

April 2008

## From the Executive Director:

Happy Spring!

Mayor Dean has presented his FY2009 budget to Metro Council and, while it represents a decrease in our grant funds, it is quite good given the financial climate. If the Mayor's budget for our department is accepted, we will have \$172,000 less in grant funds for FY2009.

Please ask your Council member to support the Mayor's budget. We at the Commission are quite pleased with the proposal.

And celebrate spring with the arts - taking in everything you can possibly do. It is a great time to rejuvenate yourself.

-Norree

## New Mayoral Appointees:

Five new members have been appointed by Mayor Karl Dean to the Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission. New commissioners are Jean Ann Banker, Laurie Eskind, Meg MacFadyen, Victor Simmons and Celeste Wilson.

Jean Ann Banker is currently an active community volunteer, a member of the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center on Leadership Council and has chaired fundraising events for several organizations including Cheekwood Botanical Garden & Museum of Art and the Frist Center for the Visual Arts.

Laurie Eskind is co-founder of the Nashville Jewish Film Festival, currently president of the Nashville Ballet's board of directors and serves on the board of the Nashville Humane Association.

Meg MacFadyen is the owner of Art & Invention Gallery and co-founder of the annual Tomato Art Fest in East Nashville.

Victor Simmons currently serves as curator at Fisk University Galleries as an adjunct art history instructor in Fisk's art department. He is also a working artist with works currently on display at the Frist Center for Visual Arts.

Celeste Wilson is a principal at NMG Advisers, Inc. and is a long-time consultant in U.S.- Japanese trade.

Many thanks to outgoing commissioners Judy Liff Barker, Barbara Chazen, Will Cheek III, Edwina Hefner and Ralph Mosley.

## Important Dates:

**April 7 Cultural Executives Network Meeting**



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

**Metro Nashville Arts Commission programs are funded in part by the Tennessee Arts Commission.**



**"Okie rainbow" by Featured Artists Carrie Glenn & Larry Megill**

Welcome two of Nashville's [Artist Registry](#) participants. Click [here](#) to visit the [Registry](#) online.

**Updated on the Registry:**  
Carrie Glenn & Larry Megill

## Arts Directory

Click [here](#) to visit the *Arts Directory*, a guide to Nashville's

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Nashville Children's Theatre, 25 Middleton Street

Open to all cultural organizations, this forum provides an opportunity for networking and discussing topics of interest facing all organizations. Boxed lunch is available for \$10, cash only. Please RSVP to [arts@nashville.gov](mailto:arts@nashville.gov) or (615) 862-6721. This month's meeting will feature discussion with Metro Arts Commissioners on the role of public funding.

#### **April 15 Arts Alert Deadline**

Those wishing to submit opportunities and resources for the arts community should email [arts@nashville.gov](mailto:arts@nashville.gov) with "AA Submission" in the subject line. To submit or view local event listings, please contact our community partner, Now Playing Nashville, at <http://www.nowplayingnashville.com/>.

#### **April 30 Operations and Planning Committee Meeting**

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

#### **May 5 Cultural Executives Network Meeting**

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Belmont Mansion, 1900 Belmont Blvd.

#### **May 13 Executive Committee Meeting**

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

#### **May 15 Metro Nashville Arts Commission Meeting**

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

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### **FY2009 Grants Schedule:**

#### **Review Dates**

- T.B.A.** Basic I Grants and Awards Committee Review  
**May 6** Grant Panel Review Basic II  
**May 13** Grant Panel Review Basic III  
**May 20** Grant Panel Review Creation  
**May 22** Grant Panel Review Neighborhood Program

Organizations will be assigned specific times for their review. All reviews will be held at the Metro Office Building, 800 Second Ave. South, 2nd Floor, Nashville Room.

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### **Metro Arts Gallery Announces Local Art Exhibition Schedule:**

A new line-up of artists has been selected to exhibit in MNAC's gallery in the upcoming year. Metro Arts invited local artists participating in MNAC's [Artist Registry](#) to indicate their interest by submitting an application, and the following artists have been selected for the 2008-2009 year:

#### **Currently on Display:**

##### **March - July 2008**

CarrieGlenn and Larry Megill  
Michael Serkownek  
Jorge Yances

To learn more about their artwork and view images, click [here](#).

##### **July - November 2008**

Olga Alexeeva  
Juliana Ericson  
Donna Rizzo

##### **November 2008 - March 2009**

arts organizations. Update your organization's listing or add a listing [here](#).

This month's feature:

[Metropolitan Educational Access Corporation \(MEAC\)](#)

MEAC is responsible for Music City Arts tv9 (MCA tv9), which provides twenty-four hours of music, art, theater and dance spanning all genres, countries, and time periods. MEAC's mission is to educate, entertain, and promote the arts community of Nashville, Tennessee.

#### **New on the Directory:**

International Black Film Festival of Nashville  
Metropolitan Educational Access Corporation (MEAC)  
Nashville Jewish Film Festival  
Nashville Screenwriters Conference  
Nashville's Smallest Art Gallery  
Ponder: A Gallery  
Robertson County Arts Council  
Snow Gallery  
YMCA artEMBRACE

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### **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:

[PhotoArts](#)

This extensive site is dedicated to the international community of collectors, dealers, professionals and enthusiasts of fine art and documentary photography.

