

June 2008

## From the Executive Director:

The Tennessee Arts Commission "Talk to Me Tennessee" conference was excellent and I personally want to thank all of you that attended. It was a terrific opportunity to network with others from around the state and to hear speakers that are the top of their field. Please take the opportunity, if you have not already done so, to write to Rich Boyd at the Tennessee Arts Commission and give him your thoughts about the conference.

There is much to do this summer. Please enjoy the arts and do what you can to ensure the arts are ever present here in Davidson County.

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## New Mayoral Appointee:

Kim Fowler has been appointed by Mayor Karl Dean to the Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission. Now an independent publicist, Fowler was previously vice president of artist and media relations at Sugar Hill Records. Fowler will complete the unexpired term of Ivanetta Davis Samuels. Many thanks to outgoing commissioner Samuels, who will now be serving on the Metropolitan Board of Parks & Recreation.

## Important Dates:

**June 3** *Metro Council Hearing on Budget*  
6:30PM, Metro Courthouse Council Chambers, 1 Public Square

**June 5** *Metro Arts Budget Presentation to Budget & Finance Committee*  
4:00PM, Metro Courthouse Council Chambers, 1 Public Square

## June 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, NowPlayingNashville.com, at [www.nowplayingnashville.com](http://www.nowplayingnashville.com).



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

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



**"The old fence" by Featured Artist Bob Ferguson**

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

**New on the Registry:**  
Bob Ferguson  
Lou F. Ridge

## Arts Directory

Click here to visit the [Arts Directory](#), a guide to Nashville's arts organizations. Update your organization's listing

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## Metro Arts Gallery Local Art Exhibition Schedule:

The 2008-2009 artists selected from the [Artist Registry](#) participants who applied for the exhibition are:

### Currently on display through July 2008:

Carrie Glenn and Larry Megill  
Michael Serkownek  
Jorge Yances

### July - November 2008:

Olga Alexeeva  
Juliana Ericson  
Donna Rizzo

### November 2008 - March 2009:

Marla Faith  
R. Lafayette Mitchell

To learn more about these artists and their artwork, and to view images, click [here](#). 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 8:30AM to 4:30PM. Closed holidays.

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## Conferences:

### Annual Writers' Conference *June 6 - 7*

Nashville, TN

Writers of all genres and skill levels are invited to the 2008 Tennessee Writers Alliance (TWA) Writers' Conference. Kicking off the conference on June 6 will be sessions on fiction writing, agents, travel writing, writing for young adults and online marketing. The second day will include sessions on book packaging, editors, fiction writing, poetry, romance writing, creative nonfiction, agents, book promotion and self-publishing. Keynote speaker Estelle Condra will be followed by the announcement of the 2008 Tennessee Writer of the Year Award and 2008 Literary Legend Award. Registration is \$150 for members, \$190 for nonmembers and \$75 for students. For more information, send email to [conference@tn-writers.org](mailto:conference@tn-writers.org).

### Performing Arts Exchange *September 24 - 28*

Atlanta, GA

The Performing Arts Exchange (PAE) is a performing arts marketplace and professional development conference presented annually by the Southern Arts Federation (SAF). It brings together approximately 1,000 performing artists, artist managers and performing arts presenters for four days of artistic expression, networking and booking. Now in its 32nd year, PAE will be held in Atlanta, Georgia. PAE is presented in partnership with the Georgia Council for the Arts, and in collaboration with the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation and the New England Foundation for the Arts. For more information about PAE, call (404) 874-7244 ext.

or add a listing [here](#).

This month's feature:

[Arts & Business Council of Greater Nashville](#)

The mission of the Arts & Business Council of Greater Nashville is to foster and build partnerships between business and the arts that are mutually beneficial and contribute to the economic and cultural vitality of the Greater Nashville Region.

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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:

[Art in Context](#)

Art in Context catalogues and presents information added by curators, dealers, artists, writers and others from around the world. Art in Context provides information about over 10,000 artists and where to find their work.

[Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission](#)

[Tennessee Arts Commission](#)

[National Endowment for the Arts](#)

[Americans for the Arts](#)

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**Find upcoming arts events at**

**NowPlayingNashville.com**



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For accomodation requests, please contact: Teri Alea, ADA Compliance Coordinator  
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## **Calls to Artists:**

### **Tennessee Arts Commission Memorial Sculpture**

*Deadline: July 18*

Nashville, TN

The Tennessee Arts Commission requests qualifications from professional artists for the creation of a sculpture to commemorate the first African Americans who served in the Tennessee General Assembly. This memorial will take form in a four-foot bronze portrait bust bearing the likeness of Representative Sampson W. Keeble of Nashville. The final piece will be displayed in a half-cylindrical wall niche on the second floor of the Capitol Building in Nashville. This project is open to established visual artists living in the United States with a minimum of two years professional experience. Minorities are strongly encouraged to apply for this opportunity. For additional information, contact Julie Roberts, director of visual arts, craft and media, at [julie.roberts@state.tn.us](mailto:julie.roberts@state.tn.us).

