


Avenue to the Arts
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Program Updates

Despite spring's reluctance to arrive, activities at the VSA arts of Ohio offices continue with enthusiasm and warmth!

 Key's Accessible Expressions Ohio opened on February 12, 2005 at the Gallagher Student Center of Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. Friday evening, February 11, 2005 was the date of the first annual AEO Preview event with silent auction of the artwork. Twenty-one pieces were sold during the preview creating a great deal of excitement for the artists when they arrived on Saturday morning for the opening ceremony! The following artists and their artwork received prizes during the opening ceremony:

Youth:	First Prize -	Nate Wolford "Never-Ending Forest"
	Second Prize -	Keeley Smart "Colors in My Dream"
	Third Prize -	Kylie Dingess "Everything...Including the Kitchen Sink"
Emerging:	First Prize -	Conor Walsh "Windmills"
	Second Prize -	Marie Sowers "Tools of the Trade"
	Third Prize -	Dan Farris "F Block"
Professional	First Prize -	Traci Parks "Intricate Nature"
	Second Prize -	Barbara Misheck "Ireland V"
	Third Prize -	Tony Hoover "Pink Church"
Best in Show -		Pamela A. Mackey "Gerontophratia"

Sixty-eight pieces of artwork are now touring the state and can be seen at the following locations (call for details):

March	Twinsburg Fitness Center (Derek Schroeder 330.963.8722) Richland Academy in Mansfield (Anngie Tager 419.522.8224) Inner I Gallery in Xenia (Amelia Shaub 937.376.3996)
April	United Disability Services in Akron (Sandy Palmer-Mattingly 330.762.9755)
April/May	Lake Metroparks in Kirtland (Wendy Pittinger 440.256.2123)
May	Wayne Center for the Arts in Wooster (Stephanie Pevac 330.264.2787)



Adaptation, Integration and the Arts is an artists residency program presented with the support of the Ohio Department of Education, Office for Exceptional Children. In the AIA program, artists with disabilities team with inclusive classroom teachers to enrich and reinforce classroom curriculums with the arts. Artists participate in professional development opportunities and spend approximately 80 hours planning and participating in classroom learning activities. School sites for the 2004-2005 school year are:



Hanna Elementary in the Parma City School District



Union Elementary in the Lakota School District



Highland Elementary in the Sylvania School District



Hanby Arts Magnet School in the Westerville City School District



Wiggin Street Elementary in the Mt. Vernon School District



and others being developed.

For more information about the AIA program or to discuss more information about arts, education and disability, contact Dennis Cannon, Consultant to VSA arts of Ohio (dcannon@vsao.org or 614.241.5325.)



Audio Description Services are administered by VSA arts of Ohio and allow persons who are blind or visually impaired enjoy live productions at theatres, movies or other events in which the ability to “see” the costumes, movements, or sets adds to the enjoyment of the performance. Audio Description employs transmitters, microphones, ear pieces and trained describers to enhance the performance for select audience members.

If you are a theatre lover who would like to take advantage of this program or a performance company that would like to offer it for your consumers, contact VSA arts of Ohio at 614.241.5325 or info@vsao.org. Note: any performance which is sponsored in any part with government funding (i.e. state tax revenue or Ohio Arts Council funding) must provide this service as part of ADA compliance. For more information, contact VSA arts of Ohio or the Ohio Arts Council (614.466.2613 or www.oac.state.oh.us).

Resources and news you can use:

- ⇒ Akron arts is looking for artists to be featured on their website www.akronarts.com. Contact Steve Houger at 330.376.3380 or info@akronarts.com for more information.
- ⇒ The Ohio Advocates for Mental Health will be holding their annual meeting at the Crowne Plaza Dayton on August 12-14. For more information contact 800.589.2603 or oamh@ohioadvocates.org.
- ⇒ The Ohio Advocates for Mental Health has published a Peer Support/Self-Help Directory. One copy is available at no charge for specific groups. Contact OAMH at 800.589.2603 for more details.
- ⇒ *Let Your Style Take Shape* is a collaborative effort between the VSA arts home office in Washington, DC and Lifetime Learning Systems, Inc. to create educational programs designed to help students in grades 5-8 improve their math skills through the arts. To download a free copy visit www.vsarts.org or for more information contact VSA arts at 800.933.8721.
- ⇒ *Art History through Touch and Sound* is available for lending through VSA arts. Developed by Art Education for the Blind and produced by the American Printing House for the Blind, the series of six volumes is a multi-sensory learning system for people who are blind or have low vision. For more information contact www.aph.org or to borrow any of the volumes contact Stephanie Litvak at stephaniel@vsarts.org.
- ⇒ The Beck Center for the Arts in Lakewood, Ohio offers *Music Makers* and *Art Makers* classes for adults with special needs. For more information, contact Ed Gallagher at 216.228.8499 or egallagher@beckcenter.org.
- ⇒ The VSA arts home office in Washington, DC has sent out a call for art to young artists with disabilities ages 16-25. *Shifting Gears* is a juried visual art exhibition sponsored by Volkswagon with prizes totaling \$60,000! For more information contact VSA arts at 800.933.8721 or go to www.vsarts.org/x267.
- ⇒ Art on Wheels, Inc. is coordinating the *Waterfront Art Fest* on July 3-4, 2005 in the Flats West district of Cleveland. Exhibitors can contact Carolina Martin to reserve table or tent space (216.941.7643 or artonwheels@adelphia.net or www.aowinc.com.)
- ⇒ The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission is sponsoring a *Greenways Photo Contest* in conjunction Riverfest 2005. Entries are due May 2, 2005 and entry forms and complete contest rules are available at www.morpc.org or by calling Andrea Gorzitze at 614.233.4124.
- ⇒ On My Own, Inc., an independent living program in Grandview Heights, Ohio is looking for teachers to present activities for persons with mild developmental

disabilities, especially in dance and photography. Contact Don Terry at 614.481.5777 or dterry@rroho.com for more information or to express interest.

- ⇒ We Care Arts in Kettering is offering exhibit space to artists with disabilities in the Montgomery County area. Contact Bruce Rill at 937.252.3937 or brill@woh.rr.com for more information.
- ⇒ The World Health Organization is sponsoring a photo contest “Images of Health and Disability 2005”. More information is available on their website at www.who.int/classifications/icf. Entries are due April 16, 2005.
- ⇒ *Get up and Fly: Passion Works Music*, a CD featuring songs, video, and artwork created by artists with and without disabilities is available for \$10 plus S&H by calling the Passion Works Studio at 800.784.9843x212 or accessing their website at www.passionworks.org.
- ⇒ A new book *Special Needs Trust Administration Manual: A Guide for Trustees* published by the People with Disabilities Press at iUniverse is now available for \$15.95 by contacting Stanley Klein at stan@disabilitiesbooks.com or 617.879.0397.
- ⇒ The Ohio Art League is sponsoring the 94th Annual Spring Juried Exhibition for all Ohio residents over the age of 18. An entry form including detailed information can be obtained on their website at www.oal.org or by calling 614.299.8225. Entries must be submitted on April 3 and 4 in Columbus.



VSA arts of Ohio is continuing their ongoing efforts to add new links and events the website (www.vsao.org), the newsletter *Avenue to the Arts* and books and other information about programs, people, and products to the Resource Library. Please send any stories, details, contacts, website links, resources, programs, advocacy strategies, funding ideas, notices, newsletters, fact sheets, teaching materials, book titles, or any other information that you think would be helpful to others around the state to:

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