

METRO ARTS

Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission

May 2007

In light of the upcoming election season, advocacy for the arts is of the utmost importance. This is the time for you to have an important impact on the future of Nashville's arts scene by being an advocate. Please speak up about your desire to grow the current arts landscape in this city. Pay attention to what the candidates are saying and call upon them to voice your opinion. Tell them your story. Tell them how the arts have made a difference in your life. We all know that a thriving arts community will make our city a better place to live and work, and it is important that our future leaders understand that. Now is the time to tell them!

Important Dates:

May 7 *Cultural Executives Network*

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Nashville Chamber of Commerce, 211 Commerce Street, Suite 100

Open to all cultural organizations, this forum provides an opportunity for networking and discussing topics of interest facing all organizations. Box lunch will be provided. RSVP to arts@nashville.gov by May 3. This month's meeting is sponsored by the Nashville Business Committee for the Arts and will feature guest speaker Elizabeth Long Lingo, Research Associate at the Curb Center for Art, Enterprise and Public Policy at Vanderbilt University.

May 15 *Executive Committee Meeting*

11:30 AM, Metro Office Building, 4th Floor, Public Art Room

May 15 *Arts Alert Deadline*

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

May 17 *Metro Arts Commission Meeting*

12:00 PM, Metro Office Building, 2nd Floor, Davidson Room

MNAC Grants Review Schedule (FY08)

Tuesday, May 1	Basic I panel
Thursday, May 10	Basic II panel
Tuesday, May 15	Basic III panel
Tuesday, May 22	Creation panel
Thursday, May 24	Neighborhood Program panel

Metro Arts Gallery Local Art Exhibition Schedule:

Metro Arts has invited artists participating in MNAC's [Artist Registry](#) to exhibit artworks in the public area of the office, which is a high-vaulted and light-filled space on the fourth floor of the Metro Office Building.

March - July 2007: Kaaren Hirschowitz Engel, Anne Goetze and Loretta A. Kaufman



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"Meadow Stream"
by Featured Artist Michael Serkownek

Welcome one of Nashville's newest [Artist Registry](#) participants. Click [here](#) to visit the [Registry](#) on line.

New to the Registry:
Michael Serkownek

Updated on the Registry:
Kelly S. Williams

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](#).

This month's feature:
[SOFT Gallery](#)
Located at the Arcade in downtown Nashville, this space exhibits both 2 and 3 dimensional contemporary works by emerging artists

July - November 2007: Jairo Prado and Melissa Kennedy

November 2007 - March 2008: Greg Hester and Joe Sorci

Events, Conferences & Workshops:

May 4 Artists Forum

Nashville, TN

This forum at the Frist Center for the Visual Arts gives local and regional emerging and recognized artists an opportunity to discuss the thoughts and processes behind their work. Featured artists are Christie Nuell and Paul Roden. Visit www.fristcenter.org for more information.

May 19-20 Adult Watercolor Painting Workshop

Nashville, TN

Butler Steltemeier, an award-winning artist whose work is in numerous Nashville collections and at Bennett Gallery, will lead this two-day watercolor painting workshop covering the basic principles of the medium. The workshop will be held at the Frist Center for the Visual Arts. For more information, visit www.fristcenter.org or call (615) 744-3247 to register.

June 8-9 Tennessee Writers' Conference

Franklin, TN

Writers of all genres and skill levels are invited to attend the Tennessee Writers Alliance Writers' Conference at Battle Ground Academy. The conference will open with the session "What Editors Want," presented by Chuck Sambuchino, editor of the 2008 Guide to Literary Agents. Sambuchino will also moderate a literary agent panel discussion. These same agents will be available for one-on-one sessions all day June 9. Contact Cindy Phiffer at (615) 893-4117 or visit www.tn-writers.org.

September 26-29 Performing Arts Exchange 2007

Louisville, KY

This event will feature networking opportunities, information on accessibility issues and skill-building activities. PAE Louisville will engage leaders in the presenting and touring field to share best practices, present innovations and facilitate provocative dialogue through the National Arts Leadership Institute workshops. For more information, visit www.southarts.org.