### **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, click [here](#).

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

### **Twenty Questions: Things that Every Nonprofit Board Member (and Advisor) Should Ask and Know**

June 4 , 9:00 - 11:15AM

Location T.B.A.

The title says it all! Neil McBride will discuss issues faced by lawyers who advise nonprofit organizations. Neil has nearly 30 years of experience advising nonprofit organizations as the Director Rural Legal Services of Tennessee and in his current role as General Counsel to the Legal Aid Society. He also teaches a clinical seminar on representing nonprofit corporations at the University of Tennessee College of Law. This program, presented by Tennessee Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts and the Legal Aid Society, is free and open to the public. Those planning to attend must RSVP to [info@tnvla.org](mailto:info@tnvla.org).

### **LeQuire Open Studio with Alan LeQuire**

April 17 - June 26, Thursdays 5:30 - 8:30PM

LeQuire Studio, 4304 Charlotte Avenue

Students can sculpt, paint or draw with Alan LeQuire in his studio, working from a live model. Positions change every three weeks. Materials will be supplied. The fee is \$25 per class and students may join at any time. For more information, contact the studio at (615)298-4611 or [lequire@mindspring.com](mailto:lequire@mindspring.com).

**Workshop: Drawing on the Outer Realm taught by Marla Faith**

June 12 - 26, Thursdays 6:30 - 8:30PM

Art & Soul, 2305 12th Avenue S.

Basic drawing skills are important for the confidence to draw what you see as well as what you imagine. In this class, participants will work from observation, developing skills in perception. Still life will be used to practice seeing and drawing the relationship of shapes, negative space to positive space, volume and shading. Cost is \$150 plus \$20 materials fee. For more information, call (615)460-1161.

**Beginning Oil Painting with Marla Faith**

June 21 - July 26, Saturdays 9:30 - 11:30AM

Art & Soul, 2305 12th Avenue S.

Beginning painting students will enjoy exercises in mixing and blending colors, discovering personal color harmony, as well as painting from observation. Gain confidence and skills as you become acquainted with the use of mediums, palette knife, brushwork, tints and shades. The first few classes will focus on getting to know what the paint can do and, in the remaining classes, a still life will be painted. For more information, call (615)460-1161

**Collage Workshop: From Pieces to Masterpieces**

June 21, 1:00 - 5:00PM

Art & Soul, 2305 12th Avenue S.

Empty out your junk drawer, recycle old artwork, gather your scattered ephemera and reassemble it all into poetic and visually cohesive works of art in this four-hour workshop. Participants will experiment with and explore images and textures. They will look at the works of masters of collage, find inspiration in the ordinary treasures around us and create unique and meaningful works of art. Participants are encouraged to bring their own art, letters and cards, stamps and other memorabilia to incorporate into their work. Workshop will be taught by Marla Faith. Cost is \$75 plus \$10 materials fee. For more information, call (615)460-1161.

**Learn the Art and Business of Painting Murals with Michael Cooper**

July 7 - 11, October 6 - 10

Murals & More Studio, 112 Medford Place

Mike's intensive 5-day classes cover everything you need to master unique interior and exterior mural techniques, master basic perspective and Trompe L'oeil (meaning "fool the eye"), work with specialized tools of the trade to save valuable time, transfer drawings and designs by pouncing and graphing, properly use an opaque projector, design a mural to scale, prep, painting and install a canvas mural from start to finish, develop key business skills, pricing and marketing techniques and so much more! Fee for 5-day class is \$1750. For more information, contact the studio at (615)591-2575, email [michael@muralsandmore.com](mailto:michael@muralsandmore.com) or click [here](#).

**Workshop: Drawing on the Inner Realm: Finding Your Personal Symbols and Narratives taught by Marla**

## **Faith**

July 17 - 31, Thursdays 6:30 - 8:30PM

Art & Soul, 2305 12th Avenue S.

Art can be a mirror that reveals one's deepest self. Classes will begin with guided visualizations and centering meditations that will help you open to the Soul's voice manifesting through your artwork. Music will be used to help sustain an empty, open space for receiving, trusting and drawing your visions. The instructor will gently guide and support you in putting your most authentic voice on paper. Cost is \$150 plus \$20 materials fee. For more information, call (615)460-1161.

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## **Health Coverage for Artists:**

Go to [artshealthamerica.org](http://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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