

Art E-News February -April 2011

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“In a case argued before the Court in 1926, the majority ruled that the state of New York couldn't regulate the price of theater tickets, because, in the opinion of the majority, the theater was not a public necessity. They argued, in effect, that the experience of attending the theater was superfluous. And this is what Justice Holmes had to say: “To many people the superfluous is necessary.” The theater is necessary. Dance is necessary. Song is necessary. The arts are necessary -- they are a necessary part of our lives.” President Barack Obama

CALENDAR

Preview a calendar of events funded in part by the Cultural Council Grants Program [here](#), or click [here](#) for a listing of local arts organizations.

CULTURAL COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Primavera 2011 ~ March 6, 2011, 4:00 p.m. at Chaminade Resort & Spa, the Cultural Council presents *Primavera! The Far Out & Fab 1960s*, a fundraiser benefitting the Arts & Arts Education in our community. Special guests: The White Album Ensemble. Dinner, dessert, beer, wine, dancing, silent & live auctions, & costume contests. Join your friends and fellow art supporters for this event! Tickets: \$125 per person (general seating), \$145 for premiere front-row seating. Details are available at ccscc.org or (831) 475-9600 x 10.

Non-Profit 101 Seminar ~ Between February and June, 2011, the Cultural Council, in collaboration with the Small Business Development Center and the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County, will hold a series of arts management seminars with experts in the field of Non-profit Management, Fund Development, Grant writing, and Marketing. **“Non-Profit 101” seminar will be held on Friday, February 25 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm** at the Community Foundation office, with Josh Wagner, consultant and owner of Cultural Media Services, Inc. and Pan Right. For schedule and registrations, go to www.ccscc.org.

Grants to Support Arts Projects and Cultural Events ~ The Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County announces the availability of approximately \$35,000 in grants for concerts, plays, dance performances, cultural festivals, exhibits, and poetry readings **taking place between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012**. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. **Application deadline: March 7, 2011**. Guidelines and application forms are available at the Cultural Council office, <http://www.ccscc.org/index.php/grants.html>, and locations throughout the County. For more information, contact Nabil Ghachem at (831) 475-9600 x 16 or grants@ccscc.org.

Art Exhibition at the Santa Cruz County Government Center ~ Five artists show their works on the 1st & 5th Floors of the 701 Ocean Street County Building through March 30, 2011. **Opening Reception: Friday, February 4, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.** Exhibiting Artists are: Russell Brutsché, April Zilber, David Salazar, Andrew Purchin, and Melinda Picatti.

2011 Open Studio Art Tour ~ Applications for the 2011 Open Studios Art Tour will be available starting Monday, February 14th with ZAPP®. Get started *now* by going to [ZAPP](#) to register your FREE artist profile. Check out the help features on ZAPP® ~ [How to Apply](#), [Image Preparation](#), and [ZAPP Help](#). Contact Ann Ostermann at (831) 475-9600 x17 or at events@ccscc.org to find out about the free technical assistance workshops.

ADVOCACY

2011 Gail Rich Awards ~ The Rio Theatre was packed on Wednesday, January 26 for the 15th Annual Gail Rich Awards. During the ceremony, 6 local artists were introduced and acknowledged by their peers for their contribution to the arts in Santa Cruz County. The Gail Rich Awards ceremony is produced by the Cultural Council Associates, and is emceed by Sentinel Arts writer Wallace Baine who also selects the awardees. To submit a nomination for the 2012 awards, please email a brief biography of your nominee to Wallace Baine at wbaine@santacruzsentinel.com. To view a list of all Gail Rich Award recipients, click [here](#).

Thank You for Helping us to Continue Fulfill our Mission ~ The Cultural Council has recently awarded \$95,850 in grants to 17 local arts and cultural organizations in the General Support category. In June 2010, the Council awarded \$37,380 to 23 individual artists and arts groups for arts and cultural projects. This brings the Council's combined financial support for the arts in FY 2010-11 to a total of \$133,230. For a list of 2010-11 awardees, please go to www.ccscc.org. Whether you are a grantee, an artist, or an arts patron, please take a moment to thank our government officials. Visit our [Advocacy webpage](#) and send a brief and simple thank you note.

National Young Latino Leaders in the Arts Task Force ~ The National Museum of Mexican Art will present an opportunity for young Latino professionals in the arts to rise up and discuss how to effectively participate in shaping the future of the arts in the U.S. Ten participating professionals from across the United States will be invited to a two-day task force session in Chicago (July 15-16, 2011). Individuals under the age of 35 from a variety of backgrounds (fine arts, performing arts, arts administration, etc.) are eligible to apply. **Deadline: February 18, 2011.** Click [here](#) for application form and for more information.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & RECENT ARTICLES

Funding: The state of the art By **András Szántó** ~ *"In a world mired in economic uncertainty and with cash for the arts disappearing, how do we argue for culture?"* [Click here for the whole story.](#)

Capacity Building Resources for Nonprofits ~ The Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County offers a series workshops about nonprofit management. Visit <http://www.cfsc.org> for full workshop descriptions.

