

the muse

*Timely, practical information
from the Arts Council
of Greater Kalamazoo*

MUSINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR

You're invited. We love those words. You're invited to ... a party. A dinner. A gala. A very special event.

As the Executive Director of the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, I'd like



to invite you ... to share your thoughts, feelings, insights and ideas about the Arts Council. I'd like to hear about how we can support you, work with you and meet your needs.

A big part of my job right now is learning more about this organization, how we operate, why we do the things we do. I'm eager to hear your perceptions, get your feedback and suggestions, and learn more about what you want from the Arts Council.

So, you're invited. To call me, email me or stop by the Arts Council office.

It's an open invitation to those of you who want to talk. I'd like to hear from artists, community members, business leaders and business people – what are your expectations of the Arts Council? What are your needs?

We are a service organization. We want to serve you. We'd like to learn how to give you what you want – when you want it.

So let's get together. Start that conversation. And get to know each other.

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CELEBRATE CONTRIBUTORS TO THE ARTS: NOMINATIONS DUE MAY 15

Who is making an impact on the arts in our community? Someone you know? A teacher? An arts volunteer? A leader in one of the many arts organizations in Kalamazoo?

The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo is seeking nominations for its annual Community Arts Awards, which honors individuals and organizations with significant contributions to the arts in our community.

Nominations are due by May 15 for the Community Medal of Arts, the Theodore C. Cooper Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service and the Business Arts Award. Nomination forms and guidelines are available at the Arts Council office in the Epic Center or at www.kalamazooarts.com.

"These awards offer a way to honor those making an impact on the arts in Kalamazoo," said Anne Berquist, executive director of the Arts Council. "We want to acknowledge the exemplary leadership and contribution of those who make Kalamazoo such a wonderful community for art and the arts."

The Community Medal of Arts celebrates individuals who live or work in Kalamazoo County and are actively engaged in the artistic life of the community. Artists, teachers and arts administrators are among those eligible for this award.

The Theodore C. Cooper Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service is granted to dedicated individuals whose lives exemplify a broad range of volunteer service to the arts community.

The Business Arts Award honors local businesses for their strong support for the arts community. Kalamazoo is rich with companies that have helped the arts through such means as long-term financial contributions, donated goods and services and employee volunteers.

Winners will be announced in June and awards presented at the annual Community Arts Awards gala on Thursday, Sept. 11, at Kalamazoo Cityscape Event Center and the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre. Tickets will be available in July. For more information, contact the Arts Council at (269) 342-5059.



Conrad Kaufman
Tables & Paintings
Arts Council
April

CONCERTS IN THE PARK

Enjoy a summer afternoon of musical entertainment in beautiful Bronson Park. Relax and take in the sweet sounds of talented performers at a series of free Sunday concerts.

Concerts in the Park opens June 8. Unless noted otherwise, all concerts start at 4 p.m. in Bronson Park at the Rotary Club Stage with rain site at First Baptist Church. Listed below is the full schedule of 2008 performance dates.

June 8	Kalamazoo Singers
June 15	Fonn Mor
June 22	Keith Hall & Tri-Fi
June 29	Kalamazoo Concert Band (Rain site: First Presbyterian Church)
July 6	Convinced
July 13	Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra (Concert at 8 p.m.; Rain site: TBA)
July 20	Blue Moon
August 3	Kalamazoo Brass
August 10	Greater Kalamazoo Dixieland Society Jazz Band
August 17	Kalamazoo Big Band
August 24	Dunuya Drum & Dance

Concerts in the Park is presented by the Arts Council and the City of Kalamazoo and made possible by a grant from the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation.

CHANGES COMING FOR GILMORE EMERGING ARTIST GRANT PROGRAM

The Gilmore Emerging Artist Grant Program currently is being restructured. In the months ahead, the Arts Council will be holding focus groups with artists, looking at models for similar programs nationwide, and researching ways to make the program as enriching and effective as possible.

There are no deadlines while the program is being restructured. More information, including updated deadlines, will be available on the website and in the Muse in the future.

For questions about this program, contact the Arts Council at (269) 342-5059.

MUSIC HEARD AROUND THE WORLD

On the longest day of the year, musicians all over the world – of every skill level and every genre – participate in Fête de la Musique.

