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Job/Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer at the GRAM On New Year's Eve

Many of you helped us during the Art Prize Competition, and now GRAM is gearing up for our next big event-- the annual New Years Eve Celebration! Come be a part of the festivities! The Art Museum will be open from 5:00 PM until midnight, with music, games and a reservation-only dinner, culminating in the Ball Drop on Rosa Parks Circle at midnight. Volunteers can work any number of shifts, throughout the evening. Positions are available in Greeting, Guest Seating, Coat Check and Visitor Services. All volunteers will be provided with food and free parking and of course, can be best place of all on New Years Eve! For many of you, it might seem like too soon to think about the holidays, but volunteers must register no later than **December 14, 2009** to be assured a spot. Please contact Erin if you are interested in participating edasst@artmuseumgr.org. We look forward to seeing you all again soon!

2010 Michigan Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program Call for Nominations

The Michigan Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program supports the continuation of traditional folk arts practiced in Michigan that are learned informally from one another in small groups and families -- ranging from decoy duck carving and birch bark canoe making to storytelling, mehendi (henna) art application, and regional and ethnic foodways. A master works with an apprentice artist in the same community, passing on the skills and knowledge about a particular traditional art. The Apprenticeship Program awards a stipend in support of the instruction time the master artist spends with the apprentice.

Because of Michigan's unique natural and physical elements, together with its incredible diversity of social, occupational, recreational, ethnic, and religious traditions, it is no wonder that the state hosts thousands of individuals and businesses who produce a wide variety of crafts, according to Kozma. Some of these crafts are unparalleled in their form, technical mastery, and creativity; some have deep meanings to the communities from which they spring; all contribute to the economy of the state.

The National Endowment for the Arts and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs fund these traditional arts programs. For information on the Michigan Heritage Award or Apprenticeship programs, contact Kozma at the MSU Museum, at (517) 353-5526.

A gallery of past awardees is online at http://museum.msu.edu/s-program/mh_awards/mha.html. Heritage Award winners and MTAAP masters and apprenticeships are featured in a special exhibition at the MSU Museum, "Michigan Artists: Passing on Traditions," and are recognized at the MSU Museum's annual Great Lakes Folk Festival in East Lansing each August. Many of these tradition-bearers also demonstrate their skills and/or perform at the festival in workshops and showcases.

Nomination forms are available on line at <http://www.museum.msu.edu/s-program/mtap/Programs&Services>.

*Visual Arts Deadlined***42nd Annual Fallasburg Fall Festival****Call for Artists****September 25 and 26, 2010**- 10am to 5pm both days

Presented by Lowell Area Arts Council

The Fallasburg Fall Festival is a unique event that develops the potential of an extraordinary historical setting. Featuring 85 fine art and crafts booths, live music entertainment, demonstrations of traditional crafts, and arts activities for children, this festival has something for everyone.

Fallasburg Park spans the Flat River and includes historic Fallasburg Village and the picturesque Fallasburg Covered Bridge.

Call for Artists

For more information on this or to receive a CALL FOR ENTRY FORM contact the Lowell Area Arts Council: (616) 897-8545 / e-mail: info@lowellartscouncil.org or download an application at www.lowellartscouncil.org.

24th West Michigan Regional Competition**Call for Artists****February 18 - April 10**

Public Reception: Sunday, March 14 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Juror's Statement and Awards presented at 3:30 p.m.

This year's Juror is Armin Mersmann from Midland, Michigan.

To learn more about him visit www.arminmersmann.com

The 24th Annual West Michigan Regional (art) Competition at the Lowell Area Arts Council runs from February 18 - April 10, 2010 with an opening reception on Sunday, March 14 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Gallery hours for the Lowell Area Arts Council are Tuesday - Friday from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm and Saturday from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. The Lowell Area Arts Council is located at 149 S. Hudson, Lowell, Michigan.

