



Communiqué
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GOVERNOR APPOINTS NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

In October, Governor Murkowski appointed seven individuals to the Alaska State Council on the Arts. The new appointees are Benjamin Brown (Douglas); Jocelyn Clark (Juneau); Vera Crews (Anchorage); Jennifer Dalby (Palmer); James Evenson (Kenai); Nancy Harbour (Anchorage); Jo Ann McDowell (Valdez). The new members join with continuing Council members Sven Haakanson, Jr., Chair (Kodiak); Norm Campbell (Sitka); Peggy MacDonald Ferguson (Fairbanks); Theresa John (Bethel).

ONLINE SURVEY – PARTICIPATE NOW

We need your help. It is time for the Alaska State Council on the Arts to solicit your ideas for our strategic plan. Because we are a public agency, our plan is determined by you – our constituents.

We are working with Craciun and Associates to ask your thoughts on the arts in Alaska. You can access this survey at

Please complete the survey by December 18, so that we can compile the results. Many of you will also be participating in a variety of community meetings around the state hosted by the Alaska State Council on the Arts.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEA GRANT RECIPIENTS

Access to Artistic Excellence 2005 NEA Grants:

Anchorage Concert Association, Inc.

Anchorage, AK

\$20,000

CATEGORY: Access to Artistic Excellence FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Dance

To support the presentation of dance companies and education and outreach activities.

The companies to be presented include Australian Dance Theatre, Jose Limon Dance Company, and Grupo Corpo Brazilian Dance Company.

Juneau Jazz & Classics, Inc.

Juneau, AK

\$10,000

CATEGORY: Access to Artistic Excellence FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Music

To support the Juneau Jazz & Classics festival. Approximately 30 musicians will be presented during the nine-day festival in May 2005.

Perseverance Theatre, Inc.

Douglas, AK

\$25,000



CATEGORY: Access to Artistic Excellence FIELD/DISCIPLINE: Musical Theater
To support world premiere productions of a chamber musical and a new play, part of a festival of emergent theater works. *The Long Season* depicts the lives of Filipino immigrants working in salmon canneries in 1930s Alaska. The play *Columbinus* illuminates the realities of adolescent culture and behavior.

RASMUSON FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW ARTIST FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

Distinguished Artist Award, \$25,000: Sylvester Ayek, from King Island.

Individual Artist Fellowships, \$12,000: Alvin Amason, Fairbanks; Hal Gage, Anchorage; Mary Katzke, Anchorage; Carla Potter, Ketchikan; David Rosenthal, Cordova; David Woodie, Juneau; and Sheila Wyne, Anchorage.

Project Awards up to \$5,000: Oakley Cochran, Girdwood; Jerah Chadwick, Unalaska; Anne Marie Coray, Port Alsworth; Andromeda Romano-Lax, Anchorage; Buzz Schwall, Anchorage; Duke Russell, Anchorage; Susan Farnham, Fairbanks; Andrew Daoust, Anchorage; Jane Oliver, Delta Junction ; Kelly Ann Monroe, Nenana.

For more information visit the Rasmuson Foundation website at www.rasmuson.org or call Victoria Lord at 907-297-2700.

CREATIVE CAPITAL GRANTS AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY 2005

NEW YORK, NY (November 15, 2004) In the spring of 2005, Creative Capital Foundation will accept proposals for its 2005-06 grant cycle supporting work in the performing arts and emerging fields. The nonprofit arts organization has implemented a new application process: to apply for a grant, artists must first submit an Inquiry Form, which will be available February 14, 2005 on the foundation's website, <http://www.creative-capital.org/> The deadline for completed Inquiry Forms is March 14, 2005; those invited to apply will be notified in June 2005.

This year, innovative literature has been added to the emerging fields category.

As in past grant rounds, forty funded projects will receive approximately \$400,000 in initial grants. In addition, grantees are eligible for follow-up support in the form of advisory services and additional financial assistance.

