



arts council  
of greater kalamazoo

## BIENNIAL REPORT 2003-05



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Promoting,  
and Funding  
the Arts  
Since 1966.

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## Our Mission

The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo is an organization that serves the arts community. We don't make art, but we do make the arts happen. Much of the work we do is behind the scenes. A great deal of our time is spent in one-on-one meetings with our members — with artists, advising them on how to write grants, or with organization leaders, helping them plan new programs. Because of our links within the community, we make connections that bring people and resources together.

ACGK networks with other community organizations, including those in education, human services and economic development. In this way, we make the arts part of community dialogue.

- We help professional and amateur artists and arts organizations produce music, theatre, dance, visual, media and literary art.
- We provide information and networking for artists and arts groups.
- We help residents and visitors find, enjoy and participate in the artistic and cultural events available in the community.
- We promote collaborations of arts organizations.
- We administer grant programs that enable individuals and organizations to create new artistic work.
- We provide exhibit space for visual artists.
- We produce the monthly Art Hop, an evening of art exhibits and great fun.
- We produce Concerts in the Park, a series of free summer concerts in Bronson Park.
- We produce All Ears Theatre, a series of radio theatre dramas performed live and re-broadcast on WMUK.
- We manage the Epic Center, a downtown Kalamazoo home to 12 arts organizations, plus a retail store and a restaurant.



Each year the Michigan Youth Arts Festival brings some 900 students to Kalamazoo. Pictured here is the Farmington High School Dance Company performing a work about the Holocaust. "The List" was choreographed by Christopher Huggins and directed by Melissa Poli. The 2005 festival was supported by a grant from the Arts Fund of Kalamazoo County. (Photo courtesy of Paul Lichau.)

## Arts Council Grant Programs

Each year the Arts Council distributes some \$200,000 in grants to individuals and organizations. Grant applications are reviewed by an anonymous panel of judges selected to represent a diversity of arts disciplines, ethnic backgrounds and geographic location.

### Arts Fund of Kalamazoo County

Arts Fund began as a challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in the mid-1980s. It is endowed at the Kalamazoo Community Foundation. Arts Fund supports projects by individual artists as well as arts organizations. Organizations with budgets greater than \$300,000 may apply for project support. Organizations with budgets smaller than \$300,000 are eligible for operating support, funds that are increasingly difficult for nonprofit organizations to secure.

### Arts Outreach Fund

Arts Outreach Fund supports projects that bring the arts to people and places where they are not ordinarily found. Many projects link human service organizations with the arts. The fund began in 1993 as an element of the Arts Council's Local Arts Agency grant award from the National Endowment for the Arts. The grant is supported through donations from such local foundations as the Dorothy U. Dalton Foundation, the Fetzer Fund at Kalamazoo Community Foundation, and the Christine Weisblat Foundation.

### Irving S. Gilmore Emerging Artist Grant

This grant program is funded by the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation. Its purpose is to enable serious artists to rise beyond their present level of expertise. The Emerging Artist Grant is a fine example of how a grant of up to \$3,500 can have a far-reaching influence in the life of an artist. It can mean the difference between practicing art as a hobby and pursuing art as a vocation.

### Hospice & Arts Partnership Grant

Hospice & Arts Partnership Grant funded its first projects in 2005. The purpose of the grant is to support arts projects for the dying and bereaved communities. The grant program is funded by the Arcus Gay and Lesbian Fund and the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation.

### Making Arts Grow In Kalamazoo

MAGIK began in the late 1970s and is our longest running grant program. It brings practicing artists into the classroom to work with students and teachers. MAGIK is funded by Education for the Arts and Target.

### MCACA Region 15 Mini-grants

Region 15 Mini-grants are funded by Michigan tax dollars through the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. Grants are open to schools, municipalities, and nonprofit organizations in the counties of Barry, Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren.

## Arts Fund 2004

### Mary Brodbeck

Exhibition by Kalamazoo and Japanese artists at Little Cities Gallery, featuring traditional Japanese woodblock prints.

### Cheryl Dineen Ferrin

Creation of a new body of portrait quilt artwork using various silk techniques.



*Grant workshop at Carnegie Center in Three Rivers. Arts Council staff conducts seven grant workshops each year, and re-grants some \$200,000 annually.*

### Martie Groat

Prepare and edit Washington Square Co-op resident monologues for use in middle school students' performance pieces.

