an interest in art. Art was his solace and refuge, but he never considered it a profession until Dr. Sam Gore at Mississippi College gave him the encouragement to study art. His original approach to painting was a typical still-life studio or

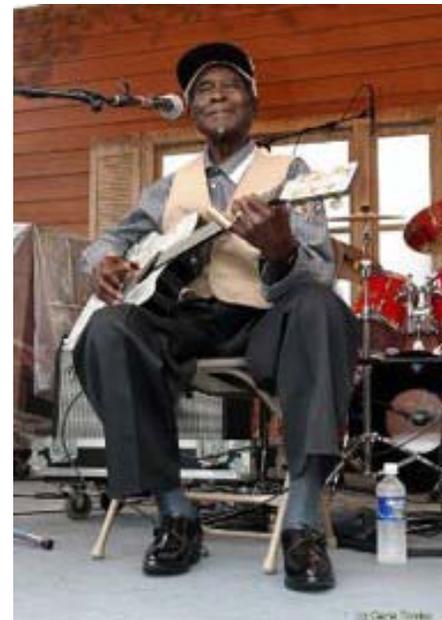


photographic approach, but that was soon to change as he adopted a strict on-location colorist approach. Driving through the Jackson area, Waters' Volkswagen bus could be spotted and he would be busily painting vignettes of everyday life in Mississippi. Waters is known as a colorist for his bold use of color. He paints the life he knows and the places he lives, carefully recording not only the image, but also the experience. He captures history and images that are, sadly, fading from our landscape. A true believer in community, Wyatt gives back through education and support. He has worked with children to help them to discover that art resides within them. Over the years he has supplied valuable artwork to area non-profits for their fund-raising efforts. Throughout his career he has published books of his own work, collaborated with writers to illustrate the work of others, and distinguished himself and the state of Mississippi with the overwhelming popularity and accessibility of his art.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

David "Honeyboy" Edwards
of Shaw, Mississippi now resides in Chicago, Illinois

David "Honeyboy" Edwards was born in Shaw, Mississippi in 1915. He is widely sought as a preeminent oral historian of the blues, and as an outstanding Mississippi Delta blues guitarist and singer. He has been a professional musician since 1932 and has been recording since 1942, when folklorist Alan Lomax recorded him in Clarksdale for the Library of Congress. He has 11 CDs, as well as many compilations in print, spanning his recordings from 1942 through 2008. He is a 2002 recipient of the National Endowment for the Arts Heritage Fellowship Award, a 2008 Grammy Award winner in the category of Traditional Blues Recording, and winner of two Blues Music Awards from the Blues Foundation. He has been featured in many blues books, magazines, newspapers and feature films and has performed in 24





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 visit mpbonline.org. The show can also be heard on MAC's website and through Apple's iTunes

Upcoming shows

February 14
Larry Morrissey hosts with Governor's Awards recipient, Bill Ellison, host of Grassroots

February 21
Malcolm White hosts with Governor's Awards recipient, visual artist, Wyatt Waters

February 28
Diane Williams hosts with Kathryn Lewis from Stone County

Art is the only way to run away without leaving home.

- Twyla Tharpe

foreign countries. At all of his performances he takes time to talk with many audience members after the show, sharing his personal stories about his travels and life experiences throughout Mississippi and the Deep South.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2010 RECIPIENTS!!



MAC Grant Submission Deadline
March 1, 2010
Call 601/359-6030 for more information

26TH INTERNATIONAL BLUES CHALLENGE WINNERS CROWNED

The Blues Foundation's 26th International Blues Challenge was held recently at the Orpheum Theatre in Memphis, Tennessee and Mississippians walked away with top honors!

The solo/duo winner was Matt Andersen, sponsored by Harvest Jazz and Blues from Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada and second place honors went to **Alphonso Sanders** and **Bill "Howl-n-Madd" Perry** from Mississippi's Crossroads Blues Society.

The top prize in the Band competition was awarded to **Grady Champion** of the Mississippi Delta Blues Society of Indianola. Second place honors were earned by **Karen Lovely Band**, Cascade Blues Association, and the third spot went to Cheryl Renee with Them Bones, hailing from the Cincy Blues Society

ARTS-RELATED JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Executive Director
South Carolina Arts Commission

The S.C. Arts Commission announces a vacancy for the Executive Director. The Executive Director is the agency's chief executive officer, responsible for agency organization and administration, goal achievement, program design, resource development, fiscal accountability and staff supervision. For more information about the position's responsibilities, education and skill requirements, as well as procedures on how to apply online, interested applicants may visit the agency's Web site at <http://www.southcarolinaarts.com> (the link to the position announcement is located on the right-hand side).