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## Arts Commission Approves Inaugural State Certification of Cultural Districts

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) voted recently to designate official cultural districts in three Indiana communities.

"I congratulate the Indiana Arts Commission for bringing to life the vision of House Enrolled Act 1017," said Rep. Eric Koch, R-Bedford. Koch authored the 2008 legislation to establish the state designation.

During its December quarterly meeting in Indianapolis, commissioners representing all areas of the state voted to accept proposals from Bloomington, Carmel, and Lafayette/West Lafayette. The IAC officially announced the designations during the annual Arts Day at the State House program on January 26, 2010 sponsored by Indiana Coalition for the Arts.

"These initial three communities have set the standard for future cultural district plans around the state," Rep. Koch added. "As our nation continues to shift from an industrial manufacturing economy to one based on ideas, information, and experiences, the arts and culture

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**- Rep. Eric Koch,  
(R - Bedford)**

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are becoming important economic assets and can be an engine for economic growth in Hoosier communities large and small. Our state cultural district designation is an important tool within a policy portfolio designed to help us capitalize on our cultural resources in ways that encourage both economic prosperity and civic wellbeing."

The official state designation provides significant opportunity for marketing, promotion, and potentially leveraging resources through various partnerships.

Communities interested in applying for the 2010 Cultural Districts certification must submit letters of intent by June 30, 2010 and applications are due by August 11, 2010. For more information, please visit <http://www.in.gov/arts/culturaldistricts.htm>.

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## Governor Appoints One to Indiana Arts Commission

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Governor Mitch Daniels recently announced the appointment of an additional Hoosier to serve on the 15-member Indiana Arts Commission (IAC).

Governor Daniels' newest appointment is Linda Goad of Indianapolis.

"The Indiana Arts Commission thanks Governor Daniels for selecting another outstanding Hoosier to serve on the Commission," said Lewis C. Ricci, IAC Executive Director. "Ms. Goad's experience in the service sector will be vital as the Arts Commission continues to carry out its mission."

With an early career in marketing, Ms. Goad made the decision to devote the majority of her time to parenting and subsequently became actively involved with a number of activities at Park Tudor School, including serving as the middle school tennis coach.

Ms. Goad has spent the past 20 years dedicated to public service and philanthropic endeavors. Not-for-profits Ms. Goad has worked with include: The Junior League, The President's Roundtable, Indianapolis Art Center, Indiana State Museum, Governor's Residence Commission, CARA, and Impact 100.

IAC Commissioners are appointed by the Governor to four-year terms. The Governor may re-appoint commissioners for a second four-year term. Commissioners are selected based on their broad range of

experience and involvement in community leadership, and interest in advancing the role of the arts in community, economic, educational and cultural development.

## How Do You Plan to Celebrate Disability Awareness Month this March?



Each March, Disability Awareness Month is celebrated throughout Indiana. And given that adults and children with disabilities represent slightly more than 19 percent of Indiana's population, disability awareness is important for all of us.

Led by the Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, the goal of Disability Awareness Month is to increase awareness and promote independence, integration and inclusion of all people with

disabilities. Here we provide arts organizations, artists, and Indiana residents with ideas and information on Disability Awareness Month.

### Arts Organizations

Looking for art-related program ideas to integrate into your schedule? The Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities has a special packet that contains the tools needed to create an art contest and exhibit, a list of individual artists or groups that offer programming appropriate for disability awareness for schools and communities, and more. To download this packet of information, visit our website at <http://www.in.gov/arts/accessibility.htm>.

Does your organization already have events planned for Disability Awareness Month? If so, then send us an email at [IndianaArtsCommission@iac.IN.gov](mailto:IndianaArtsCommission@iac.IN.gov) and let us know. We'll add your event to a list on our website at <http://www.in.gov/arts/accessibility.htm>.

### Artists

Whether you're an artist with a disability, an arts supporter, or a seasoned artist, join ArtsWORK Indiana at the Indianapolis Museum of Art for our March monthly meeting, which takes place on March

25th at 2:00 p.m. Can't make the March meeting? You're in luck: ArtsWORK Indiana meets on a monthly basis the fourth Thursday of every month. What do we do at these meetings? We host a presenter, discuss opportunities and resources, or just offer support to one another. Either way, you're guaranteed to make new friends and connections in the Indiana art world. These meetings are free. For more information, visit [www.artsworkindiana.org](http://www.artsworkindiana.org).

### Citizens

Visit our website at <http://www.in.gov/arts/accessibility.htm> for a list of events centered around Disability Awareness Month, including two documentaries screening at the Indianapolis Museum of Art on March 13th. ArtsWORK Indiana friends got a sneak preview of one of the documentaries, *Heavy Load*. Check out the Accessibility page of our website for our thoughts on the film.

