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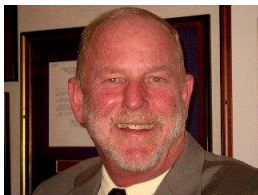
#### Greetings

Henry David Thoreau once stated, "One is not born into the world to do everything but to do something." VSA arts of Ohio is an organization where I can do something that benefits so many individuals, but most of all gives me great personal satisfaction. Volunteerism is a way for each of us to share our talents with organizations or groups that are important to us as individuals.

As a special educator all my life, as well as a lover of the arts, VSAO has been an important part of both my professional and personal growth. I first became involved with VSAO years ago as it was moving from Wright State University to Columbus. One of the founding members, Fran Bay, urged me to become involved and I have been participating ever since. As a non-profit volunteer driven board organization, the skills, talents, and expertise of the board members are critically important to our success. Whether your background is business, education, the arts, or any other field, why not think about joining the VSAO board? People from all walks of life make great VSAO board members!

Take a few minutes to reflect upon the words of Dr. Martin Luther King who said, "Everyone can be great because anyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't even have to make your subject and verb agree to serve...You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." Why not consider becoming a VSAO Board member?

Happy Holidays!  
Jim Chapple, Ashland University  
Past-President, VSA arts of Ohio Board of Directors



[headshot photograph of James Chapple]

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## From VSA arts of Ohio

### **Young Soloists Deadline Extended! Friday, December 4**

This is the last call for vocal and instrumental musicians under the age of 25 to submit an entry to the annual Young Soloists competition. Call VSA arts of Ohio today at 614-241-5325.

### **Save the date! Saturday, February 20, 2010**

VSA arts of Ohio will present three exciting events that celebrate and promote the arts and all abilities. Join VSA arts of Ohio at the Westerville Community Center (350 N. Cleveland Ave., Westerville OH 43082) for the following:

*11:00 am - 12:30: Accessible Expressions Ohio 2010 Opening Ceremony*

*12:30 - 3:00: Sights & Sounds of the Arts Festival*

*1:00 - 3:00: Careers in the Arts Professional Development Workshop*

All events are FREE and open to the public.

### **Save the date! Saturday, May 1, 2010**

Join VSA arts of Ohio in recognizing three outstanding musicians at the 8th annual *An Evening with the Young Soloists Performance*. This ticketed event will be held at the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts in Columbus and includes food, drinks, and a silent auction fundraiser that supports VSA arts of Ohio programming and operations.

### **Artist Technology and Information Center (ATIC)**

The ATIC is a dedicated computer station in the VSA arts of Ohio offices that is available for use by artists of all abilities to learn to use technology, create websites, research opportunities, complete online grant applications, or simply update a resume or cover letter. Call 614-241-5325 to schedule time with the ATIC and receive one-to-one coaching with Derek Mortland, artist services coordinator.

## From VSA arts

### **International Collaborative Art Project - What is Disability?**

Join people from around the world and send in a postcard documenting your interpretation of disability. Find the template and create a visual representation of your experiences, impressions, and perceptions by visiting this hyperlink: <http://www.vsarts.org/PreBuilt/showcase/gallery/exhibits/calls/PostCardProject/>. The postcards will be displayed during the 2010 VSA arts International Festival in Washington, DC. The only cost is a stamp! We're looking for people of different cultures, ethnicities, geographic locations, and abilities. You do not have to consider yourself an "artist" to participate. **Deadline February 5, 2010.**

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## **2010 VSA arts International Festival**

From **June 6-12, 2010**, VSA arts-the premier arts and disability organization-will bring together artists, educators, researchers, and policymakers with disabilities from around the world for a multicultural celebration of the arts and arts education. Held in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Festival will be held in Washington, DC and feature a dazzling array of visual, performing, literary, and media artists. The guest list includes more than 2,000 people, including VSA arts' 54 international affiliates, its U.S. network, and audience members from all corners of the globe. Read more about the Festival by visiting <http://www.vsarts.org/x5992.xml>.