Call for Artists

Entry forms for the 24th West Michigan Regional Competition are available. Participation is open to Lower West Michigan artists 18 yrs. and older. Five prizes will be awarded in the following categories: Best of Show - \$500; 1st Place - \$400; 2nd Place - \$300; 3rd Place - \$200; and 4th Place - \$100, as well as recognition ribbons in categories selected by the juror. For more information on this exhibition and to receive a CALL FOR ENTRY FORM contact the Lowell Area Arts Council: (616) 897-8545 / e-mail: info@lowellartscouncil.org or download an application at www.lowellartscouncil.org

Call for Artists**dis.place.ment**

Applications due January 15

dis.place.ment, an international juried exhibition. As part of an ongoing commitment to promote challenging, innovative practices in the visual arts, this exhibition's open framework serves as a catalyst for a multitude of approaches and media. Accepted works will be exhibited in the Monroe Avenue Gallery of UICA, from April 2–July 31, 2010.

The Oxford American Dictionary defines displacement as follows:

- The moving of something from its place or position
- The removal of someone or something by someone or something else that takes their place
- The enforced departure of people from their homes, typically because of war, persecution, or natural disaster
- The amount by which a thing is moved from its normal position
- The occupation by a submerged body or part of a body of a volume that would otherwise be occupied by a fluid
- The amount or weight of fluid that would fill such a volume

Using these definitions as a point of departure, the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts (UICA) seeks artists to submit entries for dis.place.ment. Artists can download a prospectus at

<http://uica.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.viewPage&pageId=520&parentID=476&nodeID=1>

Historical Center Seeks Michigan Women Artists to Exhibit Their Work

The Michigan Women's Historical Center has issued a call for artists to exhibit in its art gallery in 2010 and 2011. To be considered for selection, an artist must fill out an exhibit application form to which she attaches a resume and at least six examples of her work. The form may be found at http://www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org/pages/exhibits_art.htm.

From the applications, the Art Exhibit Committee of the Historical Center's Friends group will select four individual artists or artist groups to exhibit in the gallery each year. Only the works of Michigan women will be accepted for display. Additional selection considerations are described in the Art Exhibit Policies document attached to the application. For more information, please call the Historical Center at 517-484-1880, extension 202.

The Michigan Women's Historical Center was established in 1987 by the Michigan Women's Studies Association, which seeks to improve what is taught and thought about women in Michigan's schools, colleges, and universities. Inside the Historical Center are changing galleries highlighting women's history and art as well as the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame, commemorating nearly 250 Michigan women past and present. Photographs, biographical sketches, and lesson plans relating to the Hall of Fame honorees may also be viewed online at www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org.

Call for Artists

Display and Sell your work at the 2009 HASTINGS and DELTON HOLIDAY HOPS

Holiday Hops are scheduled in **Hastings on Dec. 4 and Delton on Dec. 8**. Gallery space will be provided inside a participating downtown business for each artist. All artwork must be hand made by the artists. To apply to participate please return the application (**contact me at aplacencia@artsggr.org for an application**) and enclose three photos or digital files labeled with your name and address that are representative of the works you plan to exhibit. If you have a website featuring your work, you may include the address in place of photos. You must also include a brief bio or your information will not be included in advance publicity. Photos and other media will not be returned. A commission will not be charged to participate in the Art Hops. The Thornapple Arts Council would instead appreciate a donation of your artwork on the date you exhibit. Donated artwork will be sold at the TAC Art Auction in November to benefit this and other TAC programs.

Visual Arts Ongoing

Call for Entries

Firebrick Gallery and Pottery Studio Rochester, MI

New gallery located at the corner of Main and Fourth Streets in downtown Rochester, Firebrick is housed in the Masonic building built in 1898. The unique pottery studio & art gallery is located in the original carriage/livery of the Masonic Temple. The light, bright and airy space has exposed brick walls, 13' high ceilings with the original tin tiles, the perfect place to soak in the creative atmosphere of art and art in the making!