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## Finalists to Compete for Indiana's Poetry Out Loud Recitation Title

Finalists from 13 Indiana schools will compete Saturday, February 27th, 2010 for top honors in the Indiana Poetry Out Loud recitation contest.

The competition will begin at 12:00 p.m. at the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Central Branch in Clowes Auditorium. Admission is free.



Students representing high schools from around Indiana will compete to determine the state champion. The student crowned State Champion will receive a \$200 cash prize and an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete at the National Finals April 25-27, 2010. The National Championships feature competitors from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. The State Champion's school will receive a \$500 stipend to purchase poetry books.

In 2009, Broad Ripple High School Senior Derek C. Kaellner was crowned Indiana's Poetry Out Loud Champion. Indiana is in its fifth year of participation in the Poetry Out Loud Program.

The National Poetry Out Loud competition began in 2005. The program, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), is designed to encourage youth to learn about great poetry through

memorization and performance, which helps students master public speaking skills, build self-esteem, and internalize an appreciation for American literary heritage.

In 2008, more than 200,000 students participated nationwide in preliminary competitions which begin at the classroom level, advance to regional competitions, and finally state championships. Finalists for the National Championship will compete for scholarship prizes totaling \$50,000, with the National Champion claiming \$20,000 in scholarship funding.

To view a list of Indiana schools participating in this year's statewide competition, please visit <http://www.in.gov/arts/2422.htm>.

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## 2010 Application Now Open for the Efroymsen Award for Excellence in Cultural Tourism Development



Each May since 2005, the Efroymsen Family Fund, a CICF fund, has partnered with the Department of Tourism, Conventions and Event Management at IUPUI to stage the annual Indiana Cultural Tourism Conference. At each Indiana Cultural Tourism Conference, the Efroymsen Award for Excellence in Cultural Tourism Development is bestowed to encourage and share exceptional practices with Indiana leaders in cultural tourism development.

In 2010, a \$25,000 Efroymsen Award will recognize a non-profit organization for a creative, emerging cultural tourism initiative. This competitive solicitation is targeted at Indiana non-profit organizations with an annual budget of less than \$1,000,000, seeking to initiate or enhance cultural tourism in Indiana. The organization submitting the application may collaborate with other non-profit or for-profit agencies and/or individuals. Multiple entries by a non-profit organization are acceptable if each project submission has a different set of objectives.

This award recognizes a work in progress or a creative plan for future utilization of the award. Projects in visual, contemporary or performing arts will be considered. Creativity and innovation will be rewarded.

Last year's winner, IndyFringe, used the money for capacity enhancement. For more information or an application, please visit [http://petm.iupui.edu/pdf/2010\\_Efroymsen\\_Competitive\\_Award\\_Announcement.pdf](http://petm.iupui.edu/pdf/2010_Efroymsen_Competitive_Award_Announcement.pdf). Application

deadline is April 15, 2010. For more information about the Indiana Cultural Tourism Conference, please visit <http://petm.iupui.edu/affiliates/culturaltourismconference/>.

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## 2010 Arts Day at the Statehouse a Success

Indiana Coalition for the Arts (INCA) held their 12th annual Arts Day at the Statehouse in January, with many legislators and Hoosiers in attendance.

The event was kicked off with speeches by INCA President Terry Whitt Bailey and IAC Executive Director Lewis C. Ricci, and also included performances by Indiana Poet Laureate Norbert Krapf, the Griot Storytellers of Africa led by musician Khabir Shareef, and musician Bamboo Steve Pollitt.

Four outstanding Hoosiers were awarded Community Arts Leadership Awards (CALA) at the event, honoring their service in advancing the cause of community and local arts in Indiana. CALA awards were presented to: Miriam Robeson, Attorney at Law, Flora (Arts Volunteer); Judy Ward, Visual and Performing Arts Cooperative, Wabash County Schools, Wabash (Arts Educator); Eric Rogers, Executive Director, Arts Place, Portland (Arts Administrator); and Joy Bailey, Hoosier Salon Board of Directors, Monticello (Arts Advocate). Each recipient received an original piece of art created by Indiana glass artist Kathleen Kitch, crafted in her studio overlooking Big Pine Creek in Warren County.

For more information about Arts Day, please visit [www.in.gov/arts/2418.htm](http://www.in.gov/arts/2418.htm). For images from this year's event, please visit [www.inartscoalition.org](http://www.inartscoalition.org).



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## Help Ensure the Arts are Counted

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Ensure your community gets its fair share of federal funds.  
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Every 10 years, households in America are asked to complete a census form. On April 10, 2010, American households will be asked to fill out a 10 question form that will take less than 10 minutes of our time.