### Susan Harrison

Attendance at Nashville Songwriters Association International inservice training and spring songwriting symposium.

### Amy Levine

Completion and screening of "Dishes: Collecting Fiesta," a documentary on collectors of Fiestaware.

### Derek Menchinger

Completion of CD "This Floating World" CD and live performance at Wellspring Theater.

### Dhera Strauss

Completion of a video documentary showcasing lives and personal histories of Washington Square residents.

### Von Washington, Sr.

Research and completion of a two-act play, "A Glimpse of Heaven," about the African American inhabitants and activities of the resort town Idlewild, MI.

### Bach Festival Society of Kalamazoo

Operating support for the 2003–04 choral outreach program.

### Crescendo Academy of Music

Operating support for administrative assistants' salaries during the 2003–04 fiscal year.

### Fontana Chamber Arts

Support for artists' fees for the 25th Summer Festival of Music and Art in a new venue at the Kalamazoo Nature Center.

### Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival

Presentation with Education for the Arts of an educational performance by the Jacques Loussier trio in conjunction with the 2004 Gilmore Festival.

### Michigan Bach Collegium

Operating support for 2004 concert season.

### Kalamazoo Insitute of Arts

"El Mercado," a school outreach program celebrating the traditional arts and culture of Mexico.

### Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Society

Operating support for Comprehensive Early String Training Program and the needs of at-risk students in all orchestras.

### Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra

Musicians in residence, a comprehensive music education program in three Kalamazoo public schools.

### Michigan Festival of Sacred Music

Operating funds to support the position of assistant director for 3 months.

### Michigan Youth Arts Festival

Operating support for facility rental, technical production and promotion costs for the yearly May festival.

### Opus 21

Operating support for upcoming Michigan and New York concerts.

### Renaissance Enterprises

Operating support for 2004 administrative and marketing expenses.

### Stulberg String Competition

Operating support for semi-finalist and finalist honorariums, certificates, medals and plaques.

### The Vaudeville Association

Operating support for the theatre ticket scholarship program.

### Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers

Operating support for three dance programs geared toward minority/rural/ethnic/at-risk youth.

### Whole Art Theater

General operating support for remainder of 2003–2004 season.

## Arts Fund 2005

### Jeff Abshear

Studio and material expenses to create eight new oil paintings of scenes set in urban Kalamazoo locations.

### Matthew Clysdale

Completion of a wildlife documentary, "Animals Among Us."

### Benjamin Flaten

Tuition and supplies for study at Smartshop under the guidance of artist Holly Fisher.

## Arts Fund 2005 *continued*

### Tom Knific

Composition of a concert work for viola and double bass, for the International Society of Bassists convention.

### Carolyn Koebel

Recording a collection of solo percussion musical compositions and improvisations.

### Matthew Lund

A studio recording of the Light Fusion Trio.

### Donna R. Rathert

Tuition for the educational program "Let the Stones Speak" at Chartres Cathedral.

### Dhera Strauss

Final production of video documentary "Los Bandits Sing Mich-Mex" showcasing the music and personal histories of local musicians.

### Bach Festival Society of Kalamazoo

Support for operating costs of vocal and choral outreach programs.

### Ballet Arts Ensemble

Operating support for second half of 2004–05 season.

### Crescendo Academy of Music

Operating support for administrative assistant salaries.

### Fontana Chamber Arts

Educational outreach and artistic expenses for residency and concert by the Cavani String Quartet.

### Irving S. Gilmore International Keyboard Festival

Piano labs offering free in-school piano and music instruction to various Kalamazoo area students.

### Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Society

Operating support for the Comprehensive Early String Training Program.

### Michigan Festival of Sacred Music

Support for office operating expenses and salaries.

### Kalamazoo Institute of Arts

Rental and program fees for traveling ArtReach exhibitions and related programs.

### Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra

Introduce newly-revised musicians in residence program in three Kalamazoo Public Schools.

### Michigan Youth Arts Festival

Operating support for increased costs of the educational programming of the Festival.

### Opus 21

Support for ongoing operations and marketing expenses related to spring concerts.

### Renaissance Enterprises

Operating support for program expenses.

### Julius & Esther Stulberg String Competition

Operating support related to the competition, including honoraria, recordings and master class fees.

### Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers

Operating support for guest artist fees, class scholarships and outreach programs and activities.