Please send resume, artist statement and jpegs of your work with dimensions to: Juliann@wowway.com

More information at <http://www.firebrickgalleryandpotterystudio.com>

Seeking Submissions (Percent for Art)

K & S GemWorks

Muskegon, MI

Though primarily a jewelry gallery, K & S GemWorks is also interested in small-scale sculpture and gifts. If you are an artist creating jewelry or other small objects, and would like them to consider your work for consignment, please send:

- Your name, address, phone #, email address, and some information about you (artist's statement, information about your technique, resume, where else your work is sold)
- 10-20 good images of your work, including details is nice. Don't send slides, I prefer jpeg images emailed or on a CD, or printed copies that I can keep on file.
- Description of each pictured piece, and your retail pricing structure.

Please make sure to send media that you don't need back, so they can keep your information on file. Email submissions are always welcome too. K & S GemWorks, 4851 Harvey St., Ste. A Muskegon, MI 49444 service@ksgemworks.com

Seeking Artwork

Daniel's Salon & Studio

Rochester Hills, MI

Daniel's Salon & Studio has installed a hanging device on three walls of their business with the idea of giving local artists recognition and providing their clientele with an ever-changing décor. It has surpassed their intentions, having drawn attention from international artists. Please visit their website or drop by to see the "studio." If interested, they can fax the agreement contract. Please call with any questions: 248.656.8608

Call for Artists! Gallery 213

Gallery 213 is inviting artists of West Michigan to apply for inclusion in this exciting new venue. Set in the historic downtown of Greenville, Michigan, Gallery 213 seeks artists of all medium to show in this revitalized nineteenth century icon. Be included with the best West Michigan has to offer in the arts, in a setting that properly shows your talent to the discriminating buyer. The setting creates the ideal atmosphere with grand piano and coffee bar to satiate the patrons. Marketing of the gallery includes conventional media and website access for artists that are enrolled. For complete information on this exciting opportunity please contact Gallery 213 at 616-874-6308.

Artists' Benefits at enrollment:

- specific dedicated space appropriate to the medium of the artist
- featured artist event annually
- access to the Gallery 213 website
- advertising in mixed conventional media
- opportunity to work on site within the gallery
- opportunity to teach classes on site for additional revenue
- no charge back of credit card fees
- appropriate security and insurance of gallery

Artists' Submissions:

- photographic samples of work in the medium the artist wishes to show... a minimum of four.
- personal biography/photo inclusive of education and previous/other gallery experience
- notations of collections that hold the artist's work
- completed enrollment application

Artists' Commitments:

- monthly assessment of \$40 per dedicated space
- gallery commission of 20% of gross sales
- eight hours of gallery floor time per month in lieu of \$35 charge for labor exchange
- non-exclusive contract

Portfolio Reviews**River Gallery Chelsea, MI**

The River Gallery asks that you either visit the gallery in person or review their website, www.chelsearivergallery.com prior to submitting your work. If you believe that your work is at the same level of professionalism as the work that they currently carry and would make a good addition to their gallery, they encourage you to submit your portfolio.

Contact the River Gallery for submission details. They review submissions on a regular basis and are happy to answer any questions by phone or e-mail. River Gallery, 120 S Main St. Chelsea, MI 48118 ph# 734.433.0826

Associate Artist Opportunity**Armory Arts Village****Jackson, MI**

The Armory Arts Village in Jackson, Michigan is a unique place for the creative process and the development of new work and ideas. Artists are invited via a jury process to become an "Associate Artist". If you cannot live here but still want to be a part of this exciting artist community, apply to become an Associate Artist.

The benefits include affordable exhibition opportunities (\$75.00 per month) in a no commission gallery, participation in workshops and seminars at no cost, one private exhibition per year, priority in teaching opportunities at the Armory Arts Academy (if all standards are met), and participation in the monthly 4th Friday Artswalk. To apply, send a CD with six images of work completed w/in the past two years with a \$50.00 check payable to Armory Arts Village to:

Director

One Jackson Square, Suite 1100

Jackson, MI 49201

The jury process will be ongoing. There is a three-month participation minimum. There are also reduced rates for a 6-12 month commitment.

