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As we welcome autumn on the calendar, we are reminded that teachers and students have been learning in Mississippi classrooms for almost two months. October, National Arts & Humanities Month, marks my fifth year at the Mississippi Arts Commission, and it is once again time to talk about Arts Education and the importance that it plays in the lives of school children all over the state. As we enter and celebrate National Arts Education Week, the Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC) is proud of our continuing partnership with the Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education (MAAE) and the work that this organization does through its Teaching Artist Workshop Series. The workshops, which began in 2006, are formulated to prepare artists to work in schools and to offer guidance to artists who wish to apply for the MAC Artist Roster and Teaching Artist Roster. This significant professional development training consists of a two-day workshop and includes instruction in how artists and schools can work together to enrich the education of K-12 students. Participants obtain a high quality experience, and arts experiences are led by a teaching artist to demonstrate the kind of work teaching artists do in a learning setting. More information about the MAC Rosters can be found on the website at <http://www.arts.state.ms.us/artist-roster/index.php>. Since 2006, this innovative partnership between MAC, MAAE, and the Dana Foundation, has trained over 200 artists of multiple disciplines in 12 workshops statewide. In 2010, MAAE's Teaching Artist Workshop Series was one of only four projects in the United States to be funded for this significant work and will train approximately 50 artists through workshops in Jackson, Gulfport, and Laurel. Performing and visual artists are selected for the workshops through an application process. More information may be found by contacting Althea Jerome, Project Director, at ajerome@comcast.net or on the MAAE website, www.MSArtsAlliance.com. The next application deadline for the workshops to be held at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in Gulfport is October 1st. Though current legislation clearly defines arts education as a core academic curriculum and an integral part of a quality education, declining arts programs and a narrowing of the curriculum have become a concerning trend. The 21st Century Workforce will be relying on an employee's ability to think creatively and unconventionally. As we know, learning in and through the arts promotes habits that cultivate curiosity, imagination, creativity and evaluation and will provide students with the essential tools they will need to thrive and compete in a global economy. This MAC and MAAE collaboration dedicates its efforts to making a difference in students' lives to uphold these creeds and to further enhance the arts education world that we know is so vital in our society today. We at MAC invite you to embrace this notion that we promote so passionately and to take advantage of this partnership and these teaching workshop opportunities. If you are an artist with a passion for teaching or sharing, consider enrolling in one of these autumn workshops and make a difference in your life and that of a child's. The experience promises to be good soup for the soul. And speaking of learning and food for the soul, on my recent Clarksdale staycation, I participated in a documentary filmmaking workshop and made a film about food, family and the role of both in a community. Enjoy From Kibbie to Cornbread!

My best,
Malcolm

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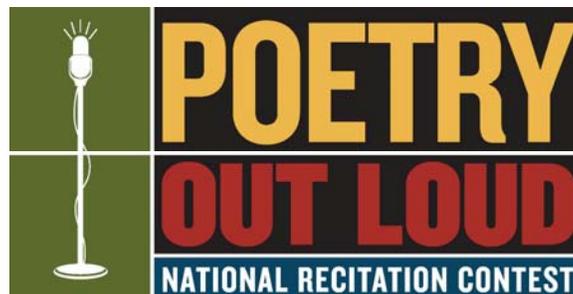


FROM KIBBIE TO CORNBREAD

MAC's Executive Director, Malcolm White, participated in a two-week documentary filmmaking class in Clarksdale conducted by Barefoot Workshops. Now that several MAC staffers are trained in filmmaking, look for the agency to begin capturing all the great arts-related things going on across Mississippi. We want to tell the story of our cultural heritage...what better way than through film! Below is a link to Malcolm's film created as a result of the workshop. Enjoy!

<http://www.vimeo.com/15169031>

Pictured: Malcolm White (right) interviews Chafik Chamoun, (left) owner of The Rest Haven Restaurant in Clarksdale.



ATTENTION MISSISSIPPI EDUCATORS!