### West Michigan Glass Society

Operating support for fixed expenses for fiscal year 2005.

### Whole Art Theater

Support for general operating and production expenses for the balance of the 2004–05 season.



*Concerts in the Park feature local and regional musicians performing in a variety of styles, from jazz to bluegrass.*

## Arts Outreach Fund 2004

### Karen Downey

A summer arts education and mural painting project for Edison neighborhood youth.

### John Rybicki

Poetry workshops at Outlook Academy for children who are coping with significant loss.

### Lori Schmitt

Writing, editing, publishing and marketing an inspirational autobiographical book.

### Christena J. Smith

Teaching beadwork skills to at-risk youth through MRC Connections program.

### Elizabeth Start

Music improvisation exercises and combined music-poetry workshops for children who are coping with significant loss.



**Arts Outreach Fund 2004 *continued***

**Bobbe Taber**

Poetry writing group for drop-in clients of Ministry with Community.

**Kalamazoo County Family YMCA**

Ballet Academy classes at the Kalamazoo Family YMCA for at-risk students.

**Kalamazoo Institute of Arts**

Program "Creations in Clay" with ceramicist Paul Flickinger for day treatment clients at the Kalamazoo Juvenile Home.

**Living Ways of Southwest Michigan**

Dance workshop, lecture and demonstration for developmentally disabled customers by Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers.

**MRC Industries**

Percussion skill building program with drummer Carolyn Koebel for developmentally disabled adults.

**Kevin O'Donnell**

Musical sing-along activities for residents of Tendercare of Westwood nursing home.

**Renaissance Enterprises**

Music enrichment programs in five senior care facilities.



*Grant workshop in South Haven at Maritime Museum. The Arts Council is a regional re-granter of funds through the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs for six counties in southwest Michigan.*

**Arts Outreach Fund 2005**

**CARES**

Steel sculpture by Holly Fisher for the foyer of the Kalamazoo CARES office.

**Fontana Chamber Arts**

A workshop and concert at Lakeside Learning and Treatment Center for at-risk youth by jazz musicians Stefon Harris and Blackout.

**Hope Network South**

Dance/movement workshop for developmentally disabled adults and their caregivers by Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers.

**Susan Harrison**

Age-appropriate concerts in Head Start classrooms.

**Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra**

Free pre-school programs for underserved children and families at the Kalamazoo Public Library.

**Michigan Festival of Sacred Music**

Workshops for middle and high school students by Judy Hanson of the Chicago Children's Choir.

**MRC Industries**

Reach Out Rural Route, an exhibit by MRC Artists Co-op, at Scotts Recreation Hall.

**Kevin O'Donnell**

Music programs for residents at Tendercare Westwood nursing home.

**Renaissance Enterprises**

Music programs in long-term care facilities for rural and isolated individuals.

**Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers**

Dance workshops, performances, concert tickets and scholarship opportunities for underserved audiences by New York dancer/choreographer Monica Bill Barnes.

## Emerging Artist Grant 2003–04

### Lakisha Bowen

Attend Saratoga International Theatre Institute Summer Workshop in Saratoga Springs.

### Robert M. Cookman

Mixing, mastering, duplication, and marketing of a CD by the Butterfat Trio.

### Cat Crotchett

Research the encaustic painting technique in Kingston, NY and Santa Fe, NM and create a new body of work.

### Allison Lussier Downey

Attend International Drama/Theatre and Education Association World Congress in Ottawa.

### Cheryl Dineen Ferrin

Create a new body of silk portrait quilts, and develop a portfolio and Web site.

### Lyla S. Fox

Writing and publication of a children's book and adult mystery.

### Kavan Geary

For a Web site to promote his work, including the series Inflorescence Collection.

### Rahsaan Hawkins

For final recording, promotion and release of "Brainstorm," a CD of hip hop music.

### Justin C. Healy

A series of mixed media sculptures using steel, bronze and found objects.

### Larry Ramone Herron

Attend British American Dramatic Academy in Oxford, Great Britain.

### Holly Holmes

Study Brazilian bossa nova music and Portuguese language in Salvador and Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

### Holly Fisher

Completion of a professional marketing portfolio of recent sculptures.

### Alexandrea Han Yik Lau

Build a Web site as a virtual gallery to promote artwork for exhibition opportunities.

### Amelia Hansen

Develop professional marketing materials to promote natural science and history illustration work.