Call for Entries
Space 237
Toledo, OH

Space 237 is taking artist submissions now for their upcoming exhibition seasons. They are looking for cutting edge work but will also consider high-quality traditional styles. Please submit 4-25 examples of artwork. Samples can be jpegs on CD, no larger than 300 dpi, high quality photos, computer prints, or slides. They prefer jpegs. There is a \$20 submission fee and art will be considered for the next year of exhibits.

Contact Information:

Space 237 Galleries & ClaySpace
237 N. Michigan
Toledo, OH 43604
United States
Phone: 419-255-5117

Free Display Space for Artists
Monthly Artist Showcase

L.A Café
Waterford, MI

The L.A Café is a restaurant/coffeehouse in Waterford, MI. They would like to extend an offer for free display space for sale or display of artworks. Just send jpeg samples of work to Darren at lacafe@usa.com.

Portfolio Reviews
Maniscalco Gallery
Grosse Pointe, MI

The Maniscalco Gallery is seeking submissions for upcoming exhibits and possible exclusive representation in the Detroit area. Emphasis is on compelling bodies of work, ready for display. Submit three or more images (slide, print or .jpegs), labeled, including artist name, title, size, retail price & medium. Please include an SASE if you want your submission to be returned). Images may be submitted as slides, prints or .jpg via email. Also include artist statement and resume. No "NFS." For further information about submitting work, contact the gallery:

Maniscalco Gallery
17728 Mack Ave.
Grosse Pointe, MI 48230
(313) 886-2993

Call for Youth Art Submissions
Launch Pad Online Magazine

Become a published Young Artist! Launch Pad: Where Young Authors and Illustrators Take Off! is a new online magazine devoted to publishing fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and artwork by children ages 6-12. The editor is pleased to announce the publication of the first two online issues openly accessible from the Launch Pad web site. We still have space in all of our upcoming 2008 issues, and invite young artists to submit a sample or samples of artwork. Promising young artists between the ages of 6-12 will be invited to illustrate stories or poems written by young authors. Please visit <http://www.launchpadmag.com> to read the magazine and review our submission guidelines! We do not charge parents or children any submission or publication fees. Email submissions and queries to: editor@launchpadmag.com or mail to:

Launch Pad
P.O. Box 80578
Baton Rouge, LA 70898

Call for Artist in Various Mediums
Inspired Creations by VK Designs & ND Studio
Grand Rapids, MI

Inspired Creations is a new gallery in Grand Rapids that has a focus on functional art, sculptures, metal art, and custom glass work Visit their website for more information: www.inspired-creations.biz. Please send application package consisting of resume, artist statement and pictures (jpegs) of work to ICVKND@aol.com or to:

Inspired Creations Studio
1509 Lake Dr. SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
For further information please contact us @ 616-459-4955

Call for Proposals**555 Gallery and Studios of Detroit****A. Artist in Residency Program****B. Thursday View**

A. 555 Gallery and Studios' Artist in Residency Program supports local, national, and international artists by providing studio space for 1-2 month intervals, exhibition space, as well as other resources.

Contact artsresidency@555arts.org for more information. Also, visit www.555arts.org to learn more about this program and others. The deadline for submissions/applications is ongoing.

B. Every Thursday a different artist exhibits in 555's first floor gallery. Exhibit times are 7-10PM on Thursdays & Fridays and from 12-5PM on Saturdays & Sundays. No slides, no juror, no entry fee, just contact thursdays@555arts.org. All media welcome and submissions are ongoing.

Gallery Opportunity**Dark Horse Gallery****Sparta, MI**

The Dark Horse Art Gallery is now accepting applications for all media including pottery, glass, jewelry, oils, acrylics, watercolor, metal, fabric, photography, etc... Please submit your application packet ASAP as they will be juried on a **first come, first served basis**. 3 pictures, a paragraph about yourself and an application fee of \$20 is necessary. Please contact Sara Neal for further details at (616)318-5185. The gallery coexists with a gift shop and helps to fund a non-profit organization that offers equine (horse) therapy to adults, children and veterans with mental, physical or trauma related disabilities.

