

# Arts:92

92 counties in Indiana and there's art in every one



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## August 2009

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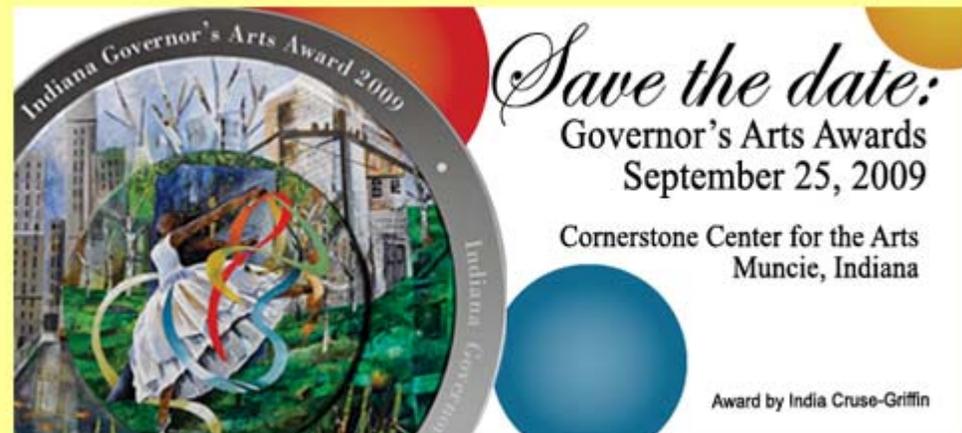
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## Governor's Arts Awards Tickets Now on Sale

Join Governor Mitch Daniels and the Indiana Arts Commission in honoring Angela Brown, Ball Brothers and George & Frances Ball Foundations, International Violin Competition of Indianapolis, Sweetwater Sound, and Vectren Corporation at the 2009 Governor's Arts Awards on September 25, 2009 at Cornerstone Center for the Arts in Muncie.



Ticket packages are \$80 and include a pre-ceremony Arts Expose, Dinner, the Awards Ceremony and an Afterglow reception. Attendees may also choose to purchase tickets separately to the Arts Expose, the Awards Ceremony or the Afterglow for \$10 each per person. The ten dollars allocated for the Awards Ceremony will be donated to the Indiana Cultural Trust Endowment Fund.

For more information, please visit <http://www.in.gov/arts/2332.htm>.

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## Governor's Arts Award Recipient Angela Brown Offers a Fresh Perspective on Opera



Photo by Philip Groshong

Angela Brown performing as Elisabetta in *Don Carlo*, Cincinnati Opera 2009.

Angela Brown's 2004 Metropolitan Opera debut in the title role of *Aida* garnered instant attention from national and international print and broadcast media and catapulted her onto the world's prestigious opera and symphonic stages. However, her unique recital program, *Opera from a Sistah's Point of View* provides audiences a chance to connect with opera as an art form on a different level.

"It's just me giving the audience a tongue-in-cheek view of opera; demystifying opera to audiences that normally wouldn't go and see opera; to relax audience members that have always gone to opera. It makes it a more approachable art form," says Angela Brown.

It's this willingness to engage all audiences as well as her extraordinary talent that makes Ms. Brown a much loved performer by all.

Angela Brown will be honored for her achievements in the opera world at the 2009 Governor's Arts Awards ceremony at Cornerstone Center for the Arts in Muncie, Indiana. To hear more about Ms. Brown, please visit <http://www.in.gov/arts/2332.htm>.

Quote Source: *Indiana Public Radio*.

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## Thirty-three Hoosier Artists to Receive Career Development Grants

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) recently announced that 33 Hoosier artists throughout the state will receive career development assistance through the agency's Individual Artist Program grants for Fiscal Year 2010.

For the third consecutive year, artists could request up to \$2,000 for career development assistance for projects in visual arts, photography, multi-arts, crafts, dance, music, literature, theatre, media arts, folk arts and design arts.

"Once again, more than 200 Hoosier artists competed for just over \$65,600 available in grant funds," said IAC Executive Director Lewis C. Ricci. "There are more than 19,000 Hoosiers who consider the arts as their primary career. These artists are but a sampling of the great creative talent working and contributing to the creative industry in Indiana."

For a list of FY2010 Individual Artist Program grantees, please visit <http://www.in.gov/arts/2561.htm>.