By helping us to ensure all households are counted in this year's census, arts organizations will also increase the possibility of more funding for their regions. For more information, please visit <http://www.census.indiana.edu/>.

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### Did You Know?

The arts are more than just an extra-curricular activity. Take it from this parent whose child is a performer with Asante Children's Theatre (ACT) in Indianapolis.

" Since beginning Asante Children's Theatre in September of 2007 Jalen is more focused than I've ever seen him. He doesn't mind a challenge. He works hard at school now and his grades have improved. He now knows what it takes to be good at something. Although I did my part in transforming Jalen, I have to give ACT loads of credit. They have shown Jalen that good things don't come easy. ACT has given Jalen so much confidence."

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## News Around the State

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### **FY2011 Regional Initiative Grant Applications Now Open for Regions 8 & 12**

The FY2011 Regional Initiative Grant (RIG) Program application is now open for Region 8 (Brown, Greene, Lawrence, Monroe, Morgan & Owen Counties) and Region 12 (Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Jefferson, Scott, & Washington Counties). These grants include: Arts Operating Support (AOS), specifically for Regions 8 & 12 arts and cultural organizations and Arts Project Support (APS) and mini-grants, designed to support new and existing arts projects and activities produced or presented by an Indiana non-profit organization. For more information or guidelines for these grants, please visit <http://www.in.gov/arts/2636.htm>. Application draft review deadline is March 26, 2010 and the application deadline is April 16, 2010. There will be several grant workshops for these programs. To view the dates for these workshops, please visit <http://www.in.gov/arts/2637.htm>.

### **FY2011 Grant Application Open for Region 3 (Fort Wayne, IN)**

Organizations in Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Miami, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells and Whitley counties are invited to apply for an Arts Organization Support (AOS), Arts Project Support (APS) or a Mini-Grant from Arts United in Fort Wayne. Arts United administers these granting programs for the Indiana Arts Commission through the Regional Arts Partnership. Deadline is Friday, April 16, 2010. For more information, please visit <http://www.artsunited.org/grantopps.php>.

### **FY2011 Grant Application Open for Region 4 (Lafayette, IN)**

Organizations in Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Howard, Jasper, Montgomery, Newton, Pulaski, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Warren, & White counties are invited to apply for an Arts Organization Support (AOS), Arts Project Support (APS) or Mini-Grant from Tippecanoe Arts Federation in Lafayette. Tippecanoe Arts Federation administers these granting programs for the Indiana Arts Commission through the Regional Arts Partnership. Deadline is Friday, April 16, 2010. For more information, please visit <http://www.tippecanoearts.org/grants.html>.

### **Russian Ballet Academy of Indiana Declared Outstanding School (Indianapolis, IN)**

For the third year of its four year existence, the Russian Ballet Academy of Indiana (RBAI) was declared "Outstanding School" in the midwest regional portion of the world's largest pre-professional dance competition, Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP). The school was proud to represent Indiana as it shared this prestigious award with another benchmark of excellence in the art world, Joffrey's Academy of Dance. In a repeat of last year's results, four of RBAI's five ensemble pieces won first prize, in addition to the first, second and top twelve placements bestowed on many of its student soloists. As a result of

these successes, RBAI students will receive the distinction to represent Indiana and the nation as they join three hundred of the world's finest young dancers on an international stage in New York this April. For more information, visit [www.RBAI.biz](http://www.RBAI.biz).

### **Public Backs Center Grove Arts Programs (Center Grove, IN)**

Mike Yohler and his family moved to the Center Grove area in October because of the schools, he told the school board. He works on the northwest side of Indianapolis but doesn't mind the commute as long as it means his children can participate in music programs that excel, he said. But now that school officials have suggested cuts to choir, band and music programs, he is rethinking his decision. "If I had the slightest inkling I would be standing here today, fighting for the music program, I would have gone to Avon," he said. Yohler was among about 800 people who attended a school board meeting on February 8th and one of about 40 parents, residents, teachers, and students who spoke to the board about \$3.6 million in budget cuts the district is facing. The needed cuts amount to about 8 percent of the district's \$43 million general fund. Board members have not decided what to cut to make up for funding losses from the state. More than 100 ideas have been suggested. Almost everyone who spoke to board members asked them to avoid cuts to art, choir and band programs, and about 10 people suggested the board trim the number of administrators and consultants instead of teachers. *Source: Jason Michael White, Daily Journal of Johnson County via Indiana Economic Digest.* To continue reading, [click here](#).

