

April 2010

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Dear Friends,

As Mississippi welcomes another glorious spring, our state is feeling the transformation of the seasons, and at the same time, the effects of the ongoing global recession. As the Legislature ponders our FY2011 budget, state agencies faced the 5<sup>th</sup> budget cut for FY2010. Our tender state economy has reported 18 months of downward tax collections, to the tune of a \$500 million shortfall.

MAC is grateful to have a full staff and anticipated level funding for the coming fiscal year, and we have much to be thankful for as we move forward. We are granting record-high amounts of money to the field, and this agency is doing work of which I am extremely proud.

Our recent Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts was an outstanding celebration for the five deserving recipients. The 2010 Poetry Out Loud winner, John Uzodinma from Rosa Scott in Madison, was selected and he will represent us at the National Competition in Washington DC. Our "Day at the Capitol" on March 23rd was filled with vibrant conversations with lawmakers about the importance of the arts in their communities. We are rolling out a comprehensive creative economy study this month, in partnership with the Mississippi Development Authority.

As the fifth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina approaches, I reflect on the work MAC has done to aid in the redevelopment of the vibrant arts community along the lower six Mississippi counties. I hope this upcoming anniversary will serve as a reminder to us all of the resilience of our citizens, the depth of our commitment to our heritage, and how truly important the arts are to the very fabric of our existence. I suggest you get out and enjoy the beautiful Mississippi spring....as summer's heat will be here soon!

My best,  
Malcolm



Pictured: Malcolm White standing at the foot of Nanih Waiya, the Mother Mound of the Choctaw Nation, located northeast of Philadelphia. Photo by Mary Margaret Miller

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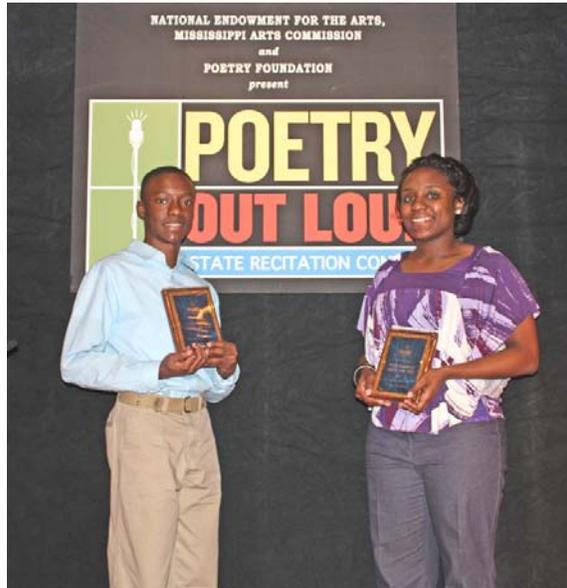
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## ROSA SCOTT FRESHMAN WINS POETRY OUT LOUD

MAC is proud to announce that John Uzodinma, a freshman at Rosa Scott High School in Madison, was the winner of the Poetry Out Loud State Finals. John will represent Mississippi in the National Competition in Washington D.C. April 26-27, 2010. The runner-up was Kristen Dupard, a sophomore at Ridgeland High School. The event will air on Mississippi Public Broadcasting on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. Congratulations to all of the nine finalists from across the state who participated in the contest!



The nine competitors at the State Finals

John Uzodinma (left) and Kristen Dupard (right)

## MAC ANNOUNCES LATEST ROUND OF BUILDING FUND FOR THE ARTS GRANTS

MAC will be accepting applications for its Building Fund for the Arts (BFA) program this June. The program provides funding for the renovation or expansion of arts facilities owned by arts-based non-profits or local governments.

BFA is funded through bond funds allocated by the Mississippi Legislature. Since 2001, the program has provided funding for 125 different projects, with 95 currently completed and \$14.7 million spent.

The program has a thorough application and review process. Organizations interested in applying must submit an Intent to Apply form by May 3<sup>rd</sup> and a full application package by June 7<sup>th</sup>. The full guidelines and application forms for BFA can be found on the MAC website at [www.arts.state.ms.us](http://www.arts.state.ms.us).

