

The Communique



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Arts Council Awards Annual Grants to Alaska Organizations

The Alaska State Council on the Arts recently announced annual grant awards totaling over \$400,000 for arts and culture organizations in Alaska. These public dollars will support activities around the state in 2005-2006, ranging from artists in schools residencies to traditional Alaska Native art projects. In all, 48 organizations and 27 schools were recipients of grant awards. **The annual operating support and project awards were, by community:**

Anchorage: Affinity Films, \$5,000; Anchorage Folk Festival, \$1,534; Museums Alaska, \$4,485; Alaska Chamber Singers, \$3,374; Alaska Design Forum, \$6,292; Anchorage Youth Symphony, \$1,957; International Gallery of Contemporary Art, \$2,300; Alaska Dance Theater, \$13,153; Alaska Junior Theater, \$8,685; Alaska Native Heritage Center, \$6,000; Anchorage Concert Chorus, \$4,114; Anchorage Opera, \$13,643; Anchorage Symphony Orchestra, \$13,165; Eccentric Theater Company, \$3,567; Anchorage Concert Association, \$18,573; Anchorage Museum Association, \$18,884; Out North, \$18,409. **Fairbanks:** Festival of Native Arts, \$3,914; Fairbanks Arts Association, \$17,525; Midnight Sun Writers Series, \$1,959; Fairbanks Concert Association, \$19,545; Fairbanks Shakespeare Theater, \$7,069; Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival, \$13,513; Fairbanks Drama Association, \$7,069; Fairbanks Symphony Association, \$13,775; North Star Dance Foundation, \$3,342. **Girdwood:** Girdwood Arts Institute, \$4,266. **Homer:** Homer Council on the Arts, \$10,878; Bunnell Street Gallery, \$6,323; Pier One Theater, \$5,176; Pratt Museum, \$14,038. **Juneau:** CrossSound, Inc., \$4,843; Opera to Go, \$3,357; Juneau Arts and Humanities Council, \$11,557; Juneau Symphony, \$5,084; Juneau Jazz and Classics, \$8,480; Perseverance Theater Company, \$19,556. **Ketchikan:** Totem Heritage Center, \$8,549; First City Players, \$5,027; Ketchikan Area Arts and Humanities Council, \$12,976. **Kodiak:** Kodiak Arts Council, \$12,702. **Nome:** Nome Arts Council, \$3,937. **Seldovia:** Seldovia Arts Council, \$5,846. **Sitka:** Sitka Jazz Festival, \$4,000; Alaska Arts Southeast, \$5,846; Island Institute, \$4,827; Sitka Summer Music Festival, \$9,800. **Talkeetna:** Denali Arts Council: \$3,060.

Other Grants awarded at annual meeting of Alaska State Council on the Arts

Career Opportunity Grants: Jessie Hedden (Fairbanks) \$1000 for exhibition at Bowery Gallery in New York City; Alene Callaway (Anchorage) \$627 to support attendance at Royal Winnipeg Ballet Professional Development for Teachers of Dance; Deland Anderson (Homer) \$1,000 for participation in 7th Annual Garma Festival in Australia; Kim, