

# the muse

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

## ALL EARS THEATRE GETS READY FOR ITS SIXTH SEASON

It's that time again. All Ears Theatre opens its sixth season of radio dramas performed live at First Baptist Church on January 6, 2007. Before the season can begin, All Ears Theatre needs actors. A workshop for aspiring radio actors who have not previously participated in an All Ears Theatre program will be held November 10, from 7–9 p.m., in the lower level classroom of the Epic Center.

*Auditions for the 2007 season will be conducted throughout the year in four sets:*

Set One	December 12 and 13
Set Two	January 22 and 23
Set Three	February 19 and 20
Set Four	March 19 and 20

All auditions will be held at 7 p.m. in the Epic Center classroom. The first evening of auditions will be an open call, followed by a callback on the second night. No experience is necessary. Come prepared to read from the scripts.

Remember to check [alleartstheatre.com](http://alleartstheatre.com) for more details about what is sure to be another exciting season.

### 2007 All Ears Season:

- January 6 and 20
- February 3 and 17
- March 3, 17 and 31
- April 7 and 21
- May 5 and 19
- June 2

## LOOKING AHEAD TO SUPPORTING, PROMOTING AND FUNDING THE ARTS IN GREATER KALAMAZOO

At the annual meeting on October 12, we will review the year ending September 30, 2006. We will look at what we planned and what we accomplished. And then we will look ahead, to what we hope to achieve in this new fiscal year. We have some plans and some questions for our artists and donors.

### *Strategic Planning*

We have finished our strategic map with priorities for the next two years. It's based in part on the input we received from our stakeholders during the 2004 Arts Council assessment process, the 2002–2007 strategic plan and the 1990 cultural plan. We will present the map at the annual meeting on October 12, and report on our progress toward implementation.

### *Grants*

Our grant programs grew to seven this past fiscal year, with the new Kellogg Capacity Building grants. We have \$17,000 remaining in this category for fiscal year 2006–2007. So far, member arts organizations have received grants for strategic planning, development planning, and Web site design. Kellogg also gave us funds to distribute through the MAGIK program, to increase the number of grants we can award to classroom teachers for arts programs. We continue to seek new sources of re-granting funds. We are also working to restore or replace funding levels that have decreased due to cuts in the MCACA budgets and the impact of the economy on the Arts Fund of Kalamazoo endowment funds. Our board has formed a Funding Task Force to evaluate our internal development plan, diversify our funding base and grow our financial resources.

Barbara Harkins has done an excellent job of taking over as Grants and Membership Director. With the help of our grantees and panelists, Barb is reviewing our grant guidelines for clarity and complexity. We want to make sure our grant criteria are clear and the process is accessible to the artists and organizations that are intended to benefit.

## LOOKING AHEAD TO SUPPORTING, PROMOTING AND FUNDING THE ARTS IN GREATER KALAMAZOO (CONT.)

### *Promotion*

Under the direction of Lisa Williams, Communications Director, the Art Hop will continue to be a featured activity of the Arts Council, in service to our fine artists and our art-loving community. Curator Kirsten Field has proven to have a good eye for talent, and receives kudos on her exhibit presentation.

Kalamazooarts.com and our newest Web site offering allearththeatre.com are an increasingly valuable window into the arts in Kalamazoo. Traffic increases each month, and it's not uncommon for an Art Hop card to be downloaded several thousand times per month. Lisa has added the RSS feature, which allows you to subscribe to calendar updates for your particular field of interest.

### *Member Services*

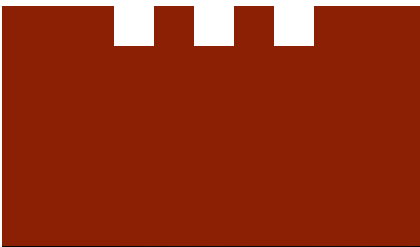
We have once again requested funds to support a workshop series for our member artists and arts organizations. Our attendance for the spring 2006 series was significantly larger than the previous year, and members have indicated a desire to have another round in spring of 2007. We would very much like your input on areas of interest for the workshops and seminars. Feel free to call or email us with your requests (269-342-5059 or ktosco@kalamazooarts.com).

Blue Cross/Blue Shield has offered a health insurance plan for our members (individuals and organizations), provided we can create a pool of 300 participants. So far, we have responses from 100 and we have teamed up with the arts councils of Grand Rapids and Battle Creek to expand the pool. If you are interested in being added to the list, please contact us (jnuzzo@kalamazooarts.com). We are also looking into the potential for a much larger pool through one of our statewide arts partners. The bigger the pool, the smaller the rates.