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## **Arts Commission to Cut Two Programs and Scale Back on Others to Meet Budget Reduction**

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) recently announced that two grant programs will be eliminated and additional programs scaled back to help address State budget reductions in excess of 20 percent for the current fiscal year.

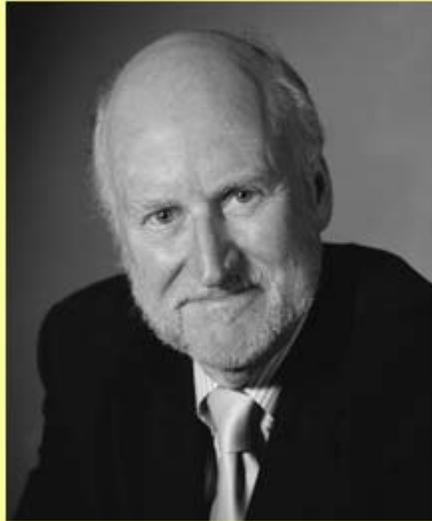
The announcement came as the result of an emergency session of the Commission on July 20th to review budget options resulting from the two-year State budget approved in June by the Indiana General Assembly which calls for a 20 percent reduction in the appropriation for the IAC. In addition, the State Budget Agency has mandated an additional 5 percent holdback to be added to State reserves for all state agencies.

"During the regular session of the legislature it appeared we, along with most other state agencies, would receive a budget reduction of about eight percent," explained IAC Executive Director Lewis C. Ricci. "When the Commission met in June they reviewed a number of budget scenarios ranging from 10 to 15 percent reductions, which at that time we felt would be realistic expectations. The additional reduction made it necessary to call a special Commission meeting in July to finalize our FY2010 budget."

[Read the full story.](#)

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## **Senate Confirms New NEA and NEH Chairmen**



Rocco Landesman  
Photo by Michael Eastman.

On August 7, the U.S. Senate confirmed Broadway producer Rocco Landesman to serve as the next National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) chair and former Congressman Jim Leach to serve as National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) chair. Both are expected to begin work this week.

Upon his nomination, Mr. Landesman said, "I am honored to receive the Senate's vote of confirmation. I look forward to serving the nation as Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts. I believe this is an auspicious time for the NEA and the country. Art is essential to civic, economic, and cultural vitality of our nation. It reflects who we are and what we stand for -freedom of expression, imagination, and vision. I am eager to work with our many partners to bring quality arts programs to neighborhoods and communities across the country."

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## Traditional Arts Indiana Hosts Major Exhibition at State Fair

IU's Traditional Arts Indiana (TAI) has been an active participant at the Indiana State Fair for the past decade. This year, TAI has expanded its presence at the fair with a major exhibition in the Home and Family Arts Building at the fair August 7-23, 2009. The exhibit features the works of over 30 Hoosier folk artists, craftspeople and musicians. From hoop-net makers and African American quilting to handmade chocolates and fiddle tunes, the display celebrates the persistence of many of Indiana's traditions, as well as the emergence of folkways brought to the state by its immigrant communities.

In addition to the exhibit, Thursday, August 20th is Traditional Arts Day at the State Fair, which features Indiana Bluegrass on the Main Street Stage. Throughout the day, Olivia Smiley's Bluegrass Band and the White Lightning Boys will perform. Also, at 3:00 p.m., representatives from the State Fair and TAI will honor the Indiana State Fair Masters, an award which will highlight the work of long-time fair participants. This year's honorees are Patti Light, a baton twirler from Boone County, and Tuttle Orchard from Hancock County. The Ceremony will debut two short documentaries about each master.

For more information, please contact TAI at [info@folktraditions.com](mailto:info@folktraditions.com) or visit [www.folktraditions.com](http://www.folktraditions.com).

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## **ISO Music Director Venezago Leaving**

The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra is looking for a new maestro.

CEO Simon Crookall announced to the symphony staff that Music Director Mario Venezago would not return for the 2009-10 season.

"We have been engaged in discussions to extend his contract for nearly a year, and it became clear that we were not going to reach a satisfactory conclusion," Crookall said in an e-mail.

Crookall said the board of directors supported his decision. It's unclear how the musicians and classical audience will react to the Swiss conductor's departure after seven years.

