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Greetings from the Mississippi Arts Commission!

Dear Friends,

Two and a half years ago, the Mississippi Arts Commission began broadcasting a one hour arts-based program on WLEZ, community radio station in Belhaven. Every Thursday, members of our staff interview artists, craftsmen, arts administrators, arts patrons and policy makers. We play music, tell stories, talk advocacy, and promote Mississippi's creative spirit over the airwaves. About a year ago, our Heritage Director and Folklorist, Larry Morrissey, teamed up with our Public Relations Director, Susan Dobbs, and we began podcasting these one hour radio shows on our website. Now, we are broadening our outreach and going statewide. The Mississippi Arts Hour will now be aired on MPB Music Radio HD on Saturday mornings at 11:00 AM, as well. You now have several options to check out our Mississippi arts-based broadcast: Thursdays at 5:00 PM on WLEZ (103.7 FM), on our website (www.arts.state.ms.us) and on Saturday mornings at 11:00 AM on MPB Music Radio HD (91.3 HD). You can also become a subscriber through Apple's iTunes. Please join us and celebrate this rich and diverse program brought to you by your Mississippi Arts Commission. Next week, we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Whole Schools Summer Institute on the Campus of the University of Mississippi in Oxford. I hope educators interested in providing arts-infused instruction have made plans to attend this week-long comprehensive professional development opportunity.

I hope you are having a great summer!

My best,
Malcolm



Photo: teachers enjoying a performance by Wavelength in 2006 at Petal High School. Wavelength will be presenting at this year's Whole Schools Summer Institute.

The Institute will be held July 20-24 on the Campus of the University of Mississippi in Oxford.

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“TAKE PART” AIRS ON MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC BROADCASTING

The Mississippi Arts Commission has long been interested in building diverse audiences for the arts. With funding from the Wallace Foundation, the Commission created “Take Part,” a special initiative that allowed five Mississippi arts organizations to develop projects that would attempt to diversify their audiences.

A film was created that follows the work of three of the grantee organizations during 2004 and 2005. Film maker Kathryn Rodenmeyer followed staff from the Mississippi Museum of Art, Mississippi Cultural Crossroads, and the Mississippi Opera as they implemented their projects. *Take Part* showcases the successes that each organization experienced through their projects, but it also captures the difficulties they encountered along the way.

The documentary will be aired on Mississippi Public Broadcasting on Sunday, August 17 at 9:30pm and on Sunday, August 24 at 3:30pm.

photo: Mississippi Cultural Crossroads' Children's Community Choir (Port Gibson) is one of the featured groups in MAC's "Take Part!" documentary

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC BROADCASTING ARTS REPORTER, RON BROWN

MAC would like to congratulate Ron Brown, MPB's Arts Reporter, for recently winning an Edward R. Murrow Award. The awards are presented for outstanding achievement in network radio news. Ron's story, “Kids Write the Blues,” features fourth graders from the Matty Akin Elementary School in Greenville reading songs they wrote celebrating their Delta heritage. The Mississippi Arts Commission is proud to provide funding to support arts reporting at MPB.

Calendar of Events - July

Footloose: The Musical

July 15, 17-20
7PM (Tue, Thu-Sat),
2PM (Sun)
The Dixie Theatre,
Ripley

Mississippi Arts Commission's Whole Schools Initiative Summer Institute

July 20-24
daily that week
University of
Mississippi

Portrait Painting Seminar

July 24-26
9 am - 4 pm
Ascension Lutheran,
6481 Old Canton Rd.,
Jackson

Fun Family Summer Fridays

Friday, July 25
9:30 AM and 11 AM
Mississippi Museum of
Art, Jackson

Coming in August

Special Event Fundraising Seminar (Mobile)

August 1
9 am - noon
Mobile Technical
Institute - Mobile, AL

Indie Film: Pretty Ugly People

August 8
7:00PM
Power House
Community Arts
Center, Oxford, MS

AMERICAN MASTERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST



The Mississippi Arts Commission is proud to announce the 2nd program in a series highlighting the cultural contributions of historic Mississippians in art, music, literature, theatre and dance.

“American Masters of the Mississippi Gulf Coast: George Ohr, Dusti Bonge, Walter Anderson, Richmond Barthe” is a traveling exhibit that features the work

of these outstanding artists and seeks to illuminate the intersection of their lives. Further, the exhibit will examine the history of the abundantly creative region of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The Mississippi Arts Commission and the Mississippi State University Department of Art are publishing a 104 page, full-color hardback catalog on the lives of these artists and the



artwork featured in the exhibition. The catalog will be circulated by the University Press of Mississippi.

The exhibit is underwritten by the National Endowment for the Arts and is part of the American Masterpieces Initiative, created to acquaint Americans with the best of their artistic and cultural heritage.

