

April 2009

Important Dates:

April 1 *Cultural Executives Network Meeting*

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Belcourt Theatre, 2102 Belcourt Ave. Open to all cultural organizations, this forum provides an opportunity for networking and discussing topics of interest facing all organizations. This month's meeting will feature guest speaker Sam Davidson, founder and president of CoolPeopleCare.org. Sam has led nonprofit social media workshops all over the country, and his writings on social media and nonprofit leadership have appeared all over the web. Box lunch available for \$10 (cash only.) RSVP by March 30 to arts@nashville.gov or (615) 862-6721.

April 2 *Sell Nashville Meeting*

7:45 - 8:00 a.m. Networking, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Meeting, Nashville CVB Boardroom, 150 4th Ave. North (corner of 4th and Commerce)

This bi-monthly meeting provides insights into the current Nashville CVB marketing efforts and is an opportunity to share information about your organization's activities. This is a great chance to network in the hospitality industry and to promote cultural tourism in Nashville!

April 14 *Arts Advocacy Day and Festival on the Hill*

10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Legislative Plaza
Tennesseans for the Arts, a statewide arts advocacy organization, has announced plans for an outdoor arts festival and celebration of the arts in conjunction with Arts Advocacy Day on the Hill. In addition to talking with legislators about the value of the arts, this is an opportunity to showcase an array of artists from across the state. Visit www.tn4arts.org for more information.

April 16 *MNAC Commission Meeting*

12:00 p.m., 800 2nd Ave. S., 2nd Floor, Davidson Room

April 17 *Arts Alert Deadline*

Those wishing to submit opportunities and resources for the arts community should email 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.

May 6 *Cultural Executives Network Meeting*

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Belle Meade Plantation, 5025 Harding



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**"Seeking Home"
by Featured
Artist Sharon
Charney**

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

**Updated on the
Registry:**
Sharon Charney
Bruce Peebles

Arts Directory

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

This month's feature:
[Callisto Gallery](#)
The mission of Callisto
Gallery is to provide an

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New Mayoral Appointee:

Jeff Obafemi Carr has been appointed by Mayor Karl Dean to the Metropolitan Nashville Arts Commission to serve a four year term. Carr is the founder and artistic director of Amun Ra Theatre, a nonprofit, professional performing arts ensemble in Nashville. He is also a professional actor and playwright, having written nine plays and produced five professionally.

Former Metro Arts Commission Chair Molly Pratt to Receive Governor's Arts Award

Tennessee's highest honor in the arts will be awarded April 14 to eight recipients that exemplify the state's finest cultural traditions, including former Metro Arts Commission Chair Molly Pratt in the Arts Leadership category. The recipients will be honored at an invitation-only reception at the War Memorial Building. Recipients were selected from 56 nominees. Congratulations to Molly! Click [here](#) for more information.

FY2010 Grants Schedule:

Review Dates

April 27 - May 1.....Grant Panel Review Basic I
May 7.....Grant Panel Review Basic II
May 12.....Grant Panel Review Basic III
May 14.....Grant Panel Review Creation
May 19.....Grant Panel Review Neighborhood Program

Organizations will be assigned specific times for review. All reviews are open to the public and will be held at the Metro Office Building, 800 Second Ave. South, 2nd floor conference room. For additional information about the grants schedule for FY2010, click [here](#) to visit the Grants section of the Metro Arts website or contact Grants Program Manager Jonathan Saad at (615) 862-6744 or jonathan.saad@nashville.gov.

Metro Arts Gallery Local Exhibition Schedule:

Metro Arts invites artists participating in MNAC's [Artist Registry](#) to exhibit artworks in the public area of the office, which is a high-vaulted and light-filled space on the fourth floor of the Metro Office Building, 800 2nd Ave. South.

March - July 2009

Kevin Bentley
Stacey Irvin

July - November 2009

Laura Chenicek
Paula Bowers Hodvedt
Laura Young

November 2009 - March 2010

L.A. Bachman

exhibition venue for those contemporary visual artists who seek innovation in their work through simplicity without sacrificing the essence of art as aesthetically pleasing to the viewer. Callisto's current focus is the Antikythera concept which embodies actual movement in the digital environment.