We will also continue to offer technical support, advocacy and consultation services for our arts, business and education constituents. And if we don't have the expertise in-house, we will work to help you find it. We will continue our policy of taking the Arts Council out into the community through our work with neighborhood associations, community task forces, business associations and civic organizations.

### *Programs*

Although we are not a producing organization, we have some special programs we have taken on to benefit the community. All Ears Theatre, Concerts in the Park and our newest program, United Teen Talents, will continue with the generous support of the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation. All three programs showed increases in attendance and participation in fiscal year 2005-2006. We look forward to another year of quality offerings for the whole family.



Fruitbelt Photo Group  
Photography/Graphic Art  
WMU Unified Clinics  
November 3-January 31



Dan Hook  
Drawings  
Tromblay  
November 3-December 22

### *The Epic Center*

We are full to bursting with fine art, music, dance, video, media, broadcasting (including Community Access's new radio station), good food and quality merchandise from nature. Our artists, students, patrons and business partners are working together to keep the Epic Center an important focal point of downtown life. We are constantly at work maintaining our high aesthetic standards for the building, upgrading essential equipment and infrastructure. A priority for this coming year will be on energy conservation and improvements to our elevator.

This is the summary of our plans for fiscal year 2006–2007. With your feedback we evaluate our work constantly. It's our mission to provide what our artists need to produce good art for our community to experience. With your support as members and donors we are able to respond to the needs of our artists and keep Kalamazoo a creative, vibrant, cool place to live and work.

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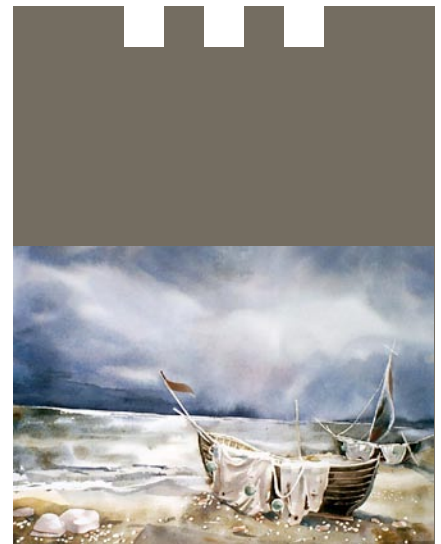
### **MICHIGAN FESTIVAL OF SACRED MUSIC RECEIVES CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT**

The Arts Council is pleased to announce that Michigan Festival of Sacred Music has been awarded the Kellogg Foundation Capacity Building Grant. Michigan Festival of Sacred Music partnered with Student Athletic Protection, Inc. and used the funds to provide a two-part retreat for its board members that was led by Erika Oliver.

Michael Palmer, board chair of Michigan Festival of Sacred Music, said "The retreat experience was very beneficial, especially in terms of team building and the process of putting policies and procedures in place that go toward the entire team-building process."

The Kellogg Foundation Capacity Building Grant will make up to \$1,000 available to organizations for projects which will strengthen their infrastructure and effectiveness. The grants require an element of corporate partnership. Organizations applying for these grants need a business partner. Arts organizations can request up to \$1,000 for an activity or event that will tangibly improve the way they do business. To secure the grant funds, arts organizations must have a commitment from a business partner for a one-to-one matching amount, either cash or in-kind.

The grant program will run until June 30, 2007 or until funds are exhausted. Grant projects will be considered on a first come, first served basis. For information about applying for the grant, contact Barbara Harkins at 269-342-5059 or bharkins@kalamazooarts.com.



Viestars Airstarts  
Paintings  
Borgess Woodbridge Hills  
Through December 29



Ione Condit  
Photographs  
West Michigan Cancer Center  
Through January 31, 2007



Eve Reid  
Artist-made Paper  
Arts Council  
Through October 30



Tom Kendall  
Kingscott  
Through October 31

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BALLET ARTS

Congratulations to Ballet Arts School of Dance as it celebrates its 30th anniversary and to Ballet Arts Ensemble on its 25th birthday.

Cathy Huling is currently artistic director at Ballet Arts Ensemble and a co-owner and teacher at Ballet Arts School of Dance. She says the school and ensemble work to uphold the quality and values established by founders Jerre James and Bette Jaochimi. But what's new after three decades? Huling says the budgets are a bit larger now, something that has allowed the organizations to embark on more partnerships with local arts organizations. And she observes that children nowadays seem "over committed and more pressured to achieve." But at the end of the day, she says, "Kids are kids." For more information, visit [balletarts.home.att.net](http://balletarts.home.att.net).

