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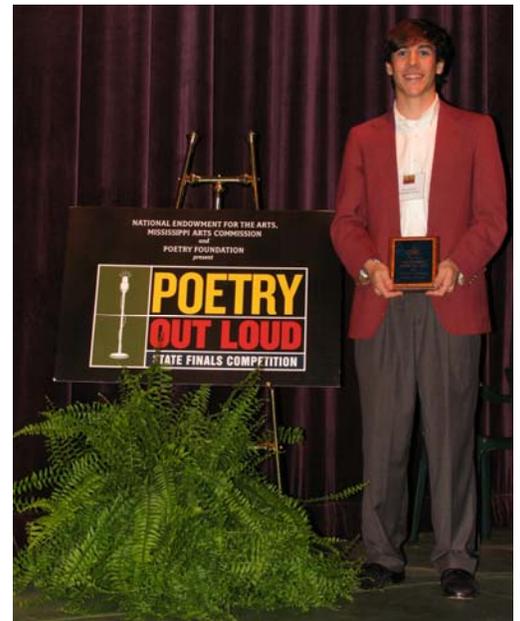
Greetings from the Mississippi Arts Commission!!!

Dear Friends,
During the month of April, I was fortunate to travel across the state to celebrate with this year's recipients of our Building Fund for the Arts grant. What a pleasure it has been to see first-hand what these funds will mean to so many people. I am looking forward to continuing my travels this month to complete the "brick tour!" I had the pleasure of visiting our Nation's Capitol for two very special events held in April. Arts Advocates from across the country gathered for the well organized, highly informative "Arts Advocacy Day." It was exhilarating to see so many art supporters from across the United States chanting the same succinct message to our Nation's leaders.

My most recent trip to Washington was to attend the Poetry Out Loud National Finals when I cheered on our contestant, Grant Cochran from Washington School in Greenville. He did an outstanding job and was an excellent representative of Mississippi's talented and gifted students. Here at MAC in April, 28 panelists reviewed 269 grants in 19 different grant categories over nine days. We will be awarding over \$1 million to the selected grantees after the approval of our Board at the May meeting. Some outstanding applications came to us this year and we will be honored to provide assistance to individual artists and arts organizations across the state once again.

I hope you will consider nominating someone for the 2009 Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts. We haven't begun to recognize all of the outstanding talent from this state, so I encourage you to state your case for someone deserving of this prestigious award. The ceremony will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2009, so mark your calendar now for the celebration.

My best,
Malcolm



Pictured: Grant Cochran, Mississippi's Poetry Out Loud National Finalist

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MAC'S BRICK TOUR!

Malcolm has hit the road to present Building Fund for the Arts recipients with a commemorative brick signifying their recipient of the grant. To date, he has visited Bay St. Louis, Perkinston, Booneville, Eupora, Lexington, Tupelo, Hazlehurst and Brookhaven. This month he will continue his travels to deliver the remaining bricks.



Members of the Yalnapatawpha Arts Council are presented their brick on April 11th. The funds they received will be used for the continued restoration of the Powerhouse Community Arts Center

Booneville Mayor, Roger Smith accepts the brick from Malcolm on April 17th. The funds will be used toward the renovation of the old Booneville Hardware as a performing arts center.



June 27, 2008 is the new deadline to submit a nomination for 2009 Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts

(applications available at www.arts.state.ms.us)

Calendar of Events

May

All in the Timing

May 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11
8:00pm
Rainbow Co-op,
Jackson

Choral Evensong and Benediction, St. Philips Choir

Thurs. May 1, 2008
7:00 pm
St. Philips, 5400 Old
Canton Road, Jackson

38th Annual Mainstream Arts & Crafts Festival

May 3, 2008
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Greenville, Mississippi
Courthouse Lawn

New Age Piano: Michael Dulin in Concert

May 8, 2008
7:00 pm
St. Philips, 5400 Old
Canton Road, Jackson

"I Hate Hamlet" at Biloxi Little Theatre

May 16-18, and 22-24,
2008
8:00 evenings, 2:00
on May 18
Biloxi Little Theatre,
220 Lee Street, Biloxi

The Broadway Musical "Oklahoma"

May 16 & 17, 2008`
8:00 p.m.
Margaret Martin
Performing Arts Center
Natchez

Ceramics Exhibit and Reception

Tuesday, May 20
5-7 p.m.
Mississippi Craft
Center, Ridgeland



MAC TO OFFER EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

Since Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast and its cultural heritage, the Mississippi Arts Commission has been working in arts recovery and emergency preparedness in an effort to support and assist our arts constituents during and before times of disaster. With the recent severe weather in the state and the upcoming 2008 hurricane season, we want you to know that we are here to help you or your local arts entity in any way possible. The MAC will be sending out information soon that will invite and assist you in taking the time to make decisions pertaining to your emergency preparedness plan, as well as plans to protect your personal and/or professional situations. The information will also be available on the Mississippi Arts Commission website. Please be assured that we are aware of the problems that accompany disaster and are actively involved in the planning process for dealing with unforeseen emergencies, from preparedness to recovery to renewal. For more information, contact Sallye Killebrew at skillebrew@arts.state.ms.us.