### **Innovations in Local Public Finance Workshop Building Better Communities (Indianapolis, IN)**

How can your community adapt in the changing landscape of Indiana public finance? During this half-day workshop, learn how Indiana municipalities are financed, discuss recent tax structure changes, and discover alternatives to property taxes. Attendees will learn how Indiana communities are funded and sustained; Local Option Income Taxes (LOITs) work; to determine ways to increase revenues and/or decrease the cost of providing services. This workshop takes place February 25, 2010 at the [Ball State Indianapolis Center](#) and the cost is \$45. For questions or more information, contact Building Better Communities Education and Training Director Sarah Yeager at [syeager@bsu.edu](mailto:syeager@bsu.edu) or (765)285-2773. For an electronic registration form, [click here](#).

### **Deadline Approaching for Historic Preservation Education Grants (Statewide)**

Historic Preservation Grants are awarded to support educational programs related to historic structures in Indiana. The program is sponsored jointly by the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana and the Indiana Humanities Council. Eligible projects include lectures, workshops, conferences, the production of audiovisual materials, and heritage or cultural tourism programs. Educational print materials such as walking tour brochures, guides to historic homes, and curriculum units for K-12 classrooms constitute eligible projects as well. Prospectus postmark deadline is March 1, 2010 and application postmark deadline is April 16, 2010. For more information, visit [http://www.indianahumanities.org/pdf/2010\\_HPEG\\_Booklet.pdf](http://www.indianahumanities.org/pdf/2010_HPEG_Booklet.pdf).

### **T.C. Steele State Historic Site Bringing Public Art to Brown County Junior High (Nashville)**

The T.C. Steele State Historic Site is bringing in collaborative artist Joe LaMantia to work on a public art display at the Brown County Junior High School. This project is unique in many ways. It is the first time this school has had an artist in residence and it will involve students and faculty. The display will utilize recycled materials; some supplied by students, and will be mounted onto feathers of an eagle. Students begin working on this project February 22-24. A second session will begin March 8-10, and a community work day is planned on March 9th from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. All community members are welcome to help and to see what the students are creating. For more information, contact Christine Atkinson at [catkinson@dnr.in.gov](mailto:catkinson@dnr.in.gov) or (812) 677-2003.

### **Exhibit of art by Hoosiers with Developmental Disabilities Traveling Indiana (Statewide)**

An unique art show kicked off its year-long tour through the state on January 12 at the Evansville Vanderburgh Central Library. *What's Important to Me! An Exhibit of Art by Hoosiers with Developmental Disabilities*, will arrive at the Indiana Statehouse on March 1 in honor of Disability Awareness Month. Artwork by dozens of individuals from around the state will be on display, presenting skills and talents through a diverse variety of styles, including paintings, pencil sketching, and textile works. This artwork reflects the contributions these artists make in their communities and the interests they have in their lives. The exhibit will be up at the Statehouse through March 31, and will then move on to other communities throughout the state including Richmond, Terre Haute, and South Bend. For a list of locations and dates, visit our website at <http://www.in.gov/arts/accessibility.htm>.

### **Indianapolis Opera Won't Fold Despite Cancellation of 'The Mikado' (Indianapolis, IN)**

Indianapolis Opera is staring down a \$400,000 budget gap, but Executive Director John Pickett says the company isn't folding. "We don't want to give any indication the company is going out of business at all," he said February 12. The opera on Thursday said it would cancel its third production of the season. Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado," which was scheduled for March 19 and 21 at Clowes Memorial Hall. The opera is billing the move as a "postponement," saying it will schedule the same show for next season, which begins in the fall. Cancellation of "The Mikado" will also impact Clowes, the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra and various contracted singers. The show was also supposed to include participants in the opera's young artists program. Pickett said his artistic team is working to replace the young artists' performance with a smaller, low-budget show that can be staged at the Basile Opera Center, the former Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. *Source: Kathleen McLaughlin, The IBJ.* To continue reading, [click here](#).

### **Conner Prairie Sees Giving Increase (Indianapolis, IN)**

Conner Prairie saw increases in both daily admissions and giving in 2009 and ended its year in the black for the fourth time in a row. The interactive history park in Fishers shared results at its annual meeting Wednesday evening. Conner Prairie, along with many other museums and not-for-profit organizations, began 2009 in cost-cutting mode because of major endowment losses. The value of the

park's endowment fell from more than \$100 million in 2007 to \$85 million at the end of 2008. CEO Ellen Rosenthal eliminated 19 jobs last March. The launch of a new ballooning exhibit and ride likely boosted the history park's performance. Revenue from the 1859 Balloon Voyage was double projection at \$200,000. Daily admissions rose 4.3 percent to 148,841 for the year. Conner Prairie also saw a 14 percent increase in giving, bringing in \$854,710 in donations. *Source: Indianapolis Business Journal.*

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