Other conductors will take over for Venezago's concerts in the upcoming season, Crookall said. The search for a new music director will begin immediately. *Source: IBJ, Kathleen McLaughlin.*

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## **Sony Awards \$10,000 Video Art Scholarship to Indianapolis Student**

Sony Online Entertainment (SOE) recently announced that Rebecca Gleason of Indianapolis won the 2009 G.I.R.L. Scholarship. This marks the second year of the scholarship program, encouraging students toward career paths in the creative and applied arts, ultimately resulting in the development of video games that are more enticing for women to play.

Gleason, a Game Art & Design student, was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship to be applied toward tuition and other educational expenses at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and an optional paid internship of up to 10 weeks at SOE's headquarters in San Diego, working on the newly released and highly successful free to play game, *Free Realms*.

"I feel so honored to be given this opportunity," said Gleason. "I can't wait to make the most of it by really diving in, absorbing what I learn and working to promote the mission of the G.I.R.L. program."

Gleason was one of more than 160 applicants vying for the scholarship. Finalists were asked to submit original concept art depicting a new game environment and new characters for *Free Realms*, and compose two essays discussing their art and views on women in the video game industry.

For more information about G.I.R.L., please visit [www.girl.soe.com](http://www.girl.soe.com).

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## Arts Council of Indianapolis Accepting Nominations for ARTI Awards

The Arts Council of Indianapolis is now accepting nominations for their annual ARTI Awards, to be presented at the 23rd Annual Start with Art event on Thursday, September 3, 2009 at the Indiana Convention Center. The ARTI Awards were created by the Arts Council of Indianapolis to recognize outstanding contributions to Indianapolis arts and cultural organizations by corporations, small businesses, and volunteers/patrons. The newest category, added in 2006, is an award designed to celebrate and recognize outstanding contributions made during the previous calendar year - the Artful Impact Award.

Organizations or individuals may nominate up to four individuals in any of the categories. Conflict-free jurors will review the nominations and make their final selection in each of the following four categories: Corporate, for corporations with more than fifty employees and/or annual gross income over \$10 millions; Small Business, for businesses with less than fifty employees and/or annual gross income under \$10 million; Volunteer/Patron, for demonstrated leadership in the arts and or significant contribution of service to an art form or an arts organization by a volunteer or business patron; and Artful Impact, for any individual, group, or activity that had a significant and long-lasting impact in the Indianapolis arts community through or in the arts in the past 12 months.

To download a nominee form, please visit [www.indyarts.org](http://www.indyarts.org), and click on "2009 ARTI Award Nomination Form Available". Nominations are due Friday, August 21, 2009.

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### Did you know?



Since 1982, forty-two Laureates representing twenty-two countries have been identified to carry the name of "The Indianapolis" through the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis. ***Imagine that!***

Join us in celebrating the outstanding contributions to the arts by the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis (IVCI) by attending the Governor's Arts Awards (GAA) September 25, 2009. For more information about the IVCI, please [click here](#). For more information about the GAA, visit <http://www.in.gov/arts/2332.htm>.

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## News Around the State

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*Did you know you can post events, artist opportunities, and job opportunities using the Arts Connection Engine (ACE) tool on our website? For more information, please visit [www.in.gov/arts/2334.htm](http://www.in.gov/arts/2334.htm).*

### **Community Foundation of Morgan County Grants Cycle Open (Mooresville, IN)**

The Community Foundation of Morgan County (CFMC) 2009 Matching and Arts Grants (no match required) application period began August 3, with applications due to the foundation office by 4:00 p.m. on September 4th. Non-profit organizations and groups interested in completing projects to benefit Morgan County are encouraged to apply. Projects must be completed during the grant period of November 2, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Most grants awarded will be between \$500 and \$5,000. To obtain an application, please visit [www.cfmconline.org](http://www.cfmconline.org) or call the CFMC office for more information at (317) 831-1233.