Marla Faith

R. Lafayette Mitchell

The gallery is a public area of the MNAC office, which is a high-vaulted and light-filled space on the fourth floor of the Metro Office Building, 800 2nd Avenue South. Gallery hours are Monday - Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Closed holidays.

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### **Conferences:**

#### **Talk To Me, Tennessee...*A Statewide Conversation About the Arts May 12 - 14***

Franklin, TN

Marriott Cool Springs Hotel and Conference Center

An ambitious agenda is planned for Talk to Me, Tennessee...A Statewide Conversation About the Arts. Nationally-recognized keynote speakers include: Bill Strickland, president and CEO of Manchester Bidwell Corporation in Pittsburgh where he has developed and implemented major fundraising plans of action; Bill Cleveland, director of the Center for the Study of Art and Community in Washington State, where he focuses on building relationships between the arts and the broader community; Donna Walker-Kuhne, president of Walker International Communications Group in New York, recognized as one of the nation's foremost experts on audience diversification; and Barbara Schaffer Bacon, who co-directs the Animating Democracy Initiative, a program of Americans for the Arts, Institute for Community Development and the Arts, based in Washington D.C. Participants will discuss issues challenging the arts industry, and celebrate the launch of a new Public Awareness Campaign. There will also be time to network and share ideas with arts supporters from across the state. Registration is \$75 before April 20, and \$100 after. For more information, click [here](#).

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### **Calls to Artists:**

#### **Arts at the Airport's Flying Solo Exhibition Deadline: April 11** Nashville, TN

The Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority and Arts at the Airport announce a Call for Proposals for the Flying Solo Exhibition Series at Nashville International Airport. The exhibitions are open to Tennessee artists or artists who have a strong connection to Tennessee. The complete call to artists is available on the Nashville International Airport website, <http://www.flynashville.com/>. For more information, contact [arts@nashville.gov](mailto:arts@nashville.gov).

#### **The Artist's Magazine's 25th Annual Art Competition** **Deadline: May 1**

Cincinnati, OH

The Artist's Magazine has issued a call for entries for its 25th Annual Art Competition. The competition is open to visual artists anywhere in the world. More than \$25,000 in cash prizes will be awarded. Artists can compete and win in 5 categories: Abstract/Experimental, Animal/Wildlife, Landscape/Interior, Portrait/Figure, and Still Life. For more information, click [here](#).

#### **Fresh Air Arts Festival Deadline: May 15**

Cookeville, TN

Painters and crafts artists are invited to apply for admission to the first-ever Fresh Air Arts Festival, set in historical Granville, TN. The festival, a juried event, is the first public show in the Upper Cumberland expressly intended to bring together "plein air"

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**Find upcoming  
arts events at**

**NowPlayingNashville.com**

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For accommodation requests, please contact: Teri McElhaney, ADA Compliance Coordinator  
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painters- artists who paint from life in the outdoors, or "open air"- and their peers in other painting styles, as well as in the fine art crafts. Demonstrations of all media are welcome. While the festival focuses on plein air painting, artists of all painting styles and craft media are welcome and encouraged to apply for exhibition and sales space. The festival will take place on Saturday, June 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Veteran's Park in Granville. For more information, call (931)265-0388.

**Southern Appalachian International Film Festival Deadline:  
August 31** Johnson City, TN

The Southern Appalachian International Film Festival is currently accepting entries for this year's festival, which will take place on the campus of East Tennessee State University in October 2008. For more information and submission guidelines, please visit <http://soapiff.inflics.com/index.html>.

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**Local Workshops, Lectures & Art Education:**

**Dawn Whitelaw Workshop Tennessee Art League  
April 25, 26 and 27  
Tennessee Art League, 808 Broadway**

Dawn Whitelaw divides her painting time between painting commissioned portraits and works in oil for galleries. A long history of teaching includes over thirty years teaching painting on the university level. Her awards include a Certificate of Merit for her portrait at the National Portrait Convention in 1991, Best of Show at the Portrait Society of America's International Competition in 2001 and Award of Excellence in the Regional Oil Painters of America Exhibition in 2002. Space in this workshop is limited. Cost is \$325 for Tennessee Art League members and \$350 for non-members. For more information, click [here](#) or call (615) 736-5000.

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**Employment Opportunities:**

**President Arts and Education Council of Greater St. Louis  
St. Louis, MO**

This is an opportunity for someone who is passionate about the arts. This position will provide leadership, management and vision to increase annual revenues of the Council, position the Council and the arts as economic resources for the entire bi-state community and manage Council staff to achieve the objectives of the board. This position will also oversee the allocations process for funding of area arts organizations. For more information, contact: [prich@emdcg.com](mailto:prich@emdcg.com).

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**Health Coverage for Artists:**

Go to <http://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 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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### **MNAC Commissioners:**

Molly Pratt, Chair  
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### **MNAC Staff:**

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