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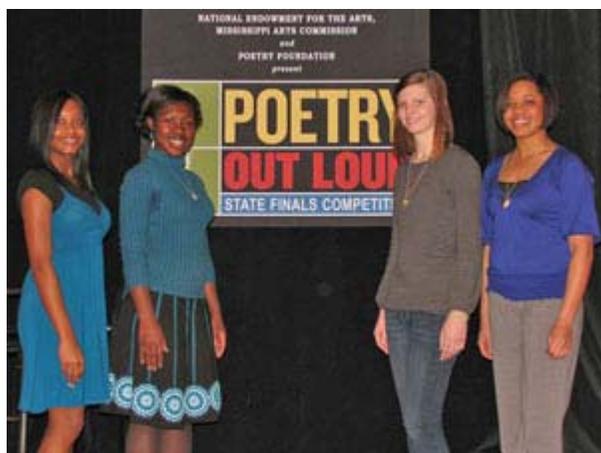
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Mississippi Arts Commission's programs to air on Mississippi Public Broadcasting

If you missed the opportunity to attend two of the Mississippi Arts Commission's special programs held earlier this year...now is your chance to see them on Mississippi Public Broadcasting!



Poetry Out Loud

The statewide finals of the Poetry Out Loud Recitation Contest will be aired on Mississippi Public Broadcasting on **Thursday, July 16th at 8:00pm**. This competition, presented in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the Poetry Foundation, is a national program that encourages high school students to learn about great poetry through memorization and performance. The competition was held in the auditorium at Mississippi Public Broadcasting on Friday, March 13th. Water Valley High School senior, Shaniqua Wesley, was the winner of the contest, and the runner-up was Millicent Kennedy, a senior

at the Mississippi School of the Arts in Brookhaven. The televised program will feature two recitations from each of the nine state finalists, with the top four reciting one final poem. The winner was selected by a panel of expert judges.

Pictured from left: The four POL finalists - Cheyenne Stovall, Charence Higgins, Millicent Kennedy and Shaniqua Wesley.

Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts

Mississippi Public Broadcasting will air a one-hour show of the 2009 Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts on **Tuesday, September 8th at 8:00pm**. The public ceremony was held on Thursday, February 26th at Galloway United Methodist Church in Jackson. Awards were presented to the WINGS Performing Arts Program at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, Wolfe Studio, the University of Southern Mississippi Symphony Orchestra, Cassandra Wilson, John Grisham and Andrew Bucci. The ceremony featured performances by James "Super Chikan" Johnson and the Alcorn State University Men's Chorale.



Pictured from left: John Grisham, Tonya Hayes with WINGS, Cassandra Wilson, Andrew Bucci, Bebe Wolfe of Wolfe Studio, and Jay Dean with USM Symphony Orchestra.

MAC in the new social media

The Mississippi Arts Commission strives to bring the agency's news to all Mississippians! What better way to spread the word about MAC, than to take advantage of the new social media opportunities. We hope you will use these new and innovative ways to follow MAC and to get information about our programs.

MAC Twitter Page - www.twitter.com/msarts

MAC Blogspot - www.msartscom.blogspot.com

MAC Facebook Fan Page - <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/pages/Jackson-MS/Mississippi-Arts-Commission/40356507113?ref=ts>

MAC Facebook Government Agency Page -

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=61362692952&ref=ts>

MAC Myspace Page - <http://www.myspace.com/msartscomm>



The Mississippi Arts Hour

Be sure to tune in to the "Mississippi Arts Hour" to hear members of the MAC staff interview Mississippi artists, musicians, craftspeople and others involved in arts and culture from around the state. There are several opportunities to hear the show, so even if you miss an actual airing, you can always catch podcasts of previous shows. The air dates are as follows:

Mississippi Public Broadcasting's Think Radio (statewide FM signal):
Sundays, 3:00pm

Mississippi Public Broadcasting's Music Radio (statewide digital signal):
Saturdays, 11:00am

WLEZ (100.1 FM) in Jackson: Thursdays, 5:00pm and Sundays,
8:00pm

You can subscribe to the show through iTunes or you can listen directly from the MAC website

at <http://www.arts.state.ms.us/podcast/index.htm>. Those interested in being a guest on the show can fill out the request form located on this page of the website.

Upcoming shows include:

July 12th - Larry Morrissey hosts with woodcarver, George Berry

July 19th - Diane Williams hosts with author, Joe Turner Cantu

July 26th - Mary Margaret Miller hosts with founding members of the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters

The Mississippi Visual Arts Directory Website

The Mississippi Visual Arts Directory website provides a regularly updated resource on the visual arts across Mississippi. Included is information on Mississippi-based visual artists (such as painters, sculptors, and photographers) and craftspeople, as well as descriptions of Mississippi galleries, museums, cultural centers, and arts education facilities. The Commission provides listings on this site as a courtesy to Mississippi-based artists and arts organizations.



We hope you will take advantage of this outstanding resource if you are looking for information on Mississippi's visual artists or are planning to visit a museum or cultural center. Also, if you are a Mississippi-based artist, museum or cultural center, please be sure to take advantage this free promotional opportunity.

www.visualarts.ms.gov

Whole Schools Summer Institute

The eleventh annual Whole Schools Summer Institute will be held on the campus of the University of Mississippi in Oxford, July 12 - 16, 2009. This outstanding professional development opportunity for educators will feature a keynote address on Sunday by nationally recognized visionary leader, Bill Strickland, a performance by Wavelength, an improvisational performance group from Chicago, and includes an impressive list of presenters from across the country. Approximately 400 teachers, artists and administrators from across Mississippi are scheduled to attend this highly professional educational opportunity that will offer them the inspiration, knowledge and skills to help their students reach their full potential. For more information, including a complete agenda, visit



www.mswholeschools.org.

Pictured: Teachers participating in a class at the 2008 Whole Schools Summer Institute