It happens June 21 – and for the second year in a row, it's happening in Kalamazoo.

Fête de la Musique is being organized by the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo in collaboration with Fontana Chamber Arts and Downtown Kalamazoo, Inc. Traditional and non-traditional venues in downtown Kalamazoo will host performances from classical to jazz to bluegrass and rock.

This free, public summer music festival is a way for all musicians to share their love of performance with the Kalamazoo community. For adults and children of all ages, it's a chance to experience different music indoors and out – from parks to pubs, churches to train stations.

"It is exciting to be a part of a worldwide day of celebrating with music," said Anne Berquist, executive director of the Arts Council. "In Kalamazoo, we'll start the first day of summer by filling our city with music again this year."

Fête de la Musique was launched in 1982 in France and has become a social phenomenon around the world. Events are held in more than 100 countries across Europe and elsewhere around the world, including Egypt, Syria, Cambodia, Vietnam, Congo, Chile, Nicaragua and throughout the United States.



In Kalamazoo, locales in 2007

for performances were varied – ranging from Bell's Brewery to the Kalamazoo Transportation Center to St. Luke's Episcopal Church to Bronson Park, the Park Club and the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts.

Information on the 2008 Fête de la Musique, including how to participate, soon will be available at www.kalamazoofete.com.

CONSIDER A GIFT

Please help us continue our work to support, promote and fund the arts.

There are several ways to give:

Outright gifts

- *Cash* – receive instant credit; full income tax deduction
- *Stocks, bonds* – receive instant credit; full income tax deduction; capital gain tax savings

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- *Bequest (by will or trust)* – allows donor to make a substantial gift while still providing for one's personal financial needs; estate tax savings
- *Gift with life income for donor* – life income for donor; income, capital gain and estate tax savings
- *Beneficiary receives all or part of retirement benefits of IRAs* – provides income and estate tax savings

For more information, please contact the Arts Council at (269) 342-5059.



Group Collage Show
Arts Council
June



Marilyn O'Bryant
Watercolors
Borgess Woodbridge
April - June

opportunities

2008 WEST MICHIGAN AREA SHOW SEEKS ENTRIES FROM REGIONAL ARTISTS Regional artists are invited to participate in the annual West Michigan Area Show at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts (KIA) July 12–August 23. The juried competition is open to artists living in Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Eaton, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Kent, Muskegon, Ottawa, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties. Artists must be 18 years of age or older to enter. Entries must be hand-delivered to the KIA between Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 8. Eligible works include those of any medium in a two- or three-dimensional format and must have been completed within the last two years. Entry forms are available on the KIA Web site at www.kiarts.org/museum/exhibitions.shtml.

THORNAPPLE ARTS COUNCIL OF BARRY COUNTY seeks instructors to teach children's visual and three-dimensional art classes in Hastings in June and July. Classes will be held in drawing, painting, pottery, sculpture and mixed media. Send one letter of recommendation, three references, resume, and a brief class description to Program Coordinator Kathleen Crane at kathleencrane@mac.com.

OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS AT SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY The University Art Gallery at Saginaw Valley State University is seeking artists and exhibit proposals for 2008–2009 and future exhibitions. Artists should submit slides or high-quality photos and/or a DVD of work for review, as well as contact information, current resume, artist statement, availability, and a SASE for the return of materials. Send proposals to Hideki Kihata, chair, SVSU, Department of Art, University Center, MI 48710. Contact David Littell at (989) 964-4159 or at dlittel@svsu.edu for more information.

GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE ARTIST'S PROGRAM — CALL FOR ARTISTS The Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art of the Midland Center for the Arts is working with Governor's Residence Artist's Program to put together a body of artwork for the Governor's residence. Artists can submit up to four works for consideration in the juried invitational exhibition. To have work considered, artists should submit, by May 23, digital images of the works they would consider putting on loan and exhibition at the Governor's residence. For an entry form e-mail Mersmann@mcfta.org or call Armin Mersmann (989) 631-5930 x1404.

SCULPTURE MUSEUM ANNOUNCES EXHIBITION The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum invites artists working in sculpture and residing within 200 miles of the Saginaw/ Bay City/ Midland area of mid-Michigan to enter its 2008 Regional Biennial Juried Sculpture Exhibition. The exhibition dates are June 13 – Sept. 20, 2008. For more information contact the museum at (989) 964-7125 or at www.svsu.edu/mfsm.

opportunities (cont.)

