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Dear Friends,

It should come as no surprise that as the Executive Director of the Mississippi Arts Commission, I am passionate about the role that arts, creativity, and innovation plays in the lives of our state's 2.9 million residents every day. We know the power of arts and culture in education, economic



development, the quality of life and sense of place, but what happens when those components begin to work together and become a tour de force within a community? It's called creative placemaking, and we aren't the only ones getting excited about what is going on in communities all across our state.

Whether it is Water Valley being highlighted in such stellar publications as the *New York Times*, *Food and Wine* magazine and the *Wall Street Journal*, or McComb being awarded Entergy Mississippi's \$100,000 Mississippi Makeover grant, our state is capitalizing on bringing together partners from public, private, nonprofit and community sectors to strategically shape the physical and social character of cities and towns around arts and cultural activities. On the national television front, *Hometown Renovation* on HGTV highlights internationally famous make-up artist and Aberdeen-native, Billy B., as he continues his obsession of redeveloping his beloved hometown, one house renovation at a time.

Surely if our sense of place and deep cultural assets are being touted in New York, Hollywood and beyond, we must be onto something. Imagine where we could be if every community began to cultivate its creative assets and harness the ability to transform and invigorate everything from our educational system to our economy?

There isn't a street, neighborhood, town or city in Mississippi that can't benefit from taking a new look at some old issues and seeing if the answer hasn't been there all along. From the birthplace of American music to an unparalleled literary heritage, we have a natural resource deeper than almost any other state in our nation. It is time that we learn what a powerful tool is at our fingertips and use it to shape the 21st century Mississippi we all want to see.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Malcolm

Photo: MAC Commissioner, Nan Sanders, checking out a true piece of the creative economy...a lighted table by Nuno-Erin

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ATTENTION MAC ROSTER ARTISTS!

Mark your calendar for Thursday, January 24, 2013 for the second annual Performing Artist Showcase at the Back Stage Pass conference for festival and event planners. Hosted by the MAC, Mississippi Main Street and the Mississippi Development Authority Tourism Division, this year's conference will be held at the Golden Moon conference center on the Pearl River Resort in Philadelphia, Mississippi. In lieu of a keynote speaker, performing artists of all genres listed on the MAC's Artist Roster will be given an opportunity to perform at the noon hour showcase. This event is an excellent way to network with over 200 presenters from around the state and to share your talents with



those seeking artists for festivals and community events. Contact Mary Margaret Miller at mmiller@arts.state.ms.us or 601-359-6034 for an application. Exhibit booths are also available for Roster Artists of all genres.

MAC Roster Artists, Grady Champion (top), and Big Joe Shelton (left) at the 2012 Back Stage Pass event.



HURRICANE SANDY RECOVERY



The arts and cultural community has once again been affected by disaster, with Hurricane Sandy creating tremendous loss in every aspect of the arts through several states. Please consider offering support of any kind through the following links, and let's keep our arts partners and fellow organizations in our thoughts during this crucial and difficult time of response and recovery. MAC will keep updating you in our smARTnews, and you may contact us with any questions at (601) 359-

6030 or email skillebrew@arts.state.ms.us.

CERF+: <http://craftemergency.org/>

Art New York: <http://www.art-newyork.org/>

New York Foundation for the Arts: <http://www.nyfa.org/level2.asp?id=201&fid=5>

ArtsReady: https://www.artsready.org/home/public_article/240

Brooklyn Recovery Fund: <http://www.brooklyncommunityfoundation.org/brooklyn-recovery-fund-1>

Photo NOAA/NASA GOES Project

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Twelve Angry Jurors

Nov 8 thru 18, 2012
7:30pm except Sundays
2:00pm
Center Stage Theatre
Biloxi

MSO CHAMBER

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Friday November 16
7:30 p.m.
Galloway Memorial
United Methodist Church
Jackson

Arts Under The Dome presents The Bohemian Quartet

November 17
7:00 PM
First United Methodist
Church
Gulfport, MS

Nutcracker Sweets - Sneak Peek

November 18
2:00 p.m.
Madison Square Center
for the Arts
Madison

Arts Under The Dome presents David Burgess

November 30
7:00 PM
First United Methodist
Church
Gulfport

Saints Retreat Second Invitational Art Show

Nov 30 - Dec 1
6-9pm Fri, 10am-4pm
Sat
8216 Ocean Springs Rd
Ocean Springs, MS

"A Charlie Brown Christmas" Mississippi Boychoir

Nov. 30, Dec 1
6:30 pm, 2pm and 6:30
pm
FBC Canton & Children's
Museum, Jackson

To find a complete
listing of events or to
have your event listed
visit

[www.arts.state.ms.us/
calendar/](http://www.arts.state.ms.us/calendar/)

ARTS INTEGRATION IN THE NEWS!

Recently, schools that are part of the Whole Schools Initiative have been in the news! *The Hattiesburg American* ran a great story on November 4th about Sacred Heart School and how they teach through the arts. On November 16th, WTOK in Meridian ran a story about arts integration at Northwest Middle School. MAC is currently working with two first-year teachers at Nora Davis in Laurel to create a film about their experience in the classroom. Hopefully, all of this buzz will provide greater awareness to lawmakers about the value of teaching Mississippi's children through the arts.

MAC would like to thank members of the media who are helping spread the news about the benefits of teaching students through the arts.

