



December 2006

From the Executive Director:

We have begun the holiday season. Many of us are very busy throughout this time of the year, but I ask each of you to take a moment and be thankful for all that you have. The arts revive our souls and provide the outlets we need to express ourselves. But we sometimes lose sight of that during the busy times in our lives. I am thankful for each and every one of you that support, produce, administer, and create the arts community which we are so proud of in Nashville. Please have a happy holiday season and prosperous New Year!

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Important Dates:

December 14 *Downtown Community Plan Public Hearing Presented By Metro Planning Department*
4:00 PM, Howard School Auditorium, 700 2nd Ave. South.

Planners will present the Downtown Community Plan, and the Metro Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and vote on the Community Plan. This is the final opportunity for your voice to be heard about the inclusion of art venues and public art in the plan.

December 15 *Arts Alert Deadline*

Those wishing to submit material for the next Arts Alert newsletter should send email arts@nashville.gov with "AA Submission" in the subject line

January 8 *Cultural Executives Network*

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, TBA
Part 4 of 4 "Cultural Tourism Marketing" workshops led by Deana Ivey from the Nashville CVB

January 25 *Sell Nashville*

8:00 AM, Nashville CVB, 150 4th Ave. North

February 1 *Metro Arts Commission's Annual Grant Workshop (FY08)*

3:30 PM, Metro Office Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room

March 1 *Deadline for Grant Draft Review (FY08)*

4:30 PM

March 22 *Grant Deadline (FY08)*

4:00 PM

Becoming a Public Artist Forum Script Now Online

In case you missed the Public Art Forum presented by Metro Arts and Arts at the Airport on October 24, you need not miss the information. You may read Sherri



Support the Arts... Bolt 'em to your car!

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"Saffron" by Featured Artist Samantha Callahan

Welcome one of Nashville's newest **Artist Registry** participants and see their work online. The *Artist Registry*, currently showcasing over 225 local professional artists' work, continues to serve as a portfolio to art patrons, area graphic and interior designers, and architects. The *Registry* features examples of artists' work, artist statements and biographies, an A-Z directory of artists, and indexes by technique, media, style and subject. Visit the *Registry* online at www.artsnashville.org

About the Registry: All area artists interested in gaining exposure or the latest news on art opportunities are encouraged to participate in the *Registry*! Click [here](#) for more information. A simple application is ready for download on the *Registry* welcome page- join today and start reaping the

Warner Hunter's description of the process of moving from studio arts into public spaces by accessing the script [online](#). Metro Arts Commission plans to post other Public Art Resources in the future, as well as to provide public art project updates, so bookmark the page and check back regularly!

Visit Nashville's Arts & Cultural Events Calendar On Line!

www.nashvilleartscalendar.com is now live on the world wide web! See what's going on in Nashville, or gain added visibility by submitting your organization's events. Click [here](#) to add your event to the calendar-free of charge.

Events, Conferences & Workshops:

December 12 *Music City AM: A networking event of the Nashville Convention & Visitors Bureau and Strategic Business Network*

Dave & Busters at Opry Mills Mall - Nashville, TN
7:30 - 9:30 AM

The Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau and Strategic Business Network offer a unique opportunity to network with attendees from all sectors of the hospitality and tourism industry, as well as professionals from the broader Nashville business community. Kick off your holiday networking in style! Enjoy a continental breakfast and experience Music City AM fun and frivolity that only Dave & Buster's can deliver. Mix, mingle and be merry! Click [here](#) to register online.

June 9-16, 2007 *Painting the Tuscan Sun*

Cortana, Italy

Toscana Americana Workshops presents Painting the Tuscan Sun. Follow master painter and workshop instructor Lori Putnam off the beaten path to the hill town of Cortana, and the surrounding Tuscan landscape. Add strength to your composition, excitement to your brushwork, and learn to see and mix fresh color in the breathtaking light of the Tuscan sun. Whether a beginner or a seasoned professional, Lori will help you move your work to a new level. Workshop will include demonstrations, group work, individual instruction and critiques. For more information, call (508) 254-8265, email infotuscany@aol.com or click [here](#).

Opportunities for Artists:

Mary Foote Fellowship *Deadline: January 1*

The Mary Foote Fellowship for a visual artist offers a 10-day residency at the Mary Anderson Center for the Arts, an artists' colony in southern Indiana on 400 acres of meadows, woods and large lake owned by Mount St. Francis friary, only 15 minutes from Louisville, KY. Residency includes all meals, a studio, private room, and \$200 stipend. To apply, download an application [online](#). For more information, call (812) 923-8602. Residency must be completed by June 30, 2007.

A six-month to year-long work exchange fellowship for visual artist, musician or composer, or writer artist with a B.A., BFA, MA or MFA is available in 2007. In exchange for 20 hours weekly working for the Center as resident coordinator, the residency includes a private room, a monthly food allowance, and studio space, if needed. To apply for the work exchange, phone

rewards!

Arts Directory

Click [here](#) to visit the Arts Directory, a guide to Nashville's arts organizations. Update your organization's listing or add a listing [here](#).

Arts Links

Click [here](#) to visit Metro Arts' Arts Links page for a wide variety of online arts resources. Also see below for useful websites:

[Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission](#)

[Tennessee Arts Commission](#)

[National Endowment for the Arts](#)

[Americans for the Arts](#)

[The Art List](#)

[Arts Opportunities](#)



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Funding & Consulting Opportunities:

The Center for Non-Profit Management

recently received foundation funding to help arts organizations in middle Tennessee take advantage of our consulting at a dramatically reduced cost. Our new Nonprofit Excellence Fund can enable your organization to receive strategic planning, fundraising, teambuilding, coaching, board building and a variety of other consulting services. We will customize our approach to make a difference for you! To learn more about these new funds and consulting opportunities, please contact Director of Consulting Lisa Pote at (615) 259-3911 ext. 17 or via [email](#).

Calls to Artists:

Perspectives *Deadline: December 8*

Memphis, TN

This juried exhibition of regional contemporary art at the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art will open June 22, 2007. First round of jurying completed January 2, studio visits conducted January-February, exhibition selection completed March 31 and works delivered to the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art May 21 - June 1. Click [here](#) to download application guidelines.

The 2nd Annual National Outdoor Sculpture Competition and Exhibition *Deadline: March 2*

North Charleston, SC

Up to fifteen sculptures will be selected for this eleven month exhibition at Riverfront Park by the Juror, Mary Catherine Johnson. Currently she is the coordinator for the Visual Arts Program and Gallery at Emory University. Prior to her appointment at Emory, she served as Associate Director and Acting Executive Director of the International Sculpture Center (ISC). Exhibition honoraria are awarded to all selected artists, and artists have additional monetary opportunities with five awards also selected by the Juror. The deadline for applications is March 2. The exhibition dates are May 12, 2007 - March 28, 2008. The application can also be downloaded at www.northcharleston.org.

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