## **Announced - Exhibiting Artists for Revealing Culture**

VSA arts has announced the selected artists for the "Revealing Culture" exhibition that will take place **June 8 - September 30, 2010** at the Smithsonian Institution's International Gallery. To view the list of exhibiting artists, visit <http://www.vsarts.org/PreBuilt/showcase/gallery/exhibits/Calls/culture/>. Congratulations to *Leni Anderson* and *John Berge* from Columbus, who were both selected!

## **News**

### **2010 Governors Awards for the Arts in Ohio Winners Selected**

Six winners were chosen from 79 nominations submitted by individuals and organizations throughout Ohio. Awards will be presented at a luncheon ceremony honoring winners and members of the Ohio Legislature hosted by the Ohio Arts Council and Ohio Citizens for the Arts Foundation at noon on April 21, 2010 at the Columbus Athenaeum in downtown Columbus. Award categories and recipients include: Arts Administration, Kevin Moore and Marsha Hanna, Human Race Theatre, (Dayton); Arts Education, Sylvia Easley (Cleveland Heights); Arts Patron, Jim and Enid Goubeaux (Greenville); Business Support of the Arts, American Electric Power (statewide); Community Development & Participation, Donna Sue Groves (Manchester); and Individual Artist, Andrew Hudgins, poet (Columbus).

For more information visit the Ohio Arts Council's website at <http://www.oac.state.oh.us/News/NewsArticle.asp?intArticleId=529>.

### **Band, chorus in Newark, Ohio may be next on chopping block**

"Newark City Schools boasts an impressive fine arts history that includes 30 consecutive state marching band berths, 40 consecutive state choir competitions and a nationally recognized orchestra group. Still, some involved with those programs have become concerned they are in danger, as evidenced by a crowd of about 90 students and parents who spoke at an October board meeting." *Source: Newark Advocate, 11/15/09.*

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#### **Congress passes FY2010 funding increase for National Endowment for the Arts**

Congress has passed a \$12.5 million funding increase as part of the FY 2010 Interior Appropriations bill for both the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The nation's two federal grant making cultural agencies will now each have budgets of \$167.5 million, their highest funding levels in 16 years. Send a message to your elected representative thanking them for their support in increased funding by visiting the Arts Action Center at American's for the Arts, <http://www.capwiz.com/artsusa/issues/alert/?alertid=14261276>.

#### **Kennedy Center enlists art groups for education options**

The JFK Center for the Performing Arts has started a new program aimed at schools struggling with budget cuts and the declining amount of art teachers. The pilot project, titled "Any Given Child," will link local arts groups with schools to help teach students in grades K-8. The groups will draft long-range plans specific to each city to ensure all students have access to music, theatre, and the visual arts. To read more, visit [http://www.backstage.com/bsoc/content\\_display/news-and-features/e3id3d058ba458918f08a490d8852f47cb2](http://www.backstage.com/bsoc/content_display/news-and-features/e3id3d058ba458918f08a490d8852f47cb2). *Source: BackStage, 10/09/09.*

#### **Arts and disability unlimited at next Olympic games**

Unlimited, the UK's largest ever disability arts program, has been launched by the 2012 Cultural Olympiad as part of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, planned for July 2012 through to September 2012. Unlimited will celebrate disability, arts, culture and sport on an unprecedented scale including supporting collaboration between artists in the UK and other countries, to showcase new work from around the world. Read more from the Accessible Arts website at <http://www.aarts.net.au/news/565/51/Arts-and-disability-unlimited-at-next-Olympic-games/>.

## **Opportunities**

#### **Cuyahoga Arts and Culture Releases Guidelines for 2011-2012 General Operating Support and 2011 Project Support Programs**

Updated application guidelines for Cuyahoga Arts and Culture's (CAC) two principal funding programs are now available on the CAC website. General Operating Support (GOS) and Project Support (PS) guidelines, each presented as a separate document, detail for prospective applicants-and the broader community-the processes by which grant dollars will be distributed to arts and cultural organizations in 2011 and 2012. Workshops for first time applicants will be held December 9 & 10, 2009 and January 7, 2010. For additional information about Cuyahoga Arts and Culture or to obtain a hard copy of the updated guidelines and associated definitions, visit [www.cacgrants.org](http://www.cacgrants.org) or call 216-515-8303.