New on the *Directory*:

Callisto Gallery
Crema

Updated on the *Directory*:

Chinese Arts Alliance
Nashville Artist Guild
Nashville Jazz
Orchestra

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: [National Gallery of Art](#)
The National Gallery of Art and its collections belong to the people of the United States of America. European and American paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, and selected works on paper are displayed in the permanent collection galleries, and temporary exhibitions of art from countries and cultures throughout the world are presented on a regular basis.

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To learn more about these artists and their artwork, and to view images, click [here](#). Gallery hours are Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed holidays.

If you have any questions about the submission process or about joining the MNAC's online Artist Registry, please contact Ian Myers at ian.myers@nashville.gov or (615) 862-6730.

Conferences:

Southern Literature Conference *April 2 - 4*

Chattanooga, TN

The Arts & Education Council (AEC) is celebrating 20 years of collaboration with the Fellowship of Southern Writers at the AEC Conference on Southern Literature. One of the leading literary events in the south, the conference will be held at the Tivoli Theatre in Chattanooga. The event is funded under an agreement with the State of Tennessee, the Tennessee Arts Commission, and the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information, visit www.southernlitconference.org.

Calls to Artists:

Flying Solo Exhibition Series *Deadline: April 17*

Nashville, TN

The Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority and Arts at the Airport have announced a call for proposals for the Flying Solo Exhibition Series at Nashville International Airport. The exhibition opportunities are open to Tennessee artists or artists who have a strong connection to Tennessee. For more information, or to view the call for proposals, visit www.flynashville.com/arts.

35th Annual Festival of British and Appalachian Culture

Deadline: April 24

Rugby, TN

Organizers of the historic Festival of British and Appalachian Culture to be held May 16 - 17 invite fine artists and craft artisans to apply for outdoor and limited number of indoor booths. This is a juried show and prizes will be awarded after professional judging. Booth fees are \$35 and \$45, and no commission is taken on sales. For application, contact Cathy Hannaway at rugbylegacy@highland.net or (888) 214-3400.

International Black Film Festival *Deadline: April 30*

Nashville, TN

The International Black Film Festival of Nashville has announced the 2009 Call for Film Entries. All international and American submissions will be considered in one of the following genres: Documentary (short/long); Feature Narrative; Short; and Stage Play. Films entered into competition, whether international or from the United States, must be directed, produced, written or principally acted by an artist of African descent. Click [here](#) for more information.



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Workshops, & Lectures:

- ["Flesh Made Paint" Lecture](#), April 4, 11:00 a.m., Frist Center for the Visual Arts, (615) 244-3340
- [Teen Workshop: Oil Painting and the Figure](#), April 4, Frist Center for the Visual Arts, (615) 244- 3340
- [Starting a Nonprofit Arts Organization: Incorporation and the Tax Exempt Application Process](#), April 6, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Volunteer Lawyers & Professionals for the Arts (615) 743-3055
- The Chestnut Group Presents an Artist Slide Presentation & Talk: Dee Beard Dean, April 17, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Brentwood Public Library, (615) 504-7201
- [Adult Workshop: Oil Painting and the Figure](#), April 18 - 19, Frist Center for the Visual Arts, (615) 244-3340
- [Adult Workshop: Enameling](#), April 25 - 26, Frist Center for the Visual Arts, (615) 244-3340
- [Off the Wall Lecture Series: "Court and Courtship in Medieval Burgundy"](#), April 30, 6:30 p.m., Frist Center for the Visual Arts, (615) 244-3340
- Workshop: Understanding Better Composition with Lori Putnam, May 1 - 2, HA Gallery, (615) 254-4850
- [May Arts Intensive](#), May 11 - 22, Sarratt Art Studios at Vanderbilt University, (615) 343-0491
- [2009 Summer Studio Workshops with Sherri Warner Hunter](#), May - September, SWH Arts Studio, (931) 389-9649

Health Coverage for Artists:

Go to 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.

MNAC Commissioners:

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