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM IN PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS

Applications are available for the April 2008 – March 2009 Porcupine Mountains Artist-in-Residence Program. Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park is located at the western end of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. For more information or for an application click on the Artist-in-Residence page at www.porkies.org or e-mail airp@porkies.org.

PAINTAMERICA ANNOUNCES 2008 PAINT THE PARKS CALL TO ENTRIES

PaintAmerica, a national non-profit organization to support and promote the visual arts, has announced the Call to Entries for the 2008 "Paint The Parks" National Artists' Competition. Paint The Parks will attract many of the nation's top artists with a \$10,000 grand prize. Full details and entry forms are available at www.PaintAmerica.org. The competition celebrates the country's national parks, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the parks.

SCULPTURES NEEDED FOR ART CENTER GARDENS

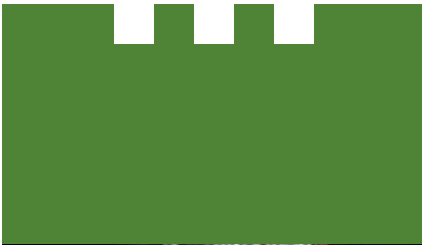
The Art Cafe is seeking sculpture artists as part of its Community Beautification project in Davison, Mich., from June 1 – Nov. 30, 2008. The artworks will reflect a variety of aesthetics including cultural icons or symbolic representations of historic highpoints and historic figures of the Davison area. Sculptures will be placed in the Art Cafe's sculpture garden, which is used as a community gathering place, and features flowers, a table and a computer kiosk. For information, contact the Art Café at (248) 328-0108 or visit www.artcafeonline.org.

GALLERY SEEKS WORK FROM MICHIGAN POTTERS

Paint Creek Center for the Arts is looking for Michigan potters to sell mugs in its newly renovated gift gallery. Contact Tessa Stein at tstein@pccart.org or Mary Fortuna at mfortuna@pccart.org. Mugs will be on display from April through July.



Chafe Hensley
Paintings and Digital Prints
Kingscott
May - June



Jennifer Moss
Mixed Media
Tromblay
May - June

grant awards

Emerging Artist Grants: 2008 Term 1

MARK DUVAL ... *for recording a CD of original music.*

In 2006 Mark released his first CD, "Rhythm of the Rustbelt", which was received warmly by the Kalamzoo music community. His music can be heard regularly on WMUK 102.1. Since November 2007 Mark has been involved in creating a new community music center in Kalamazoo. Part of the vision for the center is to build a listening room concert venue that will seat 150 – 300 people. Mark has donated his talents to raise money for many local fundraisers including K.N.O.W., the People's Food Co-op and Tiller's International.

MICAELA KINGSLIGHT ... *for recording of original music for guitar and voice with additional music by local musicians.*

Micaela has been enthralled with music since she was big enough to crawl up on a piano bench. She performed her first concert at Concordia University in Austin, Texas, at the age of nine. She currently teaches guitar and bass at Crescendo Academy of Music. She has played benefit concerts for Toys For Tots, Relay For Life, Loaves and Fishes, Toys For Katrina and Pride 2007. She has been a member of the band Fractal since 2003. She loves creating her own original music as well.

ADAM REIFSTECK ... *for recording original musical compositions.*

Composer/pianist Adam Reifsteck has written and performed music in a variety of styles and genres for audiences across the United States as well as in Europe. He composed the theme song "Jumpstart Your Faith" for the 2007 Diocese of Kalamazoo Youth Rally. In 2005 Adam was a participant in the All-Star Collegiate Choir conducted by Marvin Hamlisch with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra. He has also been a member of the Duquesne University Chamber Singers under the direction of Dr. Brady Allred. Adam currently serves as Director of Contemporary Music Ministries at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Portage.

TOM SCHILLACI, JR. ... *for photographing the morning and evening light of Tuscany for exhibition in Kalamazoo.*

Tom's love for photography began during a tour of duty in Germany with the Army. For the next 15 years he flirted with film photography, trying new techniques. In 2002 he began taking black and white photography classes under Amelia Falk. This was where he developed his artistic eye and the ability to capture the quality of light. His work has been showcased at the Kalamazoo Art Hop.

grant awards (cont.)

