

ARTS IMPRINT



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MAAE MISSION:

To advocate for high quality, comprehensive & sequential arts education for all Mississippi students.

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ARTS FRONT AND CENTER FORUM, MAY 7-8, 2010



On Friday and Saturday, May 7-8, 2010, arts advocates from around the state gathered for the 2010 Arts Front and Center Forum. The Forum proved to be a huge success! The theme was Rise Above: "In and Through the Arts." The Forum and Arts Education Awards were dedicated to the memory of one of our dear members, Patti Finley, who truly exemplified "rising above all challenges" to share our passion and the joy and meaning that the arts can have for our students in Mississippi. Dr. Jack Tucci, Dean, MSU Meridian, opened the Friday afternoon session by sharing how the arts played an important role in his life as a child. He also mentioned goals for MSU Meridian in the area of arts education. John Abodeely, Program Manager of The Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network, shared national perspectives on arts education in his keynote address. Mr. Abodeely gave us questions to ponder in breakout sessions that followed his remarks. He and Dr. Penny Wallin, facilitated group reports and closed the afternoon session by reflecting on the issues raised and the possibilities for improving arts education in Mississippi.



Marlynn K. Martin, Ph.D.
MAAE President

Student artwork lined the MSU Riley Center spaces throughout the two-day event. On Saturday, a series of workshops was offered for students, parents, teachers, administrators, and teaching artists. This year's Arts Front and Center Forum and the Arts Education Awards carried a powerful message for arts education in the state of Mississippi!

FORUM HIGHLIGHTS



Left: 2010 Arts Front and Center Forum registration



Right: Dean Tucci, MSU Meridian Campus, welcomes Forum participants

Below left: John Abodeely, Program Manager, Kennedy Center Alliance for Arts Education Network

Below right: Breakout group



The Arts Front and Center Forum expanded to a two-day event in 2010, with Forum sessions on Friday and multiple workshops offered throughout the day on Saturday.

Student art works were on display in the exhibit hall throughout the Forum. In the 2010 exhibit, a jury selected "Best of Show" award winners.

The 2010 Arts Education Awards were presented at a banquet on Friday night. A highlight of the Awards was a pair of student performances.

Center right photo: Limeul Eubanks, Visual and Performing Arts Specialist from the Mississippi Department of Education led a workshop focused on journals.



Below left and right: Workshop participants learn sign language as part of an arts integrated lesson, presented by teaching artists, Kathryn Lewis and Althea Jerome.



SAVE THE DATE:

MAAE Board Meeting: JUNE 12, 2010, 1:00 p.m.

Jones County Junior College Visual Arts Building

Executive Committee Meeting: 10:00 a.m. with lunch.

Bring your MAAE board member notebook; Please RSVP to Marlynn Martin by June 7

Full board & Annual Membership meeting: 1:00 p.m.

Directions to JCJC: From I 59, take Exit 88 (Highway 29) to the main entrance of Ellisville. Drive east through town, passing several fast food places. At the second traffic signal, turn right (south) onto Court Street. Continue through three stop signs to the campus entrance. Turn into the second parking lot on the left and park at the back of the Visual Arts Building. Look for MAAE signs to the meeting room.

This is a very important meeting! Many topics will be discussed and your input is vital to the growth and progress of the organization in arts education in Mississippi. There will also be a raffle at this meeting for several very nice items. You don't want to miss this meeting, the discussion, the fun, and the fellowship with arts education colleagues!



*In Memory
of Patti Finley
who taught us all
how to "Rise Above"
1970—2010*



MAAE 2010 Arts Education Awards

School of Excellence Arts Program Awards

*Power Academic and Performing Arts Complex, Jackson
Tupelo Middle School, Tupelo*

Thad Cochran Distinguished Arts Educator Award (Theatre)

Suzanne Allmon, Oak Grove High School, Hattiesburg

Thad Cochran Distinguished Arts Educator Award (Music)

Elthea Harrison, Madison Avenue Elementary School, Madison

Thad Cochran Distinguished Arts Educator Award (Arts Integration)

Keri Coleman, Clarkdale Elementary School, Clarkdale

Outstanding Administrator Award

Dr. Brenda Jones, Madison Avenue Elementary School, Madison

Excellence in Higher Education Award

Robin Carr, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg

Exemplary Arts Service Award

Patti Finley (in memory), Winona Elementary School, Winona

Arts Advocacy Award

Senator Lydia Chassaniol, Winona

Lifetime Achievement in Arts Education Award

Sandra Polanski, Power Academic and Performing Arts Complex, Jackson



THE DANA FOUNDATION

News:

Plans are underway to conduct three Teaching Artist Workshops in the remaining months of 2010. These workshops are designed to train artists to work in school settings and to apply for the Mississippi Arts Commission Teaching Artist Roster. An application and selection process for these workshops will begin in mid-July. Performing artists (dance, music, theatre) selected to participate are eligible to receive a stipend through a grant from the Dana Foundation. There is no fee for visual artists who apply and are selected to participate in the workshop. MAAE members will receive a notice when the on-line workshop application is available. Please check the MAAE website for the latest workshop updates, application information and calendar deadlines. Go to: www.MSArtsAlliance.com

Student Performers: Arts Front and Center Forum and Arts Education Awards



Robert Blaine, 4th grade
Power APAC

Cicelee Carnes
Meridian High School



Jocelyn Zhu, Jackson,
was selected to
participate in the 2010
National Symphony
Orchestra Summer
Music Institute

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