## opportunities

### 2007-2008 MAP FUND APPLICATION DEADLINE ANNOUNCED

The Multi-Arts Production Fund 2007 application deadline will be Friday, February 16, 2007. Guidelines, Eligibility Requirements and Online Application will be available online Monday, December 4, 2006 [www.mapfund.org](http://www.mapfund.org). In keeping with the mandate of its founding organization, The Rockefeller Foundation, MAP seeks especially to support work that brings insight to the issue of cultural difference, be that in class, gender, generation, ethnicity, or tradition."

### PROGRESSIVE ART PROJECTS SUPPORTED

The Puffin Foundation supports creative and innovative initiatives that will advance progressive social change. Grants are intended to encourage emerging artists in the fields of art, music, theater, dance, photography, and literature. The Foundation does not have the means to fund large film/documentary proposals, grants for travel, continuing education, or for the writing or publication of books. Proposals for 2007 grants will be accepted until December 15, 2006. For more information visit [puffinfoundation.org](http://puffinfoundation.org).

### 26TH ANNUAL EXPO JURIED COMPETITION IS SEEKING ENTRIES IN ALL MEDIA

besides crafts. Award of 6-8 person exhibit, March 1- March 31, 2007. Deadline November 10, 2006. Send \$35 and six slides or images on CD along with SASE to EXPO, B. J. Spoke Gallery, 299 Main St, Huntington, NY 11743. For more information, visit [bjspokegallery.com](http://bjspokegallery.com) or e-mail [info@bjspokegallery.com](mailto:info@bjspokegallery.com).

### NATIONAL JURIED ART EXHIBITION SEEKS ENTRIES OF

two- and three-dimensional fine art and photography completed in the last two years. Cash awards of nearly \$10,000. For prospectus visit [bakerarts.org](http://bakerarts.org), or send SASE to Baker Arts Center, 624 N Pershing, Liberal, KS 67901.

**THE ATLANTIC CENTER FOR THE ARTS** announces a call to artists for "Images: A Festival of the Arts." The festival takes place February 10–11, 2007 at Riverside Park in New Smyrna Beach, FL. For more information visit [imagesartfestival.org](http://imagesartfestival.org) or e-mail [images@imagesartfestival.org](mailto:images@imagesartfestival.org).

**THE MICHIGAN BUREAU OF COMMERCIAL SERVICES**, Corporation Division, offers a seminar for new nonprofit officers, directors and members. Seminars are offered monthly from March to October at the Okemos office (2501 Woodlake Circle, Okemos, MI) from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is a non-refundable fee of \$50 per person for attending the seminar. The seminar covers a wide variety of topics including director and officers duties and responsibilities, indemnification, charitable solicitations, financing, tax issues, filing requirements and record keeping. For more information and to register visit [http://www.michigan.gov/cis/0,1607,7-154-35299\\_35413-135907--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/cis/0,1607,7-154-35299_35413-135907--,00.html).

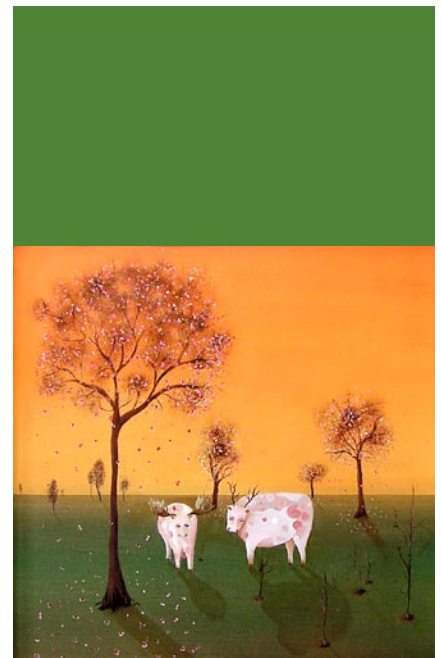
**AMERICANS FOR THE ARTS JOB BANK** is a free service that links people to jobs in the arts as well as other regional, local and discipline-based job banks from across the country. To post your resume, visit [artsusa.org](http://artsusa.org).

**THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN** is creating an online directory of history related speakers, storytellers and musicians at [hsmichigan.org](http://hsmichigan.org). To be included in this directory, send a picture, a brief biography or description of your program to [hsm@hsmichigan.org](mailto:hsm@hsmichigan.org), or the Historical Society of Michigan, 1305 Abbott Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823.

**THE NATIONAL GUILD OF COMMUNITY SCHOOLS OF THE ARTS** will host its 69th national convention, the Conference for Community Arts Education, in Phoenix, AZ, October 31 – November 4, 2006. Nationally renowned leaders in the fields of advocacy, arts integration, arts education assessment, board development, curriculum, evaluation, finance, fundraising, marketing/public relations, management, partnerships, planning, research and technology will lead sessions. Staff, faculty, trustees and volunteers at community-based arts education organizations and programs are encouraged to attend. Detailed program, schedule and registration information is available at [communityartsed.org](http://communityartsed.org).

**NATIONAL ART PREMIERE 2007 AT ELMHURST ARTISTS' GUILD GALLERY** in the Elmhurst Art Museum is being held February 14 – March 21, 2007. Artists working in all mediums of fine art are eligible to apply. A minimum of \$3,000 in cash awards will be distributed. Deadline for application is November 25, 2006. For more information visit [elmhurstartistsguild.org](http://elmhurstartistsguild.org).

**ARTS REACH NATIONAL ARTS MARKETING CONFERENCE 2006** will be held November 17–19, 2006 in New York City. Topics to be addressed include subscriptions vs. single tickets, earned income strategies, enhancing museum patronage and marketing to Generation X and Y. To register, visit [artsreach.com](http://artsreach.com) or call 1-888-881-5861.



Erin LaRoque  
Paintings  
Tromblay  
Through October 31



Indrani Gall  
Handmade Prints  
Kingscott  
November 3–29

# grant awards

## Emerging Artist Grant

**GRETCHEN HUGGETT**  
... for creation of fiber pieces based on Joseph Scheer's moth photographs.

**PATRICK ROBERTS** ... for study with jazz bassist Ron Carter in New York, autumn 2006.

**MARIANNE SWIERENGA**  
... to attend the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts and finish a collection of essays.

**MEGHANN TANG** ... for creation of gold and silver jewelry with crop circle themes.

**KATHY O. KREAGER** ... for creation of 15 sculpture pieces that incorporate metal and glass.

## **BACH FESTIVAL SOCIETY OF KALAMAZOO, INC.**

... for outreach workshops at two middle schools by musicians Rich and Brandon Ridenour.

## **CITADEL DANCE CENTER, INC.**

... for performances by students including a portion of *Esplanade* by Paul Taylor.

## **NEW TERRITORY ARTS ASSOCIATION**

... for glass-blowing program for 18 Benton Harbor youth throughout the 2006–2007 school year.

## **GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

... for free art workshops and performances specially geared toward students with disabilities.

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## MCACA Region 15 Minigrants

**MILWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
... for Blue Dahlia's musical accompaniment to the silent movie *The General* on Dec. 17, 2006.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF KALAMAZOO** ... for a concert by Italian classical mandolin virtuoso Carlo Aonzo and Cuban guitarist Rene Izquierdo.

**WELLSPRING/CORI TERRY & DANCERS** ... for Dance in the Schools for 400 third-grade students in Kalamazoo County.

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## Kellogg Capacity Building Grants

**MICHIGAN FESTIVAL OF SACRED MUSIC** ... for a board retreat to help better identify and utilize skills and interests of board members.

**RENAISSANCE ENTERPRISES**  
... for board training and development, Web site updating, and design for a new company brochure.

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## Arts Outreach Fund

**KEVIN O'DONNELL** ... for weekly, one-hour sing-along sessions for Kalamazoo Senior Services at the Coover Senior Center.



Betty Antosz  
Quilts  
Arts Council  
December 1–22



Caroline Gore  
space:bodies  
Metal Work/Jewelry  
Kingscott  
December 1–22

# welcome members and donors

*The Arts Council welcomes these new and renewing members and donors who have joined us between June 1, 2006 and September 28, 2006. For information about individual, corporate, and organizational membership, call (269) 342-5059.*

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## Member Organizations

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Black Arts & Cultural  
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The Event Co./  
New Year's Fest  
First Baptist Church  
of Kalamazoo  
Fontana Chamber Arts  
Gallery 344  
Gilmore Keyboard Festival  
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# arts council calendar

October 11	Arts Fund Grant workshop	4 p.m., Arts Council Harold and Grace Upjohn Boardroom
November 3	Art Hop	Schedule mailed to Arts Council members and donors
November 10	All Ears Theatre Actor workshop	7–9 p.m., Epic Center Classroom
November 15	Emerging Artist Grant workshop	4 p.m., Arts Council Harold and Grace Upjohn Boardroom
December 1	Arts Fund Grant applications due	Eligible: 501(c) (3) arts and cultural organizations and individual artists in Kalamazoo County
December 1	Art Hop	Schedule mailed to Arts Council members and donors
December 13	MCACA Region 15 Mini-grant workshop	4 p.m., Arts Council Harold and Grace Upjohn Boardroom
December 12–13	All Ears Theatre auditions	7–9 p.m., Epic Center Classroom
January 5	Art Hop	Schedule mailed to Arts Council members and donors
January 6	All Ears Theatre season opens	6 p.m., First Baptist Church, free



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