International Exchange ~ The 2011 Conference on International Opportunities in the Arts will take place in Boston, April 7 – 10, 2011. This conference presented by TransCultural Exchange is the international forum for emerging and established artists, cultural administrators, residency directors, teachers, critics and curators

providing a unique cross-disciplinary platform to network, showcase, support and promote artists' work. For more information, go to www.transculturalexchange.org.

Health Insurance ~ the National Writers Union is offering its members and potential members a chance to buy quality health insurance. This program offers the most comprehensive health insurance package available to individual freelance writers in the U.S. Go to www.nwu.org for more information.

Public Art ~ Santa Cruz City Arts and the Santa Cruz County Dept. of Parks, Open Space and Cultural Services are holding an introductory Public Art workshop at the Tannery Arts Center on **Friday, March 25, from 4pm to 6 pm**. This workshop is for professional artists and others interested in entering the field of public art. Topics include overview of the field, call to artists, selection processes, design development, insurance, contracts, and other resources. A Q&A session will follow the workshop. For more information and registration, go to www.cityofsantacruz.com or email cbirns@cityofsantacruz.com.

LOCAL

Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County ~ The 2011 Community Grants generally range from \$5,000 to \$35,000, not to exceed 25% of the total organization budget. The average grant is \$15,000. **Application deadline: February 23, 2011.** For more information, go to www.cfsc.org or call (831) 662-2000.

The Santa Cruz Film Festival (SCFF) ~ The SCFF will take place May 5 through 14, 2011. Interested filmmakers should submit their films via santacruzfilmfestival.org. Submissions deadline: **February 25, 2011.**

Auditions ~ The Santa Cruz Baroque Festival has opened its 9th annual **Youth Chamber Music Competition** for high school musicians in chamber ensembles. **Submission deadline: Friday, February 25, 2011.** For more information about awards and performance dates, go to www.scbroque.org or call 831-457-9693.

Earth Portraits: A Contemporary Landscape Painters of California ~ The Santa Cruz Art League is calling for entries to the 81st Annual Statewide Exhibit. Best of Show award is \$1,000 plus \$1,000 in additional cash awards! **Deadline: Friday, March 25, 2011.** For more information, go to www.scal.org.

“Sculpture Is: 2011” ~ Call for Entry for the Sixth Annual Pajaro Valley Arts Council (PVAC) Sculpture Exhibition, taking place in the beautiful two-acre Sierra Azul Nursery, located at 2660 East Lake Avenue, Watsonville California. **Deadline: March 29, 2011.** Exhibit Dates: May 31st - October 31, 2011. All visual artists currently residing Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, San Francisco, Marin, Contra Costa, and Alameda Counties are eligible to enter. Fee: \$25. For assistance with the application process, contact pvacsculpture@yahoo.com. For more information about this and other opportunities at the PVAC, go to www.pvarts.org.

JOBS

Executive director and other positions ~ The Museum of Art and History (MAH), Santa Cruz, California seeks a highly motivated, articulate and experienced executive director. **Closing date:** open until filled; application review will begin on January 31, 2011. Other positions available with MAH are [Administrative Manager](#) and [Volunteer Services Manager](#). For more information, go to www.santacruzmah.org.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Film/Video and Visual Arts ~ Creative Capital is now accepting Letters of Inquiry for grants in Film/Video and Visual Arts. The Inquiry Form will be available online until **March 1, 2011**. Please visit creative-capital.org/apply to read the grant guidelines and access the Inquiry Form.

National Endowment for the Arts Grants for *Our Town* ~ Organizations may apply for creative place making projects that contribute to the livability of communities and place the arts at their core. An organization may request a grant amount from \$25,000 to \$250,000. **Statement of Interest deadline: March 1, 2011.** To view the guidelines and schedule of training webinars, go to www.arts.gov/grants/apply.

The Creative Work Fund ~ Grants of \$10,000-\$40,000 for projects featuring one or more artists collaborating with a nonprofit organization to create new works. Artists may be working in media (film, video, video or sound installations, radio, or computer-based media) or traditional arts (including performance). **Deadline for LOI: March 4, 2011.** For more information, attend a workshop on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, 5:30-7 p.m. at the Tannery Arts Center, 1040 River Street, Community Room, (near the intersection of Highways 1 and 9), Santa Cruz or go to www.creativeworkfund.org or call (415) 402-2793.