Here are links to the stories:

<http://www.wtok.com/schools/headlines/Arts-Integration-at-Northwest-179388051.html>

<http://www.hattiesburgamerican.com/article/20121105/NEWS01/311050009/Sacred-Heart-using-art-teach?odyssey=nav%7Chead>



Photos: First-year teacher, Jessica Russell, (left) works with a student in her first grade class to create one of the flower images on the right. The lesson taught the students about units of measure and also the parts of a flower.

NEA "OUR TOWN" GRANT DEADLINE JANUARY 14, 2013

Art works to improve the lives of America's citizens in many ways. Communities across our nation are leveraging the arts and engaging design to make their communities more livable with enhanced quality of life, increased creative activity, a distinct sense of place, and vibrant local economies that together capitalize on their existing assets. Through Our Town, subject to the availability of funding, the National Endowment for the Arts will provide a limited number of grants, ranging from \$25,000 to \$200,000, for creative placemaking projects that contribute toward the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful, and sustainable places with the arts at their core. For all of the details on how to apply for this grant, visit <http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/OurTown/index.html>



MAC'S GRANT DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2013

We will be holding workshops across the state in December & January to provide assistance to grantees. More information to come!

Coming In December!

The Nutcracker

December 1
7:30 p.m.
Thalia Mara Hall
Jackson

Tupelo Ballet presents "Nutcracker Ballet"

December 1
2:00 and 7:30 PM
Tupelo High Performing Arts Center
Tupelo

The Nutcracker

December 8 & 9
8th-2:00 & 7:30 9th-2:00
Jackson Academy Performing Arts Center
Jackson

5th Annual Holly Days Arts and Crafts Show

December 1
9:00am-3:00pm
SCHC Auditorium,
Vicksburg, MS

Miracle on 34th Street

Dec., 6-8, 2012
7:30, 6-8th 2pm on 8th
Tupelo Community Theatre
Tupelo

Ornament Workshop

December 8, 2012
10 AM and 11 AM
E.E. Bass Cultural Arts Center
Greenville

Holidays at Bass

December 8, 2012
1-3 PM
Armitage Hershell Carousel
Greenville

Carl Jackson's 16th Annual "Home for Christmas"

Saturday, Dec. 8th
Two Shows! 4pm & 7pm
Historic Strand Theater
Louisville

Mississippi Community Symphonic Band concert

December 15
7 PM
Christ UMC, 6000 Old Canton Rd
Jackson

MAC'S VISUAL ARTS DIRECTORY WEBSITE NOVEMBER'S FEATURED ARTIST

Harry Day is a Mississippi craftsman who makes indoor/outdoor metal art in two and three dimensional methods. He also paints oil and acrylic scapes and abstracts, specializing in waves...what he likes to call "Wave Culture."

To learn more about Day's work, visit www.harrymday.com.

The [Mississippi Visual Arts Directory](http://www.mississippivisualarts.com) 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 site is maintained by the Mississippi Arts Commission.

The Commission provides listings on this site as a courtesy to Mississippi-based artists and arts organizations. However, their inclusion does not represent an endorsement or funding by the agency. The Commission reserves the right to edit or reject any submission and is not responsible for the accuracy of the information provided by the artists or organizations. Artists featured are randomly selected.



MAC IS A PROUD UNDERWRITER OF MISSISSIPPI ROADS ON MPB



MAC is proud to underwrite an arts segment on Mississippi Roads each week! Coming up on November 22 at 7pm, Mississippi Roads travels to the coastal city of Bay St. Louis for their annual Bay Bridge Fest. Southern hospitality greets travelers entering the state at Mississippi's Welcome Centers. C S's Restaurant in Jackson offers comfort food in a comfortable setting, and in the final segment, they track the progress of Bay St. Louis' recovery after Hurricane Katrina. It should be a really great show! Be sure to tune in!

If you are a festival or event planner, you won't want to miss Backstage Pass 2013! The conference will be held on January 23-24 at the Golden Moon in Philadelphia, Mississippi. To find out how to register, contact Denise Halbach at denisehalbach@msmainstreet.com.





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

Upcoming shows

Nov. 18

Larry Morrissey hosts with bluegrass banjo player, Larry Wallace

Nov. 25

Diane Williams hosts with Ballet Magnificants, Keith Thibodeux

Dec. 2

Mary Margaret Miller hosts with filmmaker Joe York about his work documenting the food and culture of the South.

Dec. 9

Malcolm White hosts with Roger Stolle and Jeff Konkel, creators of the new blues documentary film, "We Juke Up in Here!"

"You can never cross the ocean until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."

Christopher Columbus

ARTS-RELATED JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Chorus Administrator Position The Mississippi Chorus

The Mississippi Chorus is a Jackson, Mississippi community organization whose function is to bring extraordinary music to its patrons in concerts scheduled throughout the year, now beginning its 24th season with 80+ members. This person will work closely with the Artistic Director

Executive Director Meridian Little Theatre

The Executive Director is responsible for the day-to-day administration and operation of The Meridian Little Theatre. The Executive Director shall serve under the direction of the President of the Board of Directors and The Board of Directors.

Minimum Qualifications:

A degree in, Business, Marketing, Theatre or any substantial combination of education, training, and experience, including non-profit administration, which provides the requisite knowledge, skills and abilities for this job.

For more information, call 601/482-6371 or visit:

http://www.meridianlittletheatre.com/images/user_files/files/Job%20Description%20MLT%20Executive%20Director.pdf



Artwork by students at Nora Davis in Laurel.