Call for Submissions**Ways of Being, Ways of Seeing****River Gallery Fine Art****Chelsea, MI**

River Gallery Fine Art in Chelsea, Michigan seeks artist submissions that represent cultural diversity in order to expand their current inventory of fine artists in all media. River Gallery is committed to progressing beyond the status quo and to fulfilling our full potential of exhibiting works representative of the diversity of the art and artists present in our culture. They are seeking fine art expressing diversity of: ethnicity, gender, sexual expression, age, physical abilities, race, political beliefs, religious beliefs, socioeconomic status, and/or educational background.

Submissions / Please include: • 5 to 10 high quality JPEG images that are representative of your current body of work on a CD or DVD. (No slides, please). Please label each image with: artist LAST name, artwork title (i.e. Smith, Composition #1) • Please provide a list of the work included on the CD, with title, medium, dimensions, and retail prices • Artist statement and resume (if applicable) including education / training / exhibition / contact info. • Sales history (if applicable)

Deadline: Ongoing.

Please allow up to ninety days for our review - We will make every effort to contact you within that time frame.

There are no fees. When sending material, please include a SASE if you'd like them returned - do not send original copies of images or materials. Pending review of your submission, studio visits or visits to River Gallery may be requested.

For further information please contact the gallery at 734.433.0826 or email us info@chelsearivergallery.com.

Thank you for your interest.

Open Call for Artists**Saginaw Valley State University**

The University Art Gallery on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University is seeking artists and exhibit proposals as part of its 2008-2009 exhibitions, and also future exhibits. Artists should submit slides, or high-quality photos and/or a DVD of work for review, as well as contact information, current resume, artist's statement, availability, and a SASE for the return of materials. Proposals can be sent to: Hideki Kihata, chair, SVSU, Department of Art, University Center, MI 48710. For further information please contact David Littell, director, University Art Gallery at (989) 964-4159 or e-mail at dlittell@vsu.edu.

Call for Entries
First Thursday Gallery Walk
Bay City, MI

The downtown Bay City Gallery Walk consists of 12 businesses and galleries who host an artist at their establishment every first Thursday of each month throughout the year. The walks have a predetermined theme, ex...March is Celtic, Sept. is Maritime. The advertising and refreshments are provided. The Walks run from 5PM to 8PM and we would like the artist to be in residence at that time. Artwork may stay from one night to 30 days depending which establishment picks you and is usually a 30% commission fee. We are looking to build an Artist Bank so we can call upon certain talent as needed. Please contact Lynn L. Conley at 989-667-0639 or admin@gallerywalkbc.com or visit www.gallerywalkbc.com.

Artist of the Month
Sterling Heights Cultural Commission

Attention Artists! Would you like to display your artwork in a public setting and gain recognition for your exceptional talents? The City of Sterling Heights Cultural Commission sponsors an Artist of the Month program that features the creative works of the finest artists in Michigan. The selected artist of the month displays his or her work throughout the month in City Hall. The Community Relations Department distributes press releases to media promoting each artist. In addition, City Hall Television (available in 53,000 Sterling Heights homes) airs a feature story on the selected artisan. All work must be original and will be juried by the members of the City of Sterling Heights Cultural Commission. The Commission disclaims any responsibility to work displayed.

If you would like to be featured as a City of Sterling Heights "Artist of the Month," please download an application from our website <http://www.sterling-heights.net/> and send it along with a biography and photographs representing your artwork to:

City of Sterling Heights
Community Relations Department
40555 Utica Rd-PO Box 8009
Sterling Heights, MI 48311-8009
Questions? Contact Community Relations at (586) 446-2470.

