



This is the e*newsletter from the Western Massachusetts Arts Alliance. If you don't want to be on this email list, please hit reply and type REMOVE in the subject line.

If you have news for the next issue (we'll come out bi-monthly, unless there's too much news to report): BE BRIEF! Just the facts—a website link and/or contact phone or email is mandatory. We are an all-volunteer organization, so the more concise you can be, the better. Please limit your listings to 100 words or less (about the size of this paragraph). Listings are free of charge. Here's how to submit a listing: log on to www.wmassarts.org and click on "publications" then click on the underlined text "submit online" under the heading Email Newsletter. Just fill out the form with your information and it will be ready to go!

Visit the Western Massachusetts Arts Alliance web site at <http://www.wmassarts.org> for more information about the Alliance and our activities. You're in our database already if you've received this edition of e*newsletter. Forward this to your friends and colleagues whom you think would be interested in being on the list. **To be added to the mailing list, just click on the JOIN link on the left column at www.wmassarts.org and fill out the appropriate form. Membership to the Alliance is FREE!**

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WMAA NEWS AND EVENTS

WHO WE ARE

The Western Massachusetts Arts Alliance fosters community-based arts activity through building relationships and collaborations among diverse cultural organizations, artists, educators, and community groups. The four counties of the western Massachusetts region are unique for their rich and diverse cultural resources. The Western Massachusetts Arts Alliance seeks to build on this strength and contribute to the cultural, social, and economic vitality of the region through collaboration between the University of Massachusetts and the region of which it is a part.

THANKS TO THE 21 LOCAL CULTURAL COUNCILS OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF OUR EMAIL NEWSLETTER! The following cultural councils provided funding: Ashfield Cultural Council, Becket Cultural Council, Conway Cultural Council, Granby

Cultural Council, Great Barrington Cultural Council, Greenfield Cultural Council, Hadley Cultural Council, Huntington Cultural Council, Leverett Cultural Council, Ludlow Cultural Council, Monterey Cultural Council, New Marlborough Cultural Council, Pelham Cultural Council, Pittsfield Cultural Council, Russell Cultural Council, Springfield Cultural Council, Stockbridge Cultural Council, Warwick Cultural Council, Wendell Cultural Council and Williamsburg Cultural Council. With their collective support, we are able to hire a work study student who updates our database of email addresses and compiles your online submissions before our volunteer editors look it over. If you know one of the volunteers who serves on the arts council in these cities and towns, please tell them how much you appreciate their support. You might also want to give them three cheers for volunteering to help support the arts in your community. And you may even want to serve on your own local cultural council! Check out the LCC web site at <http://www.massculturalcouncil.org/programs/lccgrants.html> for more information.

COME TO HIDDEN TECH "MATCHMAKING SESSION" MEETING! Steering Committee member Christine Texiera will be presenting on a panel discussion about the Western Mass. Arts Alliance at the next Hidden Tech meeting at the Jones Library Basement Meeting Room on Monday, February 7 from 5-8 p.m. Organizers encourage representatives of non-profit arts organizations to attend. Go to <http://www.hidden-tech.net/events/2005-02-07.matchmaking.html> for more information about Hidden Tech and the matchmaking session.

WE HAVE A NEW ONLINE SUBMISSION FORM FOR THE EMAIL NEWSLETTER!!! If you want to submit a listing for the Western MA Arts Alliance newsletter, please go to www.wmassarts.org and click on "publications" then click on the underlined text "submit online" under the heading Email Newsletter. Just fill out the form with your information and it will be ready to go! Because we are a volunteer organization, we'd really appreciate your submitting listings this way—it helps to cut down our editing time. Thanks to Steering Committee member Christine Texiera who brought this idea into being!

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

IN THE ZONE: A JURIED AND CURATED EXHIBITION OF ARTISTS Brattleboro Museum and Arts Center in Brattleboro, VT is accepting applications from two and three dimensional artists living within a 75 mile radius. Juror is Bridget Moore of DC Moore Gallery in NYC. Submission deadline is February 25, 2005. Please email curator@brattleboromuseum.org or visit the website for prospectus: www.brattleboromuseum.org

SHORT PLAYS Submissions sought for plays that are no longer than 5 minutes for presentation in ""Quickies: The Very Very Very Short Play Festival". For more info email Indearts@aol.com. Send scripts to: POB 556 Housatonic MA 01236 with a self-addressed stamped envelope or in an email with no attachments. Deadline April 1st.

AMHERST PUBLIC ART COMMISSION announces a third annual competition for Art for Town Hall. Three artists will be chosen to exhibit a body of work (two dimensional) for one month each, beginning December 2004. For information and entry form, go to www.amherstma.gov and link to "Of Special Interest."

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ONLINE FUNDAMENTALS OF ARTS MANAGEMENT The Arts Extension Service offers its online Fundamentals of Arts Management classes that lead to a Certificate in Arts

Management. Classes start soon, so sign up today! Courses taught in the following subjects: Planning, Board Development, Fundraising, Marketing, Financial Management, Program Evaluation, Arts Education and Arts Programming. For more information: www.umass.edu/aes or visit UMASS Continuing Education to register <https://www.umasslearn.net/DCsearch.asp?search=AM&type=NcCourseListOl&cat=spiring05> For further details, e-mail: aes@contined.umass.edu or call 413-545-2360.

MAKING ART * MAKING A LIVING A series of workshops for artists who want to learn more about the business of being an artist offered by the Arts Extension Service, UMass. All workshops will be held on Tuesdays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the UMass Campus Center, Amherst. March 1st -**Funding for the Arts**; March 8th -**Marketing for Artists** with arts administrator/artist, Maren Brown; March 22nd—**Job Opportunities in the Arts** with art therapist Laura Seftel, and Daniel Grant, author of *How to Start and Succeed as an Artist*; March 29th—**Legal Issues in the Arts** with attorney Joshua Grey. The series is supported by the UMass Arts Council. Pre-register by calling 545-2360 or aes@contined.umass.edu. Five College students are free, all others \$10 per workshop.

HOLYOKE CREATIVE ARTS CENTER'S WINTER SEMESTER ADULT CLASSES START SOON: Classes for the 8-week Winter Semester are starting the week of February 7. If you are thinking of signing up you can find the full class list and a printable registration form on our web site at www.holyokecac.org. Be sure to call our Administrators to make certain there is room in the class you want to take before you send in the form and payment. Administrators Marie Hamel and Raymah Hutchinson are available Mon-Thur from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm and 5:30 – 8:30 pm at (413) 532-0465.

JOB POSTINGS

Berkshire Museum: Director of Marketing. Visit <http://www.nemanet.org/nemajobsonline.shtml>

Hancock Shaker Village: Director of Development and Special Events Coordinator. Visit <http://www.nemanet.org/nemajobsonline.shtml> for a full description.

Jacob's Pillow: Director of Development, Ticket Services Assistant Manager <http://www.hireculture.org/jobbook/vieworg.asp?orgid=362>

Mount Holyoke College: Senior Administrative Assistant, Department of Art and Art History (http://www.mtholyoke.edu/offices/hr/positions/senior_administrative_assistant_department_of_art_history%20and_film_studies_program.shtml), Faculty position in performance studies and theater arts (<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/offices/dof/ads04-05/theatre.shtml>), Visiting artist, video and film production (<http://www.mtholyoke.edu/offices/dof/ads04-05/theatre.shtml>)

Old Sturbridge Village: Museum greeters. Apply in person Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00 or send resume and cover letter to the Personnel Office, Old Sturbridge Village, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, Sturbridge, MA 01566

Smith College: The Museum of Art has openings for a Director and Chief Curator and Curatorial Assistant for Special Projects. The **Theater Department** has an opening for a

Lighting and Sound Supervisor. Visit http://www.smith.edu/hr/career_external.php for a full description of each position.

University of Massachusetts Amherst: Director of the Writing Program Visit <http://chronicle.com/jobs/id.php?id=316030&pg=n> for more information.

Westfield State College: Art Historian/Chairperson, Music (Opera workshop). Visit <http://www.wsc.ma.edu/employment/> for more information.

Williams College: Museum of Art Director (<http://www.williams.edu/admin/hr/postings/300110.php>), Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Art of Sub-Saharan Africa or Art of the African Diaspora (<http://chronicle.com/jobs/id.php?id=314565&pg=n>), Events Coordinator, Department of Theater and Dance (<http://www.williams.edu/admin/hr/postings/300131.php>).

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation: Visit <http://www.berkshiretaconic.org/grants-scholarships.html#individuals> for information about their funding for individual artists (deadline is August 1, 2005—plenty of time to prepare!). Check out <http://www.berkshiretaconic.org/grants-scholarships.html#nonprofit> for their grants to non-profits.

Community Foundation of Western MA: Visit <http://www.communityfoundation.org/> for their funding information and guidelines.

Fund for Women Artists: Funding resources section <http://www.womenarts.org/fund/index.html>

Harold Grinspoon Foundation: The HGF just started a new category of funding for jewish arts and culture. Visit http://www.hgf.org/arts_culture/arts_culture.cfm for more information.

Women's Fund of Western MA: <http://www.womensfund.net/grantmaking.html>

EVENTS

YOUTH ACTION COALITION PRESENTS ...3 Winter Works-in-Progress events Join us for three evenings of exciting artistic exploration by youth artists. Presentations by the artists, food and drink at each event. **GirlsEyeView** Amherst February 3, 3:00-6:30pm at Amherst Regional High School Photo Room. A concurrent exhibit will be shown in the display cases in the Middle School Art Corridor: January 24 - February 3, 2005; **GirlsEyeView** Ware February 10, 1:30-5:30pm; Ware High School Library. The exhibit will run from January 27 - February 10, 2005. And, **Video Vanguard**s February 17, 6-8pm ONE NIGHT ONLY! Amherst Community Television Screening Room, 246 College Street Amherst. Please call 413.253.2158 for more information, or visit www.youthactioncoalition.org.

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