### **Arts Place Awards \$143,690 in Regional Partnership Grants (Portland, IN)**

On Tuesday, July 28, 2009, representatives of area arts organizations, artists and arts supporters gathered at Arts Place for the announcement of the Regional Partnership Grant Awards for Region Five, totaling \$143,690. Region Five includes twelve counties in East Central Indiana: Adams, Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Grant, Henry, Jay, Madison, Randolph, Rush, Union and Wayne. Five mini-grants were awarded to: Union County Public Library; Art Association of Randolph County; VSA arts of Indiana; Mississinewa Valley Band; and the Swiss Heritage Society. Eleven Arts Project Support grants were awarded to: Earlham College/Chanticleer Quartet; Richmond Community Schools/Civic Hall Performing Arts Center; Rush County Chorale; North Adams Community Schools; Cornerstone Center for the Arts/Harvest Moon Festival; National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture; Muncie Children's Museum; Ball State University/Department of Theatre and Dance; Community Education Coalition; Berne Community Development Corporation/Berne Chamber of Commerce; and the Minnetrista Cultural Foundation. Eight Arts Organization Support grants were awarded to The Anderson Center for the Arts; Marion Philharmonic; Anderson Symphony; Richmond Art Museum; Cornerstone Center for the Arts; Richmond Symphony Orchestra; Richmond Civic Theatre; and the Muncie Civic and College Symphony.

### **Tippecanoe Arts Federation Announces \$116,393 in Regional Partnership Grants (Lafayette, IN)**

The Tippecanoe Arts Federation (TAF) announces 28 organizations throughout Region 4 (Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Howard, Jasper, Montgomery, Newton, Pulaski, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Warren, and White Counties) will receive a total of \$116,393 in grant awards for fiscal year 2010. Thirteen Arts Organization Support awards went to Civic Theater of Greater Lafayette; Purdue University Convocations; Lafayette Symphony Orchestra; Art Museum of Greater Lafayette; Friends of

the Frankfort Public Library; Kokomo Civic Theater; Bach Chorale Singers; Prairie Arts Council; Logansport Art Association; Long Center for the Performing Arts; IU Kokomo Gallery; Kokomo Park Band; and Book Readers & Horn Blowers. The following organizations received grants for arts project support: Psi Iota, Beta Alpha Chapter; Kokomo Community Concerts; Indiana Fiddlers' Gathering; Purdue University Jazz; and Tippecanoe County Historical Association. Mini Grant Support went to Tipton County Pork Festival; Delphi Elementary School; Flora Monroe Township Library; Friends of Bob Music Co-op; Words on the Go; Tri Kappa; Art League of Montgomery County; Lew Wallace Study Preservation Society; All Saints Catholic School; and Wabash Valley Youth Symphony.

**Arts Alive! Arts Fair to Highlight Local Artists and Arts Organizations (Lawrenceburg, IN)**

On Saturday, August 29 at Lawrenceburg High School (located off U.S. 50 in Lawrenceburg, IN), the 4th annual Arts Alive! Arts Fair take place from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Arts Alive! Arts Fair is a gift from the arts and cultural community in Lawrenceburg and is a great place to learn about the fine artists and the arts and cultural organizations within Region 9. Over 40 artists and cultural organizations will be represented during this event. This event is organized entirely by the Dearborn Highlands Arts Council. For more information, please contact the Dearborn Highland Arts Council at (812) 539-4251 or at [www.all4art.org](http://www.all4art.org).

**Festival Offers Music and Food to Benefit Indianapolis' New Opera Center (Indianapolis, IN)**

The first Operapalooza festival will take place Friday, September 11th and Saturday, September 12th. The event will benefit the Indianapolis Opera's new Basile Opera Center, located at the former site of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church at 4011 N. Pennsylvania Street. The event will run 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. on Friday and 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Saturday. Tickets for Operapalooza are \$5 in advance, and \$8 at the door. Children under age 10 will be admitted free of charge. Advance tickets and more information are available online at [www.operapalooza.org](http://www.operapalooza.org).

**Art Alliance Brown County Offers Peggy Brown Workshop (Nashville, IN)**

The Art Alliance Brown County, as part of the Brown County Art Center Without Walls, is offering a one-day workshop by award-winning abstract artist Peggy Brown, "From Realism to Abstraction." The event will be held Friday, September 4th from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Traditional Arts Indiana Building, 46 E. Gould Street, Nashville, Indiana. The workshop fee is \$75.00 and includes lunch. Anyone interested in attending should contact Anabel Hopkins at (812) 340-8781 or [anahoppy@hughes.net](mailto:anahoppy@hughes.net).

The IAC, a public catalyst, partner and investor in the arts, serves the citizens of Indiana by funding, promoting and expanding the arts. Funding is provided by the State of Indiana and the National Endowment for the Arts.