

**UMass Arts Council**  
**Single Project/Event Grants Awarded**  
**2007-2008**

- \$750     **The Dakshina Ensemble/ WMUA-FM**  
The Dakshina Ensemble features saxophone players, Rudresh Mahanthappa and Kadri Gopalnath. A tea reception for artists and audience after the performance and workshop for UMass students featuring Mahanthappa are included. November 18, 2007, Bowker Auditorium, 4pm.
- \$1,000     **Tony Kushner/ Stonewall Center**  
Tony Kushner will speak on contemporary political, social, and cultural issues, including the experiences of Jewish and LGBT people. October 9, 2007, Rand Theater, 7pm.
- \$1,000     **"Tears of Joy" and "There is a Time"/ University Dancers**  
The University Dancers will perform "Tears of Joy" and "There is a Time" as part of their annual performance. December 6-8, 2007, Bowker Auditorium, 8pm.
- \$1,150     **Playwright Dan O'Brien/ UMASS Theater Department**  
Dan O'Brien's adaptation of Jean Giraudoux's *Ondine* will be performed in the Theater Department. O'Brien will be on hand during the rehearsal process and will return from Feb. 28 to March 1 for visits to dramatic writing classes and discussions about the art of adaptation.
- \$2,000     **"The Wild Party"/ UMass Theater Guild-RSO**  
The Theatre Guild will present "The Wild Party," a colorful, vaudeville style-slice of life in the 1920's. November 15-17, 2007, Bowker Auditorium.
- \$1,500     **Visiting Writers Series /MFA Program for Poets and Writers**  
Readings by short story author, Sam Michel and author, editor and teacher, Bin Ramke. November 8 and December 6, 2007 in various locations, 8pm.
- \$600     **East Meets West: Native American Fashion Show /Native American Student Association-RSO**  
This fashion show will include artistic elements of contemporary and traditional clothing from Eastern and Western tribes, and a drum group, "Iron River." A day-long event, November 3, 2007 in Bowker Auditorium.
- \$2,000     **15<sup>th</sup> Annual MA Multicultural Film Festival: "Conflict and Community"/ Interdepartmental Program in Film Studies**  
This series will include special focus on films by Africans and African Americans in a mini-series entitled "Africanities". February 6-May 8, 2008 at various locations.

- \$2,000     **"Singular Works, Plural Possibilities" symposium/Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning**  
 This symposium will bring together artists and landscape architects in the hopes of fostering interdisciplinary learning and collaborative approaches between the academic and larger public communities relating to art in the public domain. April 25, 2008, Flavin Auditorium, 8am-9pm.
- \$600       **Coffee House/UMass Theatre Guild-RSO**  
 This Coffee House provides an opportunity for students to perform, featuring a wide variety of talents. December 9, 2007, Student Union Ballroom, 7-11pm.
- \$282       **HASA/CASA/Haitian American Student Association-RSO**  
 With a theme of "Coming to Hispaniola", students will perform a skit emphasizing the differences in Haitian and Dominican culture as part of this cultural celebration. Student choreographed dances will be presented. December 1, 2007, Student Union Ballroom, 6:30 pm-12:30 am.
- \$2,000     **Jubilat/Jubilat**  
 Publication of the 14th issue of the literary journal JUBILAT will be distributed in January 2008.
- \$100       **Vietnamese New Year Show/ Vietnamese Student Association/RSO**  
 This year's show will include a performance by the Hong Tin Lion Dance Team, traditional dances, singing, and an ancestral homage ceremony. February 22, 2008, Student Union Ballroom, 8-11pm.
- \$500       **"HELLO"/Herter Gallery/Art Department**  
 This exhibition will display artwork from six alumni from the UMass Art Department and six graduates from the Tama School of Art, and the Nippon University in Tokyo, Japan. It will be on display at NYC's Caelum Gallery prior to coming to UMass. A bilingual English/Japanese illustrated brochure will be created. March 12 to April 12, 2008, Herter Gallery.
- \$500       **Visiting Writers Series/MFA Program for Poets and Writers**  
 The event will include readings by author Alice Notley, and author and Pulitzer Prize winner, James Tate. April 3 and May 8, 2008, Memorial Hall, 8pm.
- \$1,500     **Godspell/UMass Theatre Guild-RSO**  
 "Godspell" is a musical based on stories from the Book of Matthew in the Bible that tell the story of Jesus' life through song and dance. The Theatre Guild offers students experience in all aspects of production; technical, administrative and artistic. April 10-12, 2008, Bowker Auditorium.
- \$1,500     **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Juniper Literary Festival, "The World and the World"/ Juniper Initiative**  
 The festival will include a keynote address, readings, film screenings, roundtables, and interviews to show relationships between environmental science and literary art. April 25-26, 2008, Bartlett Hall, noon-10pm.