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## **CommonGround 2010 Conference: Call for Proposals, Dec 15 deadline**

CommonGround is the annual New York State arts-in-education conference that brings over 150 administrators, teachers, teaching artists, and community members together for three days of policy setting, planning, exchange of skills and inspirational speakers. Proposals for the March 24-26, 2010 conference are encouraged from all types of professionals on core knowledge, curriculum and assessment, education reform, UDL, and others. Visit the conference website <http://nysaae.org/CG2010.htm>.

## **2010 American Association of People with Disabilities Summer Internships in Washington, D.C.**

Each year, the AAPD hosts two Summer Internship Programs for College Students with Disabilities in Washington, DC, providing paid travel to and from DC, paid fully-accessible housing, and living stipends. These programs are generously funded by the Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation (MEAF) and Microsoft Corporation. AAPD is now accepting applications for the 2010 Summer Internship programs. The same application form is used for both the MEAF-AAPD Congressional Internship and the Microsoft-AAPD Federal IT Internship programs. **Deadline is January 8, 2010.** Apply today by visiting <http://www.aapd.com/AAPDInternship/>.

## **Resources**

### **Accessibility Publications**

#### **"Access for All: An Illustrated Handbook of Barrier Free Design for Ohio"**

Thanks to the efforts of Scott Lissner (ADA coordinator at Ohio State University) and OSU graduate students, the "Access for All" illustrated handbook is now available online as a pdf. Developed by the Ohio Governor's Council on People with Disabilities and the Access Concerns Committee, the handbook (which is a large file to download) can be accessed by visiting <http://www.gcpd.ohio.gov/Fulltext.pdf>.

#### **"Universal Design and Visitability: from Accessibility to Zoning Book"**

The book introduces the concepts of universal design and visitability, and presents: a paradigm for the future, rationale for studying it, and design examples. Published by The Ohio State University, the book contains articles based on papers given at the Universal Design and Visitability Conference held July 2006 in Columbus, Ohio. The book (which is a large file to download) can be accessed by visiting <http://www.gcpd.ohio.gov/UniversalDesign&Visitability2007.pdf>.

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#### **ARTSblog**

Get the latest information, hear the most recent debate, and follow all things arts, arts education, cultural policy, and arts administration related on the Americans for the Arts blog site. There are blogs specifically for Arts Education and Emerging Leaders as well as numerous ways to stay connected with social media. Visit <http://blog.artsusa.org/>.

#### **Collective Voices: A Disability Studies Student Magazine**

The mission of Collective voice is "Building disability consciousness & community through creativity." Begun in 2009, Collective Voices is the latest contribution to disability studies from Chicago and provides an outlet for original and thought provoking material, including: essays, poetry, and art. We aim is to push the envelope of disability studies by opening up new vistas of thought and dealing with traditional disability issues in unconventional ways. Through this we hope to bolster a sense of community among scholars within disability studies at UIC and beyond, and to ensure that disability studies at UIC remains an active voice in the field. Read the first issue online or download it in MS Word and plain text by visiting <http://collective-voices.blogspot.com/>.

#### **Become a Member of Ohio Citizens for the Arts**

Ohio Citizens for the Arts works to increase public support for the arts. OCA maintains a year-round presence at the Statehouse, provides newsletters with opportunities and e-mail alerts when its time to act, and provides a strong voice for the arts and arts education locally, statewide, and nationally. Whether you participate in or simply appreciate the arts, or whether you're involved with a big organization or a small one, you can ensure that the arts flourish and that the arts are accessible to all Ohioans. Support the arts and become a member today! Visit [www.ohiocitizensforthearts.org](http://www.ohiocitizensforthearts.org).