Poetry Out Loud is a free program created by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation for students in grades 9 through 12. Since 2005, it has helped students in all fifty states, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and improve their reading comprehension scores while learning about their literary heritage. Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Contest begins at the classroom level. Winners advance to school-wide contests, Regional Contests, State Finals and, ultimately, to the National Contest held in Washington, D.C. The State Champion receives \$200 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington to compete in the National Contest. The Champion's school receives a \$500 stipend for the purchase of poetry materials. The runner-up receives \$100, with \$200 going to his or her school library. At the National Contest, contestants can win \$1000, \$5000, or the grand prize of \$20,000.

The deadline to register to participate is Friday, December 10, 2010. Visit the MAC website for more information

<http://www.arts.state.ms.us/special-projects/poetryoutloud.php>

Calendar of Events

Dividing the Estate by Horton Foote Date: Sept 23 - Oct 3, 2010
8 PM or 2 PM Sunday Matinee
Center Stage Theatre,
240 Eisenhower Drive,
Biloxi

Basic & 'Art-tography' classes
Sept. 18 - Nov. 20, 2010
Saturdays, 1pm - 3pm
3601 Bridgeforth Road,
Olive Branch, MS

MTA Theatre Workshop Date:
October 1-2, 2010
9-5
Meridian, MS

Mississippi Archaeology Expo
October 2, 2010
10AM-4PM
Millsaps College, Jackson

Old Friends in a Topsy-Turvy World
October 2-3, 2010
2 p.m. matinee each day
Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural
Center, Ocean Springs,
MS

Pipe Organ Extravaganza
October 3, 2010
Time: 2 PM
Westminster
Presbyterian, 5005
Lawson Ave, Gulfport

The American Revolution: An Art Exhibit
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
9:00 am until 5:00 pm
835 Oakleigh Ave
Gulfport, MS

Twelve Angry Men
October 5, 7, 9 & 10
7pm & 2pm
Dixie Theatre, Ripley, MS

Pine Belt Quilters Fiber Art & Quilt Show
October 8-10, 2010
10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Lake Terrace Convention
Center, Hattiesburg, MS

CALLING MISSISSIPPI ARTISTS!!!

THE MISSISSIPPI ALLIANCE FOR ARTS EDUCATION
IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE
2010 TEACHING ARTIST WORKSHOP SERIES

Workshop Dates:

October 11 - 12, 2010 – Level I Workshop, Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, Gulfport, MS

Application deadline: October 1, 2010

November 8 - 9, 2010 – Level II Workshop, Lauren Rogers Museum of Art, Laurel, MS. This workshop is open to individuals who have taken a Level I workshop.

Application deadline: October 25, 2010

The Workshop:

Since 2007, the Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education has offered professional development training for artists who wish to work in learning settings. This program is made possible through a generous grant from the Dana Foundation. Each two-day workshop includes instruction in how artists and schools can work together to enrich the education of K-12 students. Participants will obtain information about applying to the Mississippi Arts Commission's Artist Roster and Teaching Artist Roster. In addition, an arts experience led by a teaching artist offers a demonstration of the kind of work teaching artists do.

Please visit the MAAE Website to view additional information and to complete an on line application. www.MSArtsAlliance.com

Questions? E-mail Althea Jerome, project director:

ajerome@comcast.net

Historic Jefferson College

Nature Trail Sign Photo Contest

Winners will have their names and selected photographs appear on full color permanent signs on HJC's T.J. Foster Memorial Nature Trail

The contest is open to anyone with an interest in photography, amateur or professional. Photographers may submit up to 25 shots from the image list provided by HJC. All entries must be submitted digitally, either on a CD/DVD or via email, with specific size and reference requirements, along with the entry form. Only those images on the photography list will be accepted.

For more information, or to receive an entry form, please call Robin Person at HJC, 601-442-2901 or hjc@mdah.state.ms.us.

Woodville Deer & Wildlife Festival

October 9, 2010
10am – 5pm
Downtown Woodville, MS

The Township Fall Festival

October 16, 2010
10 AM - 2 PM
The Township at Colony Park - Ridgeland, MS

Living History Tour - Rose Hill Cemetery

October 16, 2010
6:00pm
Rose Hill Cemetery
39th Ave/8th Street, Meridian

Romp on the River 2010

Sat, October 16, 2010
9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Tunica Riverpark
Tunica, MS

Puckett Student Design Coloring Book

October 14, 2010
4AM - 5PM
Old Jail house
Canton, MS

ArtsAlive!