### Nylda Ria John Mark

Attend Saratoga Summer Intensive Suzuki workshop in Saratoga Springs.

### Denise Miller

Document through poetry and photography the stories of enslaved people's escapes and those who helped them.

### William Reynolds

Completion of a book-length manuscript, "Union of Dunces," and submission to first book contests.

### Jason Skipper

Complete a first novel and submit for publication.

### Charles Stroh

Produce a series of intaglio etchings addressing the Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Cardinal Virtues.

### Lubomir Velkov

Expenses for creating new work to exhibit in Chicago.



*Since its inception in 2001, All Ears Theatre live performances are recorded and re-broadcast on WMUK 102.1 FM. All Ears Theatre is sponsored by the Arts Council and produced by Donald Ramlow with administrative support from the Arts Council.*

## Emerging Artist Grant 2004–05

### Jeff Abshear

Design, print and bind poetry works in limited edition and broadside formats.

### Kevin Brady

Studio time, materials, and framing for a new body of abstract collage.

### Mach Dinh

Carving of Colorado marble yoga asanas with hand-picked stone.

### Thomas Andrew Christopher

Attend writer's conferences in Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, and to edit first novel for publication.

### Gayle Crittenden

Create a slide library and new body of work, cards, posters and small prints that are accessible and affordable to the African American community.

### Melanie Crow

Research and write a narrative about relatives of Cherokee descent.

### Kirsten Field

Create new body of photographic images printed on glass, acrylic or mirror.

## Emerging Artist Grant 2004–05 *continued*

### Todd Espeland

Promotional materials for mask-making art and services, and Web site domain and hosting.

### Elizabeth G. Faust

Produce new mixed media works using metal and paper at Smartshop.

### Gary Glaser

Documentary video detailing debate over the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

### Jon Kloote

Labor mobiles, interactive 3-D sculptures representing manual labor to be exhibited in August 2006.

### Rachel Miller

To present a modern dance/slam poetry concert June 3–4, 2005, including choreography, dancers, music composition, lighting design and marketing.

### Aubrey Jewel Hardaway

Publish and distribute three children's books about heart, magic and imagination.

### Nicole Maury

Complete a set of 26 color screen prints based on the letters of the alphabet.

### Michelle Ann McWilliams

Research and write a two-hour semi-biographical play.

### Jennifer Nowlen

Travel to Cambaliya, West Africa to study West African music, drumming and dance.

### Claudia Howard Queen

Attend Tisch Summer Dance Festival residency.

### Angela Regina Roberts

Create three new art quilts under the mentorship of June Belitz, and enter them in the Log Cabin Quilters Guild and other area shows.

### Sniedze Rungis

Produce a series of photographs and photo-montages.

### Adreana Shavers

Promote and distribute her debut album that was previously released only online.

### Jason Skipper

Research and write a non-fiction work about the secret life of his father.

### Karel van Beekom

Residency and mentorship in New York City with musician Fred Hersch.



Each year since 2002, the Arts Council partners with Bronson Hospital and Kalamazoo Public Schools to feature the work of KPS students at the hospital. "Blue Iris," an oil pastel, was drawn by Mario Cooper, a student at Loy Norrix High School.

## MAGIK 2003–04

### Portage West Middle School

Sculpture of hand greetings and words of welcome cast into a finished relief for the school lobby, led by artist Mitchell Wilcox.

### Winchell Elementary

Residency by John Rybicki working with second graders in poetry workshops designed to inspire and hone writing skills.

### St Mary School

Residency by Robbyn Smith-vanFrankenhyuzen, blending lessons in natural science, writing and storytelling.

### Kellogg Elementary

Native American ARTreach program from the KIA for all grade levels.

### Chime Elementary School

Sixth grade hand sculpture project led by artist Mitchell Wilcox, involving hot wax casting of students' hands with plaster.

### Maple Street Magnet School

Percussion performance and workshop led by Greg Secor.

### Spring Valley Elementary

For two student groups to attend "Stomp" at Miller Auditorium.

### The Montessori School

Writing workshops by poet Rose Willey for students in grades 3–5.

### New City High School

Instruction by Mark Monk of Community Access Center in the use of digital video cameras, laptop computers and video editing software.

### Amberly Elementary

Circle of Life Native American program to enhance social studies and language arts curricula for third graders.

### Climax Scotts Elementary

To start an art program in conjunction with the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts.