# Calendar of Events – April

**TALK Dance Co  
Handel's Messiah and  
Copland's Rodeo**  
April 2, 2010  
8 PM- Dance Concert  
Jackson Academy  
Performing Arts Center

**Threefoot Arts Festival**  
April 3, 2010  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Meridian Mississippi

**Amir Gwartzman  
Concert**  
Monday, April 5, 2010  
6:00pm  
SCH Auditorium,  
Vicksburg, MS

**Under the Tuscan Spell**  
Thursday April 8, 2010  
5 - 11  
Gulfport Yacht Club,  
Commadore's Ballroom

**The Panorama Jazz  
Band**  
Friday, April 9, 2010  
7:00 PM  
First United Methodist  
Church, Gulfport, MS

**MSO Chamber IV:  
Chamber in the Chapel**  
Saturday, April 10, 2010  
7:30pm  
Woodworth Chapel at  
Tougaloo College,  
Tougaloo, MS

**Art in the Pass**  
April 10 & 11, 2010  
10 to 5  
Pass Christian, MS, War  
Memorial Park on Hwy 90

**Tallahatchie Hayride**  
April 10, 2010  
6:00 pm - 9:30 pm  
The Powerhouse  
Community Arts Center  
Oxford, MS

**Mississippi Writes**  
April 10, 2010  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Flowood Library,  
Flowood, Mississippi

# MAC'S DAY AT THE CAPITOL ADVOCATING FOR THE ARTS!



community.  
MAC's Director, Malcolm White  
(left) with Senator Tommy Gollott  
(District 50)

Supporters of the arts from across the state converged on the Mississippi State Capitol on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> to "raise the roof" on the historic building. Music filled the air, art filled the halls, and we made our presence known with one succinct message to lawmakers...the arts are essential to every Mississippi



Photo above: Malcolm White and Kim Coalter from Senator Thad Cochran's office

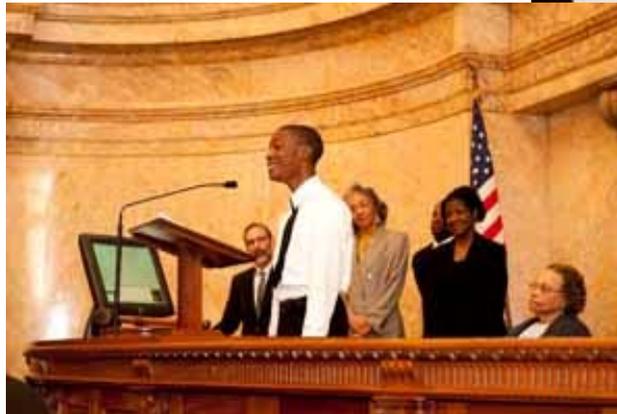


Photo above: Poetry Out Loud 2010 winner, John Uzodinma, recites a poem on the floor of the House of Representatives



Photo above from left: MAC's Board Chairman, David Trigiani, Senator Alan Nunnelee (District 6) and MAC's Board members, Stephanie Panches of Natches and Kris Gianokos of Meridian



Photo above: Artist Wyatt Waters draws a crowd as he paints.  
All Day at the Capitol photos by James Patterson

## 2-Day Basic Drawing Workshop

April 13 & 20, 2010  
5:30pm-7:30pm  
SCH Academy Bldg,  
Vicksburg, MS

## Dividing the Estate

April 13-25, 2010  
7:30 p.m.; 2 p.m.  
Sundays  
New Stage Theatre,  
Jackson MS

## Tallahatchie Hayride

April 15, 2010  
7:00 pm  
Railroad Festival  
Amory, Mississippi

## Crossroads Film Festival

April 16-18, 2010  
11 am - 11 pm  
Grandview Theatre, 221  
Grandview Blvd.  
Madison, MS

## 72nd Annual Holly Springs Pilgrimage

April 16-18, 2010  
10:00 am --5:00 pm  
Holly Springs, Mississippi

## Cotton District Arts Festival

Saturday, April 17, 2010  
8:00 am to 5:00 pm.  
Historic Cotton District-  
Starkville, Mississippi

## Die Fledermaus

April 17, 2010  
7:30 pm  
Thalia Mara Hall,  
Jackson, Mississippi

## 30th Anniversary Alcorn State University Jazz fest

April 17, 2010  
All-day, 7:00 pm main  
concert  
Vicksburg Convention  
Center

## Fantasies & Fairytales-Walter Anderson Museum GALA

April 24, 2010  
6 pm- 10:00 pm  
IP Casino- Biloxi

## The American Songbook, An Evening of Cabaret

Tuesday, April 27, 2010  
7:00 p.m.  
Millsaps College Recital  
Hall Jackson, MS