Grant Calendar 2005-2006

February 14, 2005	Inquiry Forms available (Performing Arts & Emerging Fields)
March 14, 2005	Deadline for completed Inquiry Forms
June 2005	Notification of results; applicants selected
January 2006	Announcement of awards

<http://www.creative-capital.org>



CALLS FOR ART

ALASKA: The deadline to submit proposals for the Chenega Ferry Percent-for-Art call has been extended to January 21, 2005. The budget is \$40,000. The committee will consider both 2D and 3D artwork. You will find the RFP on our website under Calls for Art. www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca

NEBRASKA: The Nebraska Arts Council (NAC) announces a national search for artists to be considered for the Peru State Library Project, which is a part of the 1% for Art Program of the State. With a budget of \$78,700, the commissioned artist will provide work for the interior of the newly renovated library on the college's campus in southeastern Nebraska. *The deadline for RFQ submissions is January 2, 2005. For a complete Request for Qualifications (RFQ) statement, visit:* http://www.nebraskaartscouncil.org/index.html?page=content/PROGRAMS/One_Percent/PercentArtOpp.htm#Peru

Alaska One Public Television Network Calls for Art for Poster Design

Each year, the Alaska One Public Television Network calls for art for the annual poster design. The statewide competition to determine a winning design includes the following eligibility requirements:

1. Entrants must reside in Alaska
2. Each artist may submit up to 3 slides
3. Entries must be personally submitted by the creative artist
4. Work which has been previously shown is acceptable
5. All artwork must have been completed in the last 5 years

The slides will be judged by a selection committee who will then select finalists. Top finalists will be contacted and asked to submit original work for the final selection process. The chosen work will be professionally photographed and approximately 6,000 posters will be printed to publicize the artist's work. The poster will be introduced in the statewide spring 2005 Public Broadcasting campaign on Alaska One Public Television. Further promotion includes airing the artist's bio on Alaska One Public Television and inviting the artist to participate in a poster signing event held for Alaska One major donors. To have slides returned, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Please submit entries, art title, dimensions, contact information, and a written description (up to 200 words) about what inspires you to create art to: Ann Dowdy, Marketing & Community Relations Manager, Alaska One Call for Art 2005, University of Alaska Fairbanks, PO Box 755620, Fairbanks, AK 99775-5620.

Deadline for submissions is January 7, 2005.

Pratt Museum Exhibition Opportunities



The Pratt Museum is planning an exhibition titled Alex and Friends honoring the contributions of artist Alex Combs to Alaska and her artists. It will be held in the changing exhibitions gallery and lower level at the Pratt Museum in Homer, Alaska and open June 10, 2005. Artists from around Alaska, who consider themselves to have been greatly influenced by Alex, are invited to create a work and/or write a statement about Alex's influence on his/her creative process to be included in the exhibit. Artists interested in participating must notify Gale Parsons of his/her intent to participate and approximate size and media of work by email at gparsons@prattmuseum.org or phone 907-235-8635 x 36. Please notify Gale by December 17, 2004. Art for exhibition must arrive no later than June 6, 2005 delivered or shipped to the Pratt Museum in containers suitable for return shipping and **be for sale**. A loan form is attached and must accompany the work when it arrives at the Pratt.

A science /art collaborative exhibition and series of programs with an Ocean and/or Marine Plankton Theme is planned for an opening in April 2005 at the Pratt Museum in Homer, Alaska. Visual artists and writers are invited to submit one piece for exhibit. Performance artists and composers are asked to contact Gale Parsons. Workshops focusing on oceanic zoo (animal) and phyto (plant) plankton - organisms at the mercy of the tides, currents, and waves have been offered collaboratively by the Pratt Museum, Kachemak Bay Campus UAA, and Kachemak Bay Research Reserve. The exhibition will be installed on April 4, 2005 and program opportunities will continue through April, May, June 2005. We hope to inspire composers to create works that can be played as audio for the Exhibit visitor. Artists interested in participating must notify Gale Parsons of their intent to participate and approximate size and media of work no later than January 3, 2005 by email at gparsons@prattmuseum.org or phone 907-235-8635 x 36. Art for exhibition must be delivered or shipped to the Pratt Museum arriving by April 4, 2005 in containers suitable for return shipping and **be for sale**. A loan form is attached and must accompany the work when it arrives at the Pratt.