### Climax-Scotts Intermediate School

Visit Kalamazoo Institute of Arts to see "Millet to Matisse," followed by Lincoln Center Institute learning activities.

### Galesburg-Augusta Middle School

Visit by 102 eighth graders to the Civic's production of "The Outsiders" in conjunction with the school's Reluctant Readers program.

## MAGIK 2004–05

### Portage Northern High School

Professional model for portrait painting in advanced drawing/painting classes.

### Climax-Scotts Elementary School

Two visits by the KIA's ARTreach program for each classroom.

### Washington Writers Academy

Visiting artist Jason Olsen to teach performance poetry, and a Washington Productions presentation of "The Path to Everywhere."

### Hillside Middle School

Chapter 6 a capella group workshop for vocal music students, and performance for the student body.

### Kazoo School

For artist Mitchell Wilcox to assist students in creating a relief sculpture as a permanent fixture in the school's interior.

### Bedford Elementary School

Integrating art and color theory with the science of light and color by tie-dyeing t-shirts.

### Galesburg-Augusta Intermediate School

School-wide presentation by Kevin and Stephanie Kammeraad to encourage creativity, writing, drawing and music.

### Portage Central Elementary School

Class trip for 58 fifth graders to Kalamazoo Civic's production of "Beauty and the Beast."

### Waylee Elementary School

Outdoor mural painting by fifth graders under the instruction and supervision of artist Conrad Kaufman.

### Northwood Elementary School

Exploration of drumming techniques, song, dance and other instruments with K–5 students, led by Carolyn Koebel.

### Vicksburg Middle School

Writing and bookmaking unit for fourth and fifth grades led by Honore Lee and Mary Whalen.

### Lincoln International Studies School

Visit by Native American storyteller Shawana Jane Murray, and four ARTreach exhibits displayed in the school's cultural pavilion.

### Montessori School

Moviemaking supplies to help students in grades 1–5 write, direct, shoot and edit five-minute movies.

### St. Augustine Elementary School

Presentation by children's book author Linda Wheeler on writing and illustration for students from St. Augustine and St. Joseph elementary schools.

### Portage West Middle School

Ceramicist Paul Flickinger to assist eighth graders in making and firing their own clay rattles based on Native American spirit themes.

### Woodward School/Technology & Research

Singer-songwriter Susan Harrison to perform two concerts for K–2 students, with students recording background vocals for her new CD.

### Chime Elementary School

Artist Mitchell Wilcox to help sixth grade students make a hand sculpture using the hot wax casting method.

### Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center

ARTreach exhibits from the KIA to be displayed at the school for seven months.

### Sunset Lake Elementary

For Lorrie Abdo to work with 5th grade classes teaching the art of papermaking.

### Haverhill Elementary

Tickets for 63 students and chaperones to see "Schoolhouse Rock" at Comstock Community Auditorium.

### Northeastern Elementary School

Intensive hands-on weaving experience by Nancy Crampton for fifth graders.

### Maple St. Magnet School

Materials and displays for students to discover and explore multicultural curriculum and lesson plans.

### Kalamazoo Central High School

Technical support for a student production of "Wings" at the Epic Theatre.



*Young people find the All Ears Theatre sound effects instruments are irresistible.*



*Art Hop is held the first Friday of each month, and draws hundreds of art lovers to enjoy new art exhibits in a fun, casual atmosphere.*

## Hospice Grants 2004–05

### Lee Burdick

Personalized legacy gardens, including plants and design, for four hospice clients and their loved ones through Borgess VNA Hospice.

### Gay Guard-Chamberlin

Interplay workshops for staff and volunteers at Wings of Hope Hospice, featuring original live music, play, sound, movement and storytelling.

### Patricia Davis

Five found metal object sculptures celebrating daily life to be used as a traveling exhibit in the hospice consortium areas.

### Susan Harrison

Interactive arts activities for families with children and teens through Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan.

### Helen Kleczynski

Pencil drawings of people nurturing and caring for one another to be displayed

at Portage District Library, Kairos Dwelling and Three Rivers Hospice.

### Amber Schiavone

Five photographic portraits of hospice patients and their families.

### Claudia Howard Queen

CD of music to reduce pain and anxiety in hospice residents and families at Borgess and Kairos Dwelling.

### Jean Wagoner

Guitar and vocal performances for Borgess VNA Hospice clients.

### Bobbe Taber

Life story facilitation/writing with Borgess VNA Hospice patients and families in their homes.