MCACA Region 15 Mini-Grants 2008 Term 2

**BERRIEN COUNTY
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
DISTRICT** ... to present to 1400 elementary students in-school performances of A Cultural Mosaic by the Citadel Dancers and the Junior Citadel Dancers, as well as visits by teaching artists.

**CITY OF NILES PARKS &
RECREATION** ... for a series of 36 free concerts as part of the 2008 Niles Summer Concert Series.

CITY OF PORTAGE ... for the Shakespeare in the Park Program offered as part of the City of Portage Summer Entertainment Series.

**GIRL SCOUTS OF
GLOWING EMBERS
COUNCIL** ... to expand arts programs that serve 500 girls, helping them develop new artistic skills and appreciation.

**KALAMAZOO FOLKLIFE
ORGANIZATION** ... for the 4th Annual Folklife Festival to be held at the Vicksburg Historic Village.

**KALAMAZOO VALLEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE** ... for comic art and animation workshops for youth participating in the Kalamazoo Animation Festival International (KAFI) Academy.

**MINORITY COALITION
OF CASS CITY** ... for the 6th International Festival in Cassopolis, which will feature ethnic musicians and dancers.

OPUS 21 ... to allow high school students to learn about the groundbreaking music of world-renowned composer/pianist Frederic Rzewski.

**THORNAPPLE ARTS COUN-
CIL** ... for a two-day Jazz Festival in Hastings, featuring free performances by high school and local jazz ensembles.

**WELLSPRING/CORI TERRY
& DANCERS** ... to engage 600 underserved third-grade students in Kalamazoo and Calhoun County in the creative art of modern dance.

**WEST MICHIGAN
GLASS SOCIETY** ... to provide Summer Glass Camps for area youth ages 10-18, culminating with a gallery exhibit for parents and the community.



Julia Haw
Paintings
Diekema Hamann
June - July

grant awards (cont.)

Arts Fund of Kalamazoo County 2008 Grant Awards

ALLISON DOWNEY ... for the release a CD of original folk music entitled Across the Sea.

MARIN HEINRITZ ... for Cancerland, a memoir that shares the effects of Hodgkin's disease.

DREW HILL ... for the use of digital mixed media animation to tell the story The Frog Prince in a quirky, modern fashion.

GINGER OWEN-MURAKAMI ... for exhibiting mixed media framed prints and sculptures at the Epic Center in November 2008.

SNIEDZE RUNGIS ... for Framed, four exhibits of photographs to take place in Kalamazoo.

BACH FESTIVAL OF MUSIC ... for operating support for vocal and choral education and outreach programming for students of all ages.

BLACK ARTS & CULTURAL CENTER ... for operating support to host the 2008 Black Arts Festival, assist in building capacity for the organization, and provide positive foundations and creative outlets for youth.

CRESCENDO ACADEMY OF MUSIC ... for operating support to aid in comprehensive music instruction to all persons regardless of age, ability or financial circumstance.

IRVING S. GILMORE INTERNATIONAL KEYBOARD FESTIVAL ... for project support to bring Trudy Pitts and Mr. "C" and Nachito Herrera and his band to the 2008 Gilmore Keyboard Festival.

JULIUS & ESTHER STULBERG STRING COMPETITION ... for operating support to promote excellence in stringed instrument performance by gifted young artists under age 20.

KALAMAZOO BOOK ARTS CENTER ... for operating support to further the collaborative arts of book design and printing, fine printmaking, papermaking, bookbinding and creative writing.

KALAMAZOO CHILDREN'S CHORUS ... for operating support to provide opportunities for children to learn and perform in an atmosphere of artistic excellence.

KALAMAZOO INSTITUTE OF ARTS ... for project support for the Different Points of View project which examines the diverse ways artists depict the Michigan landscape.



Christina Chobot
Paintings
Arts Council
May

grant awards (cont.)

KALAMAZOO JUNIOR SYMPHONY SOCIETY ... for operating support to encourage and develop artistic excellence among young musicians in southwest Michigan by providing a diversity of quality orchestral experiences.

KALAMAZOO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ... for project support to implement the spring portion of the KSO/Gilmore Partner Schools program involving 3,300 students.