# MAC VISITS THE CHOCTAW NATION



(L to R) Malcolm White, Roseanna Thompson (Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Director of Cultural Preservation Program), Mary Margaret Miller (MAC's Heritage Director) and Fred Willis (MBCI Office of Public Information intern) stop for a picture at the new Chata Immi cultural resource center located in the Choctaw Town Center on the Pearl River Reservation. Malcolm and Mary Margaret visited the Choctaw Tribal Headquarters on March 18.

## ATTENTION WRITERS!

On March 6, 2010, the Mississippi Arts Commission partnered with the SonEdna Foundation, Delta State University, and the Mississippi Humanities Council to host the Mississippi Writers Roundtable featuring a keynote address by writer, Carolyn Haines. An audio version of the roundtable discussion and keynote address will be available on the MAC website very soon. If you would like to be included on the e-distribution list to receive updates for writers, contact Diane Williams ([dwilliams@arts.state.ms.us](mailto:dwilliams@arts.state.ms.us)).

## PEPSI REFRESH PROJECT

The Pepsi Refresh Project is giving away \$1.3 million every month through January 2011 to individuals and organizations that develop innovative programs that have a positive impact on their communities. Pepsi is accepting 1,000 applications each month from people, businesses, and nonprofits proposing fresh ideas that will have a positive impact around your community. Grants range from \$5–\$250,000. Visit the website for more details on how to submit your application. All legal residents of the United States residing in one of the 50 United States or the District of Columbia who are 13 years of age and older are eligible to apply. <http://www.refresheverything.com/>



The winner of the "Great Seal" art contest for 2010 was Perkinson Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. They attended MAC's "Day at the Capitol" to present their entry to Charles Pittman, representative for Governor Haley Barbour. Congratulations!



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](http://mpbonline.org). The show can also be heard on MAC's website and through Apple's iTunes

### Upcoming shows

#### April 4

Mary Margaret Miller hosts with Grady Champion – blues harmonica player from Canton

#### April 11

Diane Williams hosts with David Miller – Alcorn State University Jazz Festival

#### April 18

Larry Morrissey hosts with author Christopher Maurer

#### April 25

Malcolm White hosts with Gulf Coast artist, Kat Fitzpatrick

**You can't wait for inspiration, you have to go after it with a club.**

**- Jack London**



Photo above: The five 2010 recipients – (standing left to right: Lenagene Waldrup, Bill Ellison of Grassroots Radio Show, Bessie Johnson, Wyatt Waters and (seated) David "Honeyboy" Edwards.

# 2010 GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS

*FEBRUARY 25, 2010*

The 2010 Governor's Awards was a grand celebration for the five deserving recipients. Over 300 people attended the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual ceremony at Galloway United Methodist Church in downtown Jackson. Be sure to catch the ceremony on Mississippi Public Broadcasting on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00pm.

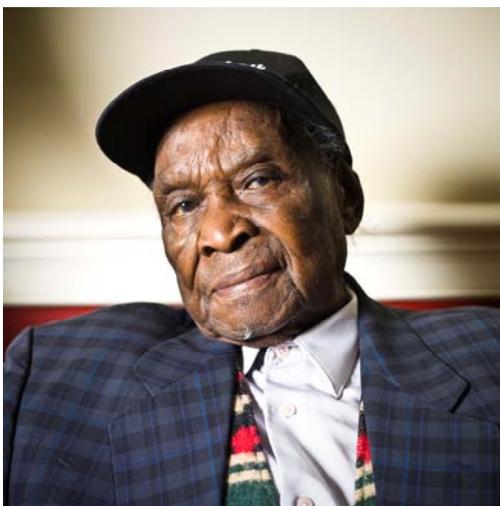


Photo Above: David "Honeyboy" Edwards



Photo above: Artists Bill Dunlap (left) and Governor Haley Barbour (right)



Photo Above: The Pearl High School Chamber Singers



Photo above: 2009 Poetry Out Loud winner, Shaniqua Wesley and MAC Board Chairman David Trigiani