October 12-13 Technology in the Arts Conference

Pittsburgh, PA

The goal of this conference is to be a resource for the arts community, sparking dialogue around the role of technology in our planning and programming, discussing best practices as well as lessons learned, and providing hands-on, practical skills where possible. For more information, visit www.technologyinthearts.org.

November 2-5 2007 National Arts Marketing Conference - Flourishing in the New Frontier: New Media, New Audiences, New Opportunities

Miami, FL

This conference presented by Americans for the Arts focuses on technology and new audiences, along with the latest research in the field. Learn about new media from RSS to podcasts, blogging, texting, optimizing email, e-commerce, web sites and search engines. All this to reach every age, ethnicity and race in the marketplace. The conference will also cover direct marketing, branding and relevant messaging. Click [here](#) for more information.

Calls to Artists:

and designers. New shows launch the first Saturday of each month, and there is an ongoing exhibit of owner Aaron Durnin's contemporary furniture and metalwork pieces.

ArtLinks

Click [here](#) to visit Metro Arts' ArtLinks page for a variety of arts resources. Also see below for useful web sites.

This month's feature: Fractured Atlas is an organization that helps artists and art organizations function more effectively as businesses by providing access to funding, health insurance, education and more.

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Art, Music and Culture Festivals at Centennial Park

Nashville, TN

Metro Parks is seeking craftspeople and visual artists interested in selling original craft and art works at various art, music and culture festivals to be held in Centennial Park. "Legends of the Blues" will be held Memorial Day, "Live Along the Lake" on Labor Day, and "Celebration of Cultures" October 6-7. For more information, contact Brenda McSurley at (615) 862-8442 or brenda.mcsurley@nashville.gov.

Palm Beach County Convention Center Exterior Light Project *Deadline: May 11*

West Palm Beach, FL

The Palm Beach County Convention Center seeks an artist to create a new light installation to accentuate the facility's prominent West and Northwest exterior and create an eye-catching, memorable gateway to the center. For more information, contact Elayna Toby Singer at (561) 233-0235 or esinger@pbcgov.com.

RiverSculpture Festival *Deadline: May 31*

Asheville, NC

This contemporary outdoor sculpture exhibition will take place September 1 - October 31, 2007 at French Broad River Park in Asheville, NC. The juried exhibition is open to all sculptors from NC, SC, TN and VA. Submissions may be in any genre and of any size large enough for outdoor display. For more information, visit www.riversculpture.com or call Robert Winkler at (828) 225-3766.

Spotlight 2007, American Craft Council Southeast Region Annual Juried Exhibition at Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts *Deadline: May 31*

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Gatlinburg, TN

Exhibition dates are August 17-September 22, 2007. This call for entries is open to artists in all media who are at least 21 years old and reside in AL, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA or WV. For a prospectus, visit www.acc-southeast.com.

36th Kentuck Festival of the Arts *Deadline: June 1*

Northport, AL

The 36th Kentuck Festival of the Arts will take place October 20-21 at Kentuck Park in Northport, AL. This is an outdoor, juried show open to all media. For more information, visit www.kentuck.org/artistinfo.html.

Nashville Jewish Film Festival's Kathryn H. Gutow Student Film Competition *Deadline: September 26*

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Nashville, TN

The Kathryn H. Gutow Student Film Competition has opened a call for submissions for the 2007 Nashville Jewish Film Festival. Finalists selected will be screened at the festival November 3-8 at the Belcourt Theatre. For more information or a list of requirements, visit www.templenashville.org/_njff/.

Art Buzz - The 2008 Collection *Deadline: September 30*

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This competition is open to visual artists 18 and older worldwide who work in any visual art media. Art Buzz is a fine quality, full color large format book that is scheduled for release in the fall of 2007. Art Buzz will be distributed internationally, giving artists worldwide exposure! For more information, visit www.artbuzz.org.

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