James Irvine Foundation ~ Small and midsize nonprofit 501(c)(3) arts organizations of all artistic disciplines with a budget of at least \$100,000 may apply to the Creative Connections Fund which support the expansion of diverse, relevant arts and cultural offerings in local communities across California. Grants of up to \$50,000 over a maximum of two years and grant request must be for no more than 10 percent of an organization's annual budget per year. **Deadline: March 4, 2011.** Go to www.irvine.org for more information.

CA\$H GRANTS from Theatre Bay Area ~ Individual artists can apply for grants of \$2,000 and companies are able to apply for \$4,000. Applications are available for the following postmark deadlines: **Theatre: March 21, 2011. Dance: May 9, 2011.** Click [here](#) for more information and the application form.

Theatre Communications Group ~ TCG-member theaters can apply for grants of up to \$25,000 for research and development of new approaches to solving artistic, managerial, production, and/or technological challenges, or \$50,000 to implement and test such approaches. **Deadline: May 2, 2011.** For more information about this and theatre grants, go to <http://www.tcg.org>. **Photo Documentary** ~ Grants of up to \$30,000 will be awarded to photographers who take an existing body of work on a social justice or human rights issue and devise an innovative way of using that work as a catalyst for social change. **Deadline: May 13, 2011.** For more information, go to www.soros.org.

National Endowment for the Arts Grants for Arts Projects ~ Organizations may apply under two categories: **1. Art Works:** To support the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement, and the strengthening of communities. **Two deadlines: March 10 and August 11, 2011.** Award range: \$10,000 to \$100,000. **2. Challenge America Fast-Track:** To support projects that extends the reach of the arts to underserved populations. Grants are for \$10,000. **Deadline: May 26, 2011.**

Multi-discipline ~ Dancers, choreographers, and theater artists may apply to the Princes Grace Foundation for scholarships, apprenticeships, and fellowships; playwrights can apply for a residency, including publication of play; and approved schools can nominate filmmakers for thesis funding. **Deadline: various with final deadline for all categories on June 1, 2011.** Go to <http://www.pgfusa.org/> for more information.

RESIDENCIES

Dance Residency ~ Since 2005, the Dance Omi International Dance Collective in Ghent, N.Y. has brought together accomplished dance artists from around the world for three weeks of creative exchange each summer. Professional Dancers/Choreographers of ALL styles who have the desire to share ideas and process with dancers from around the world are encouraged to apply. The program culminates in informal showings on the Omi campus and in New York City. **Deadline: March 15, 2011.** Click [here](#) for application form or email cmorgan@artomi.org for more information.

Multi-Discipline ~ Since 1982, Atlantic Center for the Arts in Florida has provided artists from all artistic disciplines with spaces to live, work, and collaborate during three-week residencies. **Deadline: May 13, 2011.** For more information on how to apply, please visit <http://www.atlanticcenterforthearts.org/>.

CALLS FOR ENTRIES

Films ~ The Palm Springs International Short Film Festival will take place at the Camelot Theatres in Palm Springs June 21 - 27, 2011. The Festival offers twenty awards in six competitive categories (including student and non-student work), with over \$100,000 worth of prizes. **Deadline: March 1, 2011.** For more information, go to www.psfilmfest.org.

Fine Art & Craft ~ Calling all artists to apply for the 55th Annual Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival! Application form is available at <http://www.zapplication.org>. **Deadline: April 18, 2011.** Fees: \$30. For more information, go to <http://mvfaf.org>.

Ceramics ~ Ceramic artists from across the world are invited to the Gyeonggi International Ceramix Biennale 2011. The biennale, which will start on September 23, 2011 and run for 30 days, will be staged in three cities of Gyeonggi Province, the heart and soul of Korean ceramics. The winners of the competition receive large cash prizes. No entry fee. To apply, submit images for preliminary screening between **April 1st and May 31, 2011.** For more information and to apply, visit <http://www.kocef.org/eng/>.

For more Calls for Entries, Art Shows, Juried Exhibitions & Competitions for Artists, go to www.artshow.com.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION: Support more than 40 local artists and art organizations ~ Make a contribution to the Cultural Council and receive your FRIEND OF membership card entitling you to special benefits and discounts at local businesses. Go to www.ccscc.org, or contact (831) 475-9600 x 21 or e-mail info@ccscc.org.

Art E-News Submissions: Next deadline for submissions of auditions, calls-for-entry, grants, job notices and events is **April 1, 2011.** We reserve the right to edit and/or reject submitted materials. Please send your entries to grants@ccscc.org.