The exhibit will be held in the following locations:

-August 8 - September 21, 2008 | Lauren Rogers Museum of Art

-October 2 – October 30, 2008 | MSU Dept. of Art Gallery

-November 7 - December 19, 2008 | E.E. Bass Cultural Center

-December 30 - February 26, 2009 | GumTree Museum of Art

-April 11 – July 12, 2009 | Mississippi Museum of Art

-July 25 – August 29, 2009 | University of Mississippi Museum

-September 10 - October 15, 2009 | USM Museum of Art

-November 6, 2009 - January 10, 2010 | Walter Anderson Museum of Art



Images (top to bottom): Bonge, Ohr, Barthe and Anderson

**Pride of Long Beach
Anniversary Festival**

Saturday August 9
8am-7pm
Long Beach, MS

**2008 Mississippi
Writers Guild
Writers Conference**

August 15-16
3:00 Friday; 8:00
Saturday
Battlefield Inn,
Vicksburg, MS

**Grant Writing Basics
Training**

August 22
9 am - noon
Mobile Technical
Institute - Mobile, AL

**Southern Miss Jazz
and Blues Festival**

August 23
2 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Southern Miss Gulf
Park Campus, Long
Beach, MS

Art Walk

August 30
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Downtown Ocean
Springs, Mississippi

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



**ATTENTION TEACHERS!!!
WHOLE SCHOOLS INITIATIVE'S
SUMMER INSTITUTE**

This year we will be "Celebrating Our Creative Spirit" as the Institute marks its 10th anniversary.

University of Mississippi – July 20-24, 2008

Visit www.mswholeschools for more information.

A Call for Entries!



September 27-November 2
Indianola, Mississippi
St. Stephen's Episcopal
Church

Submissions are now
being sought for original
artwork in all media. Each
artist may submit up to two

works digitally. Deadline to enter is August 15, 2008. Prize:
\$1,000. For more information call 662/887-4365,
ststephensepisc@bellsouth.net.



Call to Artists!!!
Riverwalk Art Program

Application Deadline – August 22, 2008

Riverwalk Art Program is seeking artworks for exhibition for up to six months in the interior public spaces of the new Riverwalk Casino and Hotel in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Open to artists within an 80 mile radius of Vicksburg. For more information visit www.riverwalkvicksburg.com or call Mary Lynn Thomas at 601/634-0100.

COMING SOON!!!!

The Mississippi Arts Commission is pleased to announce that we will soon unveil a new "Visual Arts Directory" website. The site will feature visual artists & craftsmen, arts education facilities & arts organizations, and museums & cultural centers from all across Mississippi. Stay tuned for further information!

Listen to MAC's "Mississippi Arts Hour" every Thursday at 5:00pm on Jackson's WLEZ - 103.7FM and every Saturday at 11:00am on Mississippi Public Broadcasting's Music Radio - WMPN 91.3.

If you don't have HD Radio, stream the show from MPB's website at mpbonline.org

July 24th
Malcolm White hosts with Delta artist and musician, Duff Durrough

July 31st
Diane Williams hosts with Stephen Wynn of Talk Dance Company

August 7th
Malcolm White hosts with visual artist, Lea Barton

Podcasts are now available of MAC's Mississippi Arts Hour on WLEZ. Visit the MAC website to listen or for more information on how to download the podcasts to your MP3 player from iTunes.

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU LOOK AT THAT MATTERS, IT'S WHAT YOU SEE.
Henry David Thoreau

ARTS-RELATED JOB OPPORTUNITIES

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MERIDIAN MUSEUM OF ART

The Meridian Museum of Art (meridianmuseum.org) seeks an experienced professional to serve as chief administrator. The MMA is a small regional museum with a strong education program, rotating exhibitions, and a collection of 20th and 21st century art emphasizing Mississippi and Alabama artists. This is a challenging and exciting opportunity for an articulate and aggressive manager who can build constituencies and develop funding sources while managing operations. Responsible for managing collection, personnel, finances, and facilities; arranging exhibitions and education programs; writing grants, securing other contributions, and building membership. Advanced degree or equivalent in museum administration experience preferred. Salary and benefits negotiable. Job description and duties are available on MMA's website. Send resume, writing sample, and three current letters of recommendation by May 20, 2008 (or until position is filled). Mail hard copy to Dr. Judith Miller, 3429 18th Ave., Meridian, MS 39305 and e-mail a copy to drjudithmiller@bellsouth.net.



Portrait of legendary bluesman, Bobby Rush, by James Patterson

Now Showing in the MAC Gallery.....

A series of portraits by Jackson photographer, James Patterson, is currently showing in the MAC gallery in the Woolfolk State Office Building at 501 North West Street, Suite 1101A, in Jackson. The show will run through September 30th. For more information call 601/359-6030.

THE MISSISSIPPI ARTS COMMISSION
CELEBRATES 40 YEARS OF SUPPORTING
MISSISSIPPI'S CREATIVE SPIRIT!