### Gay Walker

Bereavement Kits for children, including a CD of guided imagery, a creative journal with crayons and a pamphlet for parents.

### Hospice Consortium

Two-day weekend grief camp collaboration between five regional hospices and up to 10 artists, teaching artistic expression and coping skills for children, adolescents and families.

### Three Rivers Health Hospice

Creative expression series for Three Rivers Hospice staff and volunteers, including spontaneous imagery, writing, drawing and painting, at the Carnegie Center for the Arts.

### Wings of Hope Hospice

Group sessions of education and arts expression for grieving students at Plainwell School and Wayland High School.



*The Arts Council hosted a public hearing in 2005 for Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. Senator Tom George received public comments on behalf of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries.*

## MCACA Region 15 Mini-grants 2004

### Bach Festival Society

A Valentine's concert of choral music featuring classical choral arrangements, jazz standards and spirituals.

### Berrien County Intermediate School District

Expressive art classes at two facilities serving at-risk youth.

### Buchanan Preservation Society

Exposition of tractors, wood carving, blacksmithing and spinning at Pears Mill during Buchananfest.

### Carnegie Center Council for the Arts

Fontana Chamber Arts concerts at Carnegie Center for the Arts on Saturday evenings in July.

### Carnegie Center Council for the Arts

Community events celebrating the 25th anniversary of Carnegie Center and centennial of the Carnegie building.

### Cass County Council on Aging

Culturally diverse one-hour performances during the lunch hour at Cass County Council on Aging.

### Dowagiac Downtown Development Authority

Vocal and instrumental summer music series at the Haggin-Wimberley Memorial Bandstand in Beckwith Park.

### Education for the Arts

Thirty performances by storyteller/musician Odds Bodkin for the Kalamazoo County schools.

### First Baptist Church of Kalamazoo

Three free concerts at First Baptist Church in downtown Kalamazoo.

### Fontana Chamber Arts

Residency by jazz vibraphonist Stefon Harris and Blackout, including master classes, workshops and performances.

### Kalamazoo Ballet

Classes and choreography for Kalamazoo Ballet students by David Curwen and Sharon Garber.

### Kalamazoo Pushkin Partnership

A performance series by several groups at the Russian Festival, November 20, 2004.

### Minority Coalition

International Festival at Southwestern Michigan College featuring ethnic musicians and dancers.

### City of Niles Parks & Recreation

Summer music series in the Niles Riverfront Park pavilion.

### Paw Paw Village Players

Performances of an original play, "Snow White and the Seven Hip-Hop Dwarfs."

### City of Portage

Shakespeare Festival at Celery Flats Historical Area Amphitheatre.

## MCACA Region 15 Mini-grants 2004 *continued*

### Putnam District Library

Discover New Trails, a free children's summer reading program.

### Renaissance Enterprises

One-hour enrichment programs in a variety of senior care facilities throughout southwest Michigan.

### South County Players

Summer season of rehearsals and performances at Vicksburg Performing Arts Center.

### Thornapple Arts Council

Seven-week summer Youth Theatre Program for Barry County residents.

### Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers

Residency, outreach and performances by modern dancer Margie Gillis.

## MCACA Region 15 Mini-grants 2005

### Berrien Artist Guild

Multidisciplinary arts education program for senior citizens at the Box Factory for the Arts in St. Joseph.

### Buchanan Preservation Society

Expositions, demonstrations and exhibit of antique signs during Buchananfest.

### CARES

Steel sculpture designed and installed in the foyer of the CARES office by sculptor Holly Fisher.

### Carnegie Center for the Arts

Visual and performing arts instruction for 4th graders from St. Joseph, Cass and Kalamazoo counties.

### Dowagiac Downtown Development Authority

Free 11-week vocal and instrumental music series held at Haggin-Wimberley Bandstand.

### Dowagiac Union Schools

Residency by Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra at the district's new performing arts center in November 2005.

### First Baptist Church of Kalamazoo

Music For Summer Nights, free recitals featuring local musicians.

### Fontana Chamber Arts

Free children's music activities at the Kalamazoo Nature Center during Fontana's 2005 Summer Festival.

### Fontana Chamber Arts

Workshop and two lecture demonstrations by Stefon Harris and Blackout, for middle- and high-school students in Covert Public Schools.