Pictured: Ohr O'Keefe Museum after Katrina

MALACO RECORDS BLUES TRAIL MARKER UNVEILING



MAC Executive Director, Malcolm White attended the unveiling of the Malaco Record Blues Trail marker on April 8, 2008 at 3023 W. Northside Drive in Jackson. Malaco's co-founder Tommy Couch started the company back in 1961 when he was a student at The University of Mississippi. The Mississippi Blues Trail was developed was designed to preserve the state's musical heritage through more than 100 historical markers and interpretive sites.

Pictured: Malcolm White (left), Jewel Bass and Sam Mosley

The Fantasticks

May 27-June 8, 2008
7:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.
on Sunday
New Stage Theatre,
Jackson

Millsaps New Orleans

Photography Workshop

May 30, 2008 to June 1, 2008
11:00 a.m.
New Orleans, LA

"Cosi Fan Tutte" by Mozart

Saturday, May 31
8:00 p.m.
Margaret Martin
Performing Arts Center
Natchez

Bone Up on Bones

Now through May 11
Open Daily
MS Museum of Natural
Science, Jackson

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

University of Mississippi – July 20-24, 2008
Visit www.mswholeschools for more
information

The National Association of Latino Arts and Culture is accepting grants now from mid-sized Latino arts and cultural organizations. The deadline is June 16th ...for more information visit www.nalac.org.

ARTS-RELATED BUSINESSES EMPLOY NEARLY THREE MILLION PEOPLE NATIONWIDE

According to a recent article in Philanthropy News Digest, arts-related businesses in the country's largest cities represent 4.3 percent of all businesses and 2.2 percent of all jobs in the country (based on a report from Americans for the Arts.) Employment by arts-related businesses has grown 11.6 percent in the past year – more than four times the increase in overall employment growth. [Click here](#) to read the entire article.



MAC's Heritage Program Director Larry Morrisey recently participated in an alumni roundtable sponsored by the Folk Studies program at Western Kentucky University. Morrisey was one of a group of graduates from the program (including staff members from the Southern Arts Federation, the Vermont Folklife Center and Humanities Tennessee) who spoke to current students about doing folklife-related work within a state agency or non-profit organization.



**MAC's Mini-Grant deadline
is June 2, 2008**

**Listen to MAC's
"Mississippi Arts
Hour" every
Thursday at
5:00pm and
Sundays at
8:00pm on
Jackson's WLEZ -
103.7FM**

May 1
Malcolm White to host
with artist and
musician Duff
Durrough

May 8
Judi Pulliam to host –
guest TBA

May 15
Larry Morrissey to host
with fiddler Bill Rogers

May 22
Larry Morrissey to host
with Patty Crosby from
Mississippi Cultural
Crossroads

May 29
Diane Williams to host
with musician Greg
Smith

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.

WITHOUT ART,
THE CRUDENESS
OF REALITY
WOULD MAKE THE
WORLD
UNBEARABLE
- George Bernard Shaw

ArtsNatchez is a cooperative gallery for local artist located in downtown Natchez, at 110 N. Union St. The hours are 10-6 PM, seven days a week. If you are interested in joining, please call 601-442-0043.

ARTS-RELATED JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Mississippi Cultural Crossroads Executive Director

Mississippi Cultural Crossroads, an award winning community-based arts organization and sponsor of nationally renowned Crossroads Quilters, based in historic Port Gibson, Mississippi, is seeking qualified candidates for Executive Director. Position requires leadership, fundraising, program coordination, grant writing, and general staff and facility management. Annual budgets for the past three years have ranged from \$120,000 to \$150,000. Additional organizational information and job description available at www.mscculturalcrossroads.org. Salary based on experience. Applicants should send resume with cover letter to MCC, 507 Market Street, Port Gibson, MS 39150. The deadline for submissions is June 30, 2008 or until the position is filled.

The Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center Executive Director

The Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center (The Guadalupe or The Center), founded in 1981, is a multidisciplinary, nonprofit cultural arts organization established to preserve, develop, promote, and present the arts and culture of the Chicano, Latino, and Indigenous communities of the United States. Located on San Antonio's historic Westside, the physical plant of the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center consists of an administrative building, the 400-seat Guadalupe Theater, the Cesar Chavez educational center, and a visual arts exhibition and instructional structure. Send letter and resume with demonstrable accomplishments to:

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