MICHIGAN FESTIVAL OF SACRED MUSIC ... for operating support for the organization's mission of representing different religious traditions, and events including concerts, workshops, lectures and educational events.

WELLSPRING/CORI TERRY & DANCERS ... for operating support for southwest Michigan's only professional modern dance company.

MAGIK: Grants for Educators

MAGIK grants are made possible through the generous support of Rx Optical.

NORTHGATE MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ...

for a field trip to the West Michigan Glass Society.

PORTAGE WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL ... for a jewelry artist-in-residence.

KAZOO SCHOOL ... to attend a West Michigan Glass Society workshop.

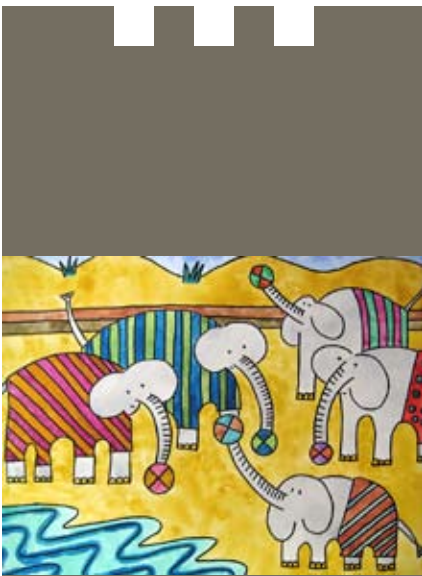
WOODLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ... to participate in a Smartshop workshop.

PARKWOOD-UPJOHN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ... for percussion workshops.

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL ... for the Shared Theater Program.



Larry Laurin
Drawings
Barnabee Gallery at
Alma Powell Library
April - May



Joe Mockbee
Watercolors
Barnabee Gallery at
Alma Powell Library
June-July

call for artists

COVER ART FOR 2008 COMMUNITY ARTS AWARDS PROGRAM

Entry Requirements:

- All work must have been produced within the last year.
One entry per artist.
- Artist must be 18-30 years of age.
- Work can be from any medium, please NO 2D work larger than 36" x 36".
- Sculpture/ceramics can only be of the size that stands on a desktop or pedestal with a base no larger than 16"x 16".
- Work must be labeled with the entry form below.

Awards:

- The Arts Council will purchase the winning work for \$250.
- Image of winning art will be printed on the front cover of the program for the Community Arts Awards Gala, Thursday, September 11, 2008.
- The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo will have rights to the image for reproduction.

Dates:

- Entries will be accepted from Monday, July 7–Tuesday, July 15.
- Last day for entries is July 15, 2008 by 5 p.m.;
office hours are M-F, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Entries should be brought to:

Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo
The Epic Center
359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 203
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

- Declined work will be notified by mail. Pick up of entries will be from July 28–August 15 at the Arts Council office M-F, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Last day for work to be picked up is Friday, August 15 at 5 p.m.
- Artwork left after this date will be discarded.

Awards Program Cover Art *(Please Print)*

Artist's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Title of Work: _____

Medium: _____



welcome members and donors

The Arts Council welcomes these new and renewing members and donors who have joined us between January 1, 2008 and March 28, 2008. For information about individual, corporate, and organizational membership, call (269) 342-5059.

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**NOMINATE
OUTSTANDING
SUPPORTERS
OF THE ARTS**

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arts council calendar

May 2	Art Hop	Schedule mailed to Arts Council members and donors
May 3	All Ears Theatre: Hansel & Gretel	First Baptist Church, 6 pm
May 15	Community Arts Awards nominations due	Community Medal of Arts, Theodore C. Cooper Award for Distinguished Volunteer Service and the Business Arts Award
May 15	Young Artist of the Year nominations due	Eligible: Graduating high school seniors previously honored as Young Artist of the Week during their high school years
May 17	All Ears Theatre: Gold of the Adomar	First Baptist Church, 6 pm
May 31	All Ears Theatre: The Adventures of Connie Creeks: Traffic Jam	First Baptist Church, 6 pm
June 6	Expanded Art Hop	Schedule mailed to Arts Council members and donors
June 8	Concerts in the Park: Kalamazoo Singers	Bronson Park, 4 pm
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July 11	Art Hop	Date change because 1st Friday falls on July 4; schedule mailed to Arts Council members and donors



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