## MCACA Region 15 Mini-grants 2005 *continued*

### Harbor Arts

Three-day multidisciplinary cinema festival featuring musical scores written as live accompaniment to silent films.

### Michigan Bach Collegium

Three Baroque choral masterworks for wedding celebrations to be performed in May 2005.

### Milwood United Methodist Church

A concert by the Western Brass Quintet during the Milwood United Methodist Fine Arts series.

### Minority Coalition of Cass County

Fourth International Festival at Southwestern Michigan College, featuring ethnic musicians and dancers.

### Renaissance Enterprises

Musical enrichment programs for seniors in a variety of rural and underserved care facilities.

### Smartshop Metal Arts Collective

Two-month residency by Finnish metal artist Pekka Lappalainen resulting in a gift of public art to the City of Kalamazoo.

### South County Players

Performances of "Forever Plaid" and "Anne of Green Gables" at the Vicksburg Performing Arts Center.

### Sturgis Public Library

Fiesta Day, free family programming celebrating Hispanic Heritage month.

### Washington Writer's Academy

Woodworking, poetry and fiction workshops for third and fourth grade students.

### Watervliet North Elementary

After-school art instruction for students at North School.

### Wellspring/Cori Terry and Dancers

Residency, workshop and performances by dancer/choreographer Monica Bill Barnes.



*Crowds gather during an Art Hop at the Arts Council's gallery in the Epic Center. The Arts Council manages exhibitions at six additional gallery spaces in Kalamazoo County.*



*Underwritten by the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation, our series of free concerts in Bronson Park draws hundreds of people on Sunday afternoons in June, July and August. In 2005, the City of Kalamazoo became a joint sponsor with the Arts Council.*

# MEMBERS

Our work would not be possible without the kind and generous support of individuals and organizations in our community.

Thank you.

This list reflects those donors and members who joined our organization from Oct. 1, 2003 to Sept. 30, 2005.

## Individual Artist Members

Barbara Andreadis	Joseph Cherian	Lyla Fox	Carolyn Koebel
Susan Andress	Matthew Clysdale	Andrew Freemire	John Kollig, Jr.
Anne Anson	Trudy Cobb	Linsey Furry	Dan Kolodziej
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Robert Atkinson	Luciana Costea	Kavan Geary	Rhonda Larson
Keith and Jane Baas	Julian Cox	Sheila Genteman	Alexandrea Han Yik Lau
Susan Badger	Martha Cristy-Couch	Gary Glaser	Honore Lee
David Baker	Martha Croasdale	Norman Goodling	Maryjo Lemanski
Kate Barnes	Melanie Crow	Jaimy Gordon	Amy Levine
Christopher Barrett	David Curl	Caroline Gore	Karen Liell
Callie Baskerville-Jones	Meegan Czop	Lee Griffin	Christopher Light
June Belitz	Kara Aubin and Daniel Juzwiak	Douglas Chamberlin and Gay Guard-Chamberlin	Lizzie Luchsinger
Doug Berger	Christopher Darling	Amy Haas	Thomas Ludwig
Vicki Berglund	John Davis	Connie Hagman	Matthew Lund
Bijoy Bhuyan	Janet Deal-Koestner	Maryellen Hains	Michele Graff MacInnes
Gordon Boardman	Kate Demke	Mina Halsey	Linda Manguiat-Herzog
Connie Bohm	Richard and Yoshiko DePeaux	Ladislav and Jana Hanka	Don Marek
Lis Boki	Gerald Diment	Aubrey Jewel Hardaway	Patricia Plasko and Paul Marquardt
Harry Borgman	Mach Dinh	Al Harris, Jr.	Barbara Marquis
Sandra Bouwman	Kim Dixon	Susan Harrison	Gerald Mattei
Paula Bowers	Kevin Dodd	Jerry Harty	Nichole Maury
Sarah Boyce	Cat Crotchett and J.D. Dolan	Mary Hatch	Jeannette Maxey
Kevin Brady	Michael Donenfeld	Carrie Lee Hays	Damien Garrylee McCormick
Doreen Brinson	Tammy Douglas	Kristen Hemmy	Tara McKinney
Andrew Brockington	Allison Downey	Robert Hines	Rene Meave
Mary Brodbeck	Tom Duffield	Tamara Hirzel	Leslie Boughton and Derek Menchinger
Ben Brown	Michael Dunn	Holly Holmes	Thomas and Kathleen Mills
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