- \$700 **Cherrie Moraga/ Theater Department**  
The Theater Department will be performing "The Hungry Woman" written by playwright Cherrie Moraga. Moraga will be coming to campus in April to be part of a core rehearsal and, with the director, dramaturg and cast, present the rehearsal process at New WORLD Theater's Intersection V conference. April 3 and 5, 2008, Curtain Theater.
- \$300 **BFA THESIS EXHIBITION: "FINDING HARMONY IN AFRICA; CONFLICT AND INTERATION WITH A GROWING ELEPHANT POPULATION"/ Art Department**  
Lianna Rasmussen's thesis exhibit will display 20-25 large color photographs from Botswana and Tanzania, and will focus on relationships between communities and their interactions with elephants. Student Union Gallery
- \$950 **Short Cuts Literary Journal/ Short Cuts-RSO**  
600 copies of Shortcuts will be distributed in a variety of ways at no charge throughout the community. The publication features student work.
- \$1,000 **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Comedy Jam/ Student Valley Productions-RSO**  
12 improvisational and sketch comedy troupes will take part in this annual event, including student groups, professionals and many UMass alumni. Workshops will also be presented. April 11-12, 2008, Bartlett Hall, 8-10pm.
- \$900 **Body Politics 2008/ Women of Color Leadership Network**  
These performances are the culmination of a 16 week program including creative writing/performance, a retreat and rehearsal. April 26-27, 2008, Student Union Ballroom and Campus Center Auditorium, 7pm.
- \$1,450 **Triggering Change: Hip Hop, Media Justice and Social Responsibility/ Black Graduate Student Association-GSO**  
"Triggering Change" is a conference that aims to involve artists, activists and the student body in the political mission of Hip Hop culture and will include topics such as race, independent media, aesthetics, commoditization and sexuality in Hip Hop culture. April 25, 1008, Campus Center, 9am-5pm.
- \$1,000 **mOthertongue Multilingual Journal of Arts Reception/mOthertongue-RSO**  
This publication features student work and authors will read their works once in each language to an audience of students, faculty, alumni and community members. 800 copies of the publication will be distributed at no charge. May 1, 2008, Memorial Hall.
- \$575 **Irish Movie Night/ Irish Student Union-RSO**  
This free film festival will feature "Gangs of New York" and "Bloody Sunday", two movies that portray Irish history and culture. April 10 and April 24, 2008, Cape Cod Lounge, 7:30pm.

- \$1,000     **Measure for Measure**/*Renaissance Center Theater Company*  
Students will be presenting a fully staged production of "Measure for Measure".  
April 23-27, 2008, Renaissance Center.
- \$450     **SASA Night `08**/*South Asian Student Association-RSO*  
This cultural night will feature cultural dances, spoken word, comedy and a fashion show. April 25, 2008, Student Union Ballroom, 7pm-1am.
- \$500     **Southwest Week 2008**/*Southwest Area Government*  
Local musicians will take part in Battle of the Bands, with the winners opening for Providence, RI based band ZOX the following night. SOUTHWEST IDOL is also part of the festivities. May 7-8, 2008, Southwest Horseshoe.
- \$1,250     **Asian Night: Around Asia in One Night**/*Asian American Student Association-RSO*  
This event will feature freestyle rapper Jin Au-Yeung, speaker Stevie Hoang and MC John Nguyen. Student performers from the five colleges will participate. April 5, 2008, Fine Arts Center, 7-10pm.
- \$800     **Generation of Praise Gospel Concert**/*UMass Gospel Choir-RSO*  
This annual spring event will include choirs, dancers, mimes, sign language and theater. May 9, 2008, Student Union Ballroom, 7-11pm.
- \$1,100     **Stop Kiss**/*UMass Theatre Guild-RSO*  
*Stop Kiss* is a comedic drama by Diana Son that is completely student produced. May 8-10, 2008, Black Box Theater at the Renaissance Center.
- \$1,000     **Cambodian Student Association New Years Show**/*Cambodian Student Association-RSO*  
This event will include traditional dances, fashion shows, skits and music, traditional and modern Cambodian dancing. Guest Speaker Soben Huon is a ballet dancer, self-taught pianist and violinist. Bad Boyz, a Cambodian band from Lowell will be performing. April 18, 2008, Student Union Ballroom, 6:30pm-1am.