Performing Arts (Theatre, Dance, Film & Music)

Call for Entries
2nd Orchard Lake Film Fest February 6, 2010

West Bloomfield High School is proud to present its second Orchard Lake Film Festival, Saturday February 6th. This is a unique festival as all entries are shown in the afternoon and winners are presented that evening. Last year, each participating school received a DVD of the winners reel that evening.

Categories include:

- Comedy Sketch (5 minutes maximum)
- Music Video/Montage (5 minutes maximum)
- Product Advertisement (1 minute maximum)
- Public Service Announcement (1 minute maximum)
- Mini-Documentary (20 minutes maximum)
- News Report (3 minutes maximum)
- Short Film, comedy or drama (20 minutes maximum)

Please see the attached documents for our cover letter and entry form with categories. We will also have an online entry form available soon.

Entry deadline is January 15th.

If you have any questions, would like to let us know you're a likely participant or would like to be removed from this mailing list, please contact us.

Kevin Walsh
Video Productions Teacher
West Bloomfield High School
4925 Orchard Lake Rd.
West Bloomfield, MI 48323
(248) 865-6720 x6896
(248) 408-6715 cell

**Call for Performance Proposals
Urban Institute for Contemporary Art (UICA)
Grand Rapids, MI**

The Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts is a dynamic arts center fostering cultural dialogue and creative experience through innovative and diverse events and services. UICA presents contemporary visual art, music, film, literature, dance and other performance work that, because of its challenging content or technique might not otherwise find a venue in West Michigan.

PERFORMANCE PROPOSALS Include in proposal packet:

- Resume or bios of performers
- Sample of past performances in the form of a CD, VHS, or DVD
- A written description of the proposed performance and performance history
- Artistic fee schedule
- Sample technical rider

All proposals are reviewed by the UICA's Program Committees. Decisions are based upon how the performance fits with UICA's mission and quality standards, space in UICA's program schedule, and availability of resources. Note: Groups inquiring about renting space for a public performance still need to submit a proposal to the appropriate program committee for review. Individuals renting space for a program are responsible for all publicity and set-up.

Deadline: Ongoing Send proposals to: UICA Performance Proposal, 41 Sheldon Blvd. SE Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**Auditions
Lowell Area Arts Council
Jungle Book**

Based on the Mowgli Stories by Rudyard Kipling. Written by Joseph Robinette. Directed by Laura Leasure
January 29, 30, February 5, 6 @ 7:30pm & February 7 @ 2:30pm at the Lowell Performing Art Center, Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes SE.

AUDITIONS:

When: Tuesday, December 1 and Wednesday, December 3

Time: 6:30pm - 8pm

Where: Engelhardt Lowell Library

Casting: 15 - 30 Actors - children and adults

Please note that this production will include school day performances for area schools on February 2 & 3. Scripts available at the Arts Council - \$10 deposit required.

Literature

**The Big Read
Now Accepting Applications**

The Big Read is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations to conduct month-long, community-wide reads between September 2010 and June 2011. The Big Read is a national program designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture. Organizations selected to participate in The Big Read will receive a grant ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000, access to online training resources, educational and promotional materials, inclusion of your organization and activities on The Big Read Web site, and the prestige of participating in a highly visible national program. Approximately 75 organizations from across the country will be selected by a panel of experts.

To download the Guidelines & Application Instructions visit http://neabigread.org/application_process.php .

Questions? Call Arts Midwest at 612.238.8010 or email TheBigRead@artsmidwest.org

Branded Entertainment Writer

Daniel Brian & Associates Advertising is looking for a unique writer. We currently produce and write a Branded Entertainment Medical Television Series. Writing experience in medical preferred, copywriting, infomercial, documentary. This is a medical show with an Emmy Award winning history. If you have the writing background that we are looking for, please email your resume. No phone calls please. You can visit our website at www.danielbrian.com . We are located in Rochester, Michigan. Under consideration as whether this will be a full-time or contract position. Salary is negotiable based on skills and experience. Reply to: kcobb@danielbrian.com

Seeking Writers and Poets Motown Writers Network

Established in 2000, the Motown Writers Network and the Michigan Literary Network were created to strengthen Michigan's Literary Community. Drawing readers, writers, authors, poets and more together, the networks' mission is to connect readers to Michigan literary works, educate and connect writers and poets to resources, provide events for authors to showcase their work and a lot more.

