



Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission

December 2007

From the Executive Director:

The Arts Showcase held at the Frist Center on November 13 was a resounding success! Many thanks to all of you who gave so much time and effort to make it so.

We are now coming into a very busy holiday season. So much is offered during this time and I hope you can find time to take in all the arts activities going on. Don't forget that there is a new art exhibition at the Metro Arts Commission office featuring the works of Greg Hester and Joe Sorci. We always welcome visitors to our gallery space.

To each of you, I wish the happiest of holidays and a great 2008!

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Important Dates:

December 3 Cultural Executives Network

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art, 1200 Forrest Park Drive
Open to all cultural organizations, this forum provides an opportunity for networking and discussing topics of interest facing all organizations. This month's meeting will feature Councilman-at-large Charlie Tygard, who will discuss arts advocacy. Box lunch is available for \$10 (cash only). Please RSVP to arts@nashville.gov or (615) 862-6721.

December 21 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.

January 7 Cultural Executives Network

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Frist Center for the Visual Arts, 919 Broadway

January 15 Executive Committee Meeting

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

January 17 Metro Arts Commission Meeting

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

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. Gallery hours are Monday - Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Closed holidays.

November 2007 - March 2008: Greg Hester and Joe Sorci



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

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"The next specie" by Featured Artist Orlando Garcia-Camcho

Welcome one of Nashville's newest Artist Registry participants. Click here to visit the Registry on line.

Updated on the Registry: Laura Young

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.

New to the Directory: The Rymer Gallery

Updated on the Directory: Belcourt Theatre Metro Nashville Arts Commission Plowhaus Artists Cooperative

This month, Metro Arts will again invite local artists who are participating in our online *Artist Registry* to exhibit in the Metro Arts Gallery in 2008. A call-to-artists will be sent asking *Registry* participants for submissions. Now is a good time for *Registry* artists to review and update their *Registry* page or for other local artists to join!

Funding Opportunities:

Tennessee Arts Commission Grants

Grant categories include Major Cultural Institutions (MCI), General Operating Support (GOS), Rural Arts Project Support (RAPS), Arts Project Support (APS), Arts Access (AA) and Arts Education (Teacher Training, Artist in Residency and Community Learning). The grants will be available for fiscal year 2009, which begins July 1, 2008 and ends June 30, 2009. Applications and guidelines can be found online at www.arts.state.tn.us.

Calls to Artists:

Memphis Germantown Art League Juried National Exhibition *Deadline: December 14*

Germantown, TN

The Memphis Germantown Art League's Juried National Exhibition will be held at the Germantown Performing Arts Centre from February 20 - March 15, 2008. Cost is \$35 for three entries. For more information, visit www.mgal.org.

The Ugly Necklace Contest *Deadline: March 15, 2008*

Nashville, TN

A jewelry design competition with a twist- this is an opportunity to put together a well-designed and functional, yet ugly, necklace. To enter, take three snapshots or scans of necklace and write a short poem about it. Official rules and information can be found on line at www.landofodds.com/store/uglynecklace.htm.

Fellowships:

Tennessee Arts Commission *Deadline: January 28, 2008*

Applicants may now apply for fiscal year 2009 Individual Artist Fellowships. The fellowships will be available in Visual Arts (three-dimensional), Craft, Media (film and video), Music (instrumental performance and composition), Dance (performance and choreography), Theater (acting) and Literary Arts (fiction/creative nonfiction and poetry). The award provides fellowships to outstanding professional artists who live and work in Tennessee. For more information, visit www.arts.state.tn.us.

Mary Anderson Center

Fellowships are currently being offered at the Mary Anderson Center, an artist colony in southern Indiana. For more information, visit www.maryandersoncenter.org or contact Ardis Moonlight at (812) 923-8602 or macarts@onebox.com.

Health Coverage for Artists!

Go to www.artshealthamerica.org to learn about health coverage for anyone in film/video/TV, dance, theatre, fine arts, music, graphic arts, written and spoken word. This is a safety net for professionals who work on a project-to-project basis, and therefore have found it

This month's feature:

[The Rymer Gallery](#)

Set to open in the spring of 2008, The Rymer Gallery will be the largest contemporary gallery in the heart of Nashville's arts district. The objective of the gallery is to continue the legacy endowed by The Betty Rymer Gallery at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, by fostering the best of what the contemporary art world has to offer.

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:

[ArtsEdge](#)

The Kennedy Center's ArtsEdge exists to help artists, teachers, and students gain access to and/or share information, resources, and ideas that support the arts as a core subject area in the K-12 curriculum.

[Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission](#)

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New Metro Arts Website!

Check out the Metro Arts' updated [homepage](#). The new site has a new look and updated features designed to be more user-friendly.

Find upcoming arts events at

NowPlayingNashville.com



For accomodation requests, please contact: Teri McElhane, ADA Compliance

difficult or impossible to be covered in any sort of corporate or group membership plan. A spectrum of options is available, including lowest cost basic coverage to comprehensive maximum coverage plans, available to individuals, families, organizations and corporations involved in any aspect of the arts. Click [here](#) for more information!

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Online Survey:

In an effort to better serve the citizens of Tennessee, the Tennessee Arts Commission has established an online survey to gain information and input, and to continue an ongoing dialogue with constituents. The Commission is asking for thoughts, concerns, ideas, suggestions and comments. It only takes a few minutes to complete the survey and it will allow the Commission to better serve the people of Tennessee. Click [here](#) for the survey.

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