October 16-17 and 23-24
12PM - 5PM
Hancock County
Mississippi

Eudora Welty Writers' Symposium

Oct 21-23, 2010
7:30p, 9:00a, 1:30p, 9:00a
Mississippi University for Women, Columbus MS

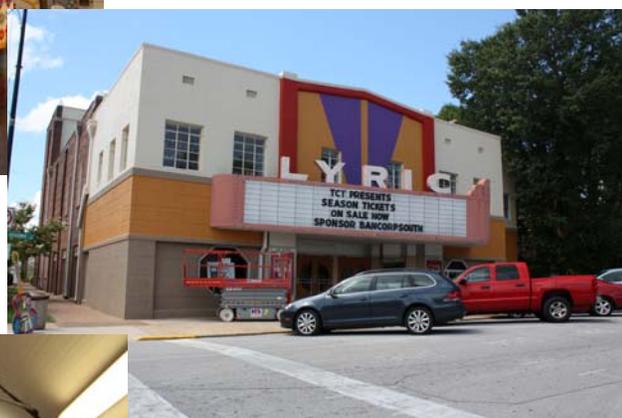
To have your event listed on MAC's calendar, visit the calendar section of our website.

MAC ON THE ROAD!

MAC staff members are constantly traveling the state to see how we can better serve our constituents. These trips are so important to us, because we can see first hand the great work being done in Mississippi communities. Soon, we might be heading to your town!



Mississippi Cultural Crossroads in Port Gibson



The Lyric Theatre in Tupelo



Woodville woodcarver, Dunbar McCurley

COMMUNITIES LINKUP! PROGRAM EXPANDS



It takes practice, practice, practice to get to Carnegie Hall, but it takes a partnership to bring Carnegie Hall to Mississippi! Through Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute (WMI) Communities LinkUP! Program, the Mississippi Arts Commission is partnering with Mississippi's symphony orchestras to bring students an opportunity to study orchestral music and

to perform with the orchestra. Communities LinkUP! is a program that shares Carnegie Hall's educational expertise and resources with orchestras and school districts throughout the United States. In addition to providing standards-based curriculum, Communities LinkUP! enables orchestras to expand their current education programs and to strengthen relationships with their surrounding schools and community. The pilot started in 2003 with the University of Southern Mississippi. The partnership has enlarged now to three additional symphonies across the state. For more information visit www.arts.state.ms.us.



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

October 3

Larry Morrissey hosts with Chris Ethridge, founding member of the Flying Burrito Brothers

October 10

Diane Williams hosts with Gulf Coast visual artist, Lori Gordon

October 17

Mary Margaret Miller hosts with Delta artist and chef, Taylor Bowen Ricketts

October 24

Malcolm White hosts (guest to be determined)

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela

IN MEMORIAM



Herman Snell

Herman Snell, former Director of the Crossroads Film Festival and avid arts supporter in Jackson, recently passed away. He was a dedicated father, writer, poet, and painter. Herman will be terribly missed!

Foster Wiley

Hailed as one of the last Mississippi Delta street musicians and a favorite of visiting tourists from around the world, Foster Wiley a.k.a. "Mr Tater, The Music Maker" passed away early Friday morning, September 10, at the Methodist University Hospital in Memphis



ARTS-RELATED JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Director of Development

Walter Anderson Museum of Art
Ocean Springs, MS

Position Description:

This position contributes to annual and long-term fundraising and donor relations strategies to further the mission of the Walter Anderson Museum of Art. With the Executive Director, Board of Trustees and volunteer leadership, will develop, direct, and maintain the Museum's fundraising goals and policies

Please deliver or send letter of interest, resume and names /contact information of three references to:

Linda Bloom, Executive Director Walter Anderson Museum of Art, 510 Washington Avenue Ocean Springs, MS. 39564 Attention: Director of Development Position