Membership is free to all who are interested and the networks are there for all to use to help them. Contact us to see what we can do to help you strengthen Michigan's literary network.

<http://motownwriters.com>

Call for Literary Journal Submissions Fourth Genre Michigan State University Press, East Lansing, MI

Published biannually by the Michigan State University Press, *Fourth Genre* is a literary journal that explores the boundaries of contemporary creative/literary nonfiction. We welcome personal essays—including nature, environmental, and travel essays—memoirs, personal critical essays, and literary journalism of up to 8000 words. Please query before submitting longer pieces.

We are also interested in receiving queries for interviews and for full-length and capsule ("Reader-to-Reader") reviews of current books. Moreover, we encourage suggestions for topical genre issues that we can consider for our roundtable forum, and we invite readers to respond to the journal's content in our "Readers Write" section.

Fourth Genre publishes one issue in the spring and one in the fall. Submissions **will be considered only March 15-June 15 and September 15-December 15**. Manuscripts will not be accepted December 16-March 31 or June 16-September 14.

We try to respond to submissions within twelve-sixteen weeks and to queries within three weeks. Manuscripts should be submitted with a self-addressed, stamped, letter sized envelope (SASE) for reply. Do not send disks. Please type, double-spaced, on one side of 8.5"x11" paper. Include your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, the piece's title, and an approximate word count. If you wish to have your manuscript returned, also include a 9"x12" SASE with correct postage. Please limit cover letters to one page.

Send essay and memoir submissions and responses to the journal's contents to: Michael Steinberg, Editor Fourth Genre: Explorations in Nonfiction, Department of ATL, 229 Bessey Hall Michigan State University East Lansing, MI 48824

Education

VSA arts 2010 Call for National Touring Art Exhibition Entries January 15th deadline

VSA art of MI, an international organization that empowers people with disabilities through the arts. I would like to invite teachers whom work with elementary, secondary and adult students with disabilities to submit their student's artwork for the annual

Emerging artist traveling show called Artomatic 2010. It will travel for a full year from April 2010 to March 2011. The show travels to galleries, museums, universities, educational centers, libraries and conferences. This is a great opportunity for your students and school. We would like to have the traveling show represent as many teachers and schools in MI as possible. The deadline for mailing in the work is January 15, 2010. The prospectus, can be found at www.vsami.org

Please contact Shaqe (Shacha) imshacha@me.com if you have any questions.

Multi-disciplinary

It's A Jungle (Book) Exhibition Call for Artists

January 10 - February 10 from 2pm - 4pm

The Lowell Area Arts Council gallery will become a JUNGLE of artworks, stories and poems inspired by the Jungle Book - Mowgli Stories. Included with this exhibition will be various activities including story writing and art workshops for children and adults.

Call for Artists

This non-juried art exhibition is open to visual artists and writers age 13 and older. Visual artists and writers can submit two entries. Entry fee is \$5 for middle and high school students and \$10 for ages 18+. People's choice cash awards will be offered in various categories. Visit www.lowellartscouncil.org for more information and to download a Call for Entry form.

2010 Kresge Artist Fellowships Call for Applications

Literary and performing artists in metropolitan Detroit can now apply for the 2010 Kresge Artist Fellowships at www.kresgeartsindetroit.org. Kresge Artist Fellowships are funded by The Kresge Foundation and administered by the College for Creative Studies, with professional development opportunities for the selected fellows provided by ArtServe Michigan.

The fellowships, of \$25,000 each, provide support to 18 emerging and established artists living and working in metropolitan Detroit (Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties) whose commitment to innovation and artistic achievement are evident in the quality of their work.