### **Arts & Disability in Ohio Calendar**

#### **Dec. 4, Autumn Quarter Artists Reception at the OSU Urban Arts Space**

Join the Urban Arts Space in celebrating its four Autumn exhibitions, including The Monuments of Columbus and Tactile Color. This artistically diverse public reception will held on Friday, December 4th, from 5 to 7pm at the OSU Urban Arts Space. Light refreshments will be available. Free and open to all. Visit [www.uas.osu.edu](http://www.uas.osu.edu).

#### **Dec 10, Ohio Arts Council Listening Tour, Columbus**

The Ohio Arts Council wants to hear from you. Raise your voice and share your perspectives with the OAC and your fellow community members at one of three meetings in Columbus- for local officials and the business community (OSU Urban Arts Space), for Artists, Arts Administrators & Arts Educators (Lincoln Theatre), or a Town hall meeting (Main Library). For more information visit the OAC website at <http://www.oac.state.oh.us/events/ViewPublicEvent.asp?ID=208> or contact Stephanie Dawson, [stephanie.dawson@oac.state.oh.us](mailto:stephanie.dawson@oac.state.oh.us).

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#### **Dec 10, OPPArt (Opportunities for Artists): Advocacy 101, Columbus**

The Greater Columbus Arts Council will present Donna Collins, Executive Director of the Ohio Citizens for the Arts, who will take you step-by-step through the arts advocacy process. Learn how to contact your legislators, what to say and how to make sure you make your voice heard. This workshop is *free* to attend but space is limited, and RSVPs are requested by December 7. To RSVP, e-mail Ruby Classen at [rclassen@gcac.org](mailto:rclassen@gcac.org).

#### **Dec. 15, 2:00 EST, Social Networking Sites and Accessibility: Implications for Employers, audio conference**

Social networking has tremendous potential for employers to outreach to people with disabilities. However, careful consideration should be given to how it can be effectively used to reach out to and interact with people with disabilities. Join this session where members of the Job Accommodation Network Staff will discuss the critical issues and how they can be addressed by employers. Register for this ADA Audio Conference at the National Network of ADA Centers website at <http://www.ada-audio.org/Schedule/#fy2010session3>.

#### **Jan. 8, 2010, "The Horse Boy," a film about autism, inaugurates Wex@Gateway, Columbus**

This new ongoing programming by the Wexner Center Film/Video program on two screens at the newly christened Gateway Film Center. The Horse Boy chronicles Rowan and his parents' journey across the vast, wild landscape of Mongolia while delving into the world of autism itself, the relationship between humans and animals and between different cultures and different ways of being (autistic vs. normal, or "neuro-typical"), and the nature of healing. Audiences hear the varied theories on autism from the experts in the field. Visit <http://www.wexarts.org/fv/gateway/> for more information.

#### **Feb. 5, 2010, Summer Fellowship Program**

The Columbus Foundation's new and exciting Summer Fellowship Program links college students and nonprofit organizations. The Fellowship program seeks to create mutually beneficial work relationships and stimulate interest in the nonprofit sector. Ten nonprofit organizations will receive a grant to provide a stipend for the student Fellow. Students will gain first-hand knowledge of the local nonprofit community, while area nonprofits will be able to increase capacity to conduct important short-term projects. Student applications are due February 5, 2010; learn more by visiting [http://www.columbusfoundation.org/find/fellowship\\_program/index.aspx](http://www.columbusfoundation.org/find/fellowship_program/index.aspx).

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We invite comments on the new VSAO e-Voice newsletter. Share your experiences of participating in events around the state or offers suggestions for future stories. Email your feedback to [info@vsao.org](mailto:info@vsao.org).

***Empowering individuals with disabilities, creatively and inclusively, through the arts.***

VSA arts of Ohio is a member of the international network of VSA arts, an affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. VSA arts is creating a society where people with disabilities learn through, participate in, and enjoy the arts. Funding for VSA arts of Ohio is provided by VSA arts, the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Arts Council, individual and corporate sponsorship.