10 Minute Play Contest

Theatre Oxford (Mississippi) announces its 5th annual national **10 Minute Play Contest**. Can you help me let writers in your area know about it? The deadline is Feb. 15, 2005 and the first prize is \$1,000 and a production of the winning entry. Guidelines and info are on www.10minuteplays.com

KACHEMAK BAY WRITERS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Kachemak Bay Campus of Kenai Peninsula College/UAA will hold the state-wide Kachemak Bay Writers' Conference June 10-14, 2005, at Land's End Resort in Homer. It will feature former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins as the keynote presenter as well as 20 other faculty including noted authors, editors, publishers and agents from throughout Alaska and the United States. Other out-of-state authors and poets include Eva Shaw, Jack Driscoll, Jan Harper Haines, Pamela Houston, Allison Hedge Coke and Gary Ferguson.



The conference will offer daily workshops, craft talks, manuscript reviews, panel presentations and evening readings in fiction, non-fiction, poetry, the business of writing and more. Evening readings by conference faculty will be open to the general public at no charge. The general conference fee, including luncheons, opening dinner presentation and workshops is \$245 before May 12th; \$295 after May 12th. Advanced registration is required. One UAA academic credit is optionally offered for additional tuition of \$112. For specific program and registration information:

<http://writersconference.homer.alaska.edu>

Major conference benefactors are ConocoPhillips Alaska, Anchorage Daily News, Alaska State Council on the Arts and the Kachemak Bay Campus Caroline Coons Writers' Endowment. Sponsors include First National Bank Alaska, Alaska Airlines, Cook Inlet Book Co., Chilkoot Charlies, Era Aviation and more supporters.

AIS News!

Round II Grant Applications

Because of the Rasmuson Arts in Education Initiative, the Artists in Schools Program was able to open a second round of applications to schools statewide. This is the first opportunity in a 20-year history of the program for a second round of funding.

The deadline for Round II of AIS grant applications was November 1, 2004. A total of 15 applications were received and will be reviewed by the AIS funding panel on Friday, December 10, 2004. Panel recommendations will be forwarded to the Council at its meeting on December 17 and grantees will be notified there after.

AIS Talent Bank

Each year the AIS program recruits new professional artists to join and be available to conduct residencies throughout Alaskan schools. The deadline for artist's applications is November 1 of each year. This year 18 highly qualified artists in dance, literary arts, media arts, photography, storytelling and visual arts applied to join the AIS Talent Bank. A review panel will be meeting on Saturday, December 4 to review the applications and make recommendations. Artists will be notified following the Christmas holiday. The AIS Talent Bank may be viewed online at the ASCA website:

www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca.

Round I Grant Applications

Applications are available online now for AIS Round I grant applications. The deadline for Round I applications is April 1, 2005. Grants funded in this round are for next school year (2005-2006). Applications and guidelines are available at: <http://alaska.cgweb.org>. Technical assistance and answers to questions and are always available from the AIS Office at (907) 269-6682 or toll-free in Alaska at 1-888-278-7424.

ASCA GRANT DEADLINES

All grant guidelines and applications can be found at: www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca.

December 1, March 1, June 1: Community Arts Development Grants



January 1 (and first of each month thereafter for projects during the month following):
Workshop, Master Artist and Apprentice, Career Opportunity, Harper Arts Touring.

March 1: Operating Support, Project Grants

April 1, Nov. 1: Artist in Schools Grants

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE: Third Friday of each month at noon. Please call
1.888.278.7424 for agenda information.

December 10: Artist in Schools Round II Panel meeting, Anchorage (1.888.278.7424)

December 13-14: Kennedy Center Artists As Educators Seminar, Anchorage
(1.888.278.7424)

January 11: Nome, Strategic Planning and Arts Education meeting with Community
(ASCA Staff)

February 7: Juneau, Strategic Planning and Arts Education meeting with Community
(ASCA Staff)

February 8: Sitka, Strategic Planning and Arts Education meeting with Community
(ASCA Staff)

February 9: Ketchikan, Strategic Planning and Arts Education meeting with Community
(ASCA Staff)

February 16: Fairbanks, Strategic Planning and Arts Education meeting with Community
(ASCA Staff)

HOLIDAYS: ASCA OFFICE CLOSED: Friday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 31.

Happy Holidays!