The College for Creative Studies will host information sessions on **December 7, 2009**, and **January 13, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.** for those artists interested in applying for a fellowship. To RSVP and reserve your space, visit www.kresgeartsindetroit.org.

Applications are only available online and must be completed by Friday, **February 26, 2010**. The 2010 Kresge Artist Fellows will be announced in June 2010.

The Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission to sponsor The U.S./Japan Creative Artists' Program.

The Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission works cooperatively with the National Endowment for the Arts to sponsor The U.S./Japan Creative Artists' Program. The program provides support for up to five outstanding contemporary and traditional artists from the United States to spend a five-month residency in Japan to pursue their individual artistic goals. The next deadline for this program is **February 1, 2010**.

The U.S./Japan Creative Artists' Program is extremely competitive; applicants should have regional or national recognition and anticipate a highly rigorous review of their work. Artists should also present compelling reasons for wanting to work in Japan.

Selected artists will receive:

- A monthly stipend for living expenses and a housing supplement, as well as an allowance for professional support services
- Up to \$6,000 for round trip transportation for the artist, domestic partner and/or dependent children, and a baggage/storage allowance
- A stipend for pre-departure Japanese language study in the United States

Additional information, including guidelines and the application, can be found at <http://www.jusfc.gov/creativeartists.asp>.

Call for Artists and Musicians The Future Gallery Centerline, MI

The Future Gallery will showcase talented, emerging artists and musicians. There are new gallery shows every weekend with performance artists, fashion shows, DJ's and more. We are searching for quality work of all genres: traditional, contemporary and "the different" in arts and music. There are no deadlines and no entry fees (continual ongoing auditions). We hold live auditions/portfolio reviews every Sunday from 1:30 to 6:00 PM. Interview or audition appointments may also be made by calling (586) 838-0072. More information available at: <http://www.thefuturegallery.com>.

Miscellaneous

Personal Studio spaces for Rent in Hastings:

These are raw, you-furnish spaces. Bring your own lighting, workbenches, table or easels. Some spaces have shelves.

- \$60/month for a 12' x 13" basement level space. It is always cool in the summer, but you need to bring used carpet for flooring if in winter and layer clothing.
There is a three month membership that you purchase to get the studio space with a 30 day renewal form or a 30 day discontinue form required to be filled out in the second month.
- Back door keyed entry for artist's use, 10 am - 9pm ..or 10 pm all week, Monday -Saturday. No overnight stays.
- Artist gets 4' x 6' sales space upstairs in Storefront Gallery - free with Studio Space Membership.
- Remaining rules for Sales space below apply.

The sales space available rents for \$20/month for a 3'x5' space of product, which will then be dispersed throughout the gallery by the artist.

- The artist is responsible for all their own inventory and gets 100% of sales for items priced \$1-\$50. Items priced \$51 and up - 80% to artist and 20% to Gallery as a commission.
- Artist signs a three month contract with first and last month are paid up front.
- There is a 30 day notice form to be filled out for a discontinue policy, so if the artist wishes to discontinue renting, the last month's deposit is applied to the third month and no further billing is required.
- The artist agrees to work one 8 hr. day on the gallery floor per week, or two days per month. When I get enough artists, the shifts will shorten.

Any interested artist must send three to five jpegs of their work and their contact information to Laura at lauras_heartstudio@yahoo.com.

Artist's Co-Op Raffaele's Marketplace Portland, MI

Own your own gallery...Raffaeles' Marketplace, a new retail business incubator in Portland, Michigan, seeks artists to create a cooperative gallery. We offer extremely reasonable rent and hands-on business training and support. We are building a team of artists who will sell their own (and others'?) work and job share the sales and management functions. Please respond to Rush Clement, 143 Kent Street, Portland, MI 48875, or rushclement@sbcglobal.net. Please include your bio, management and retail experience (if any), your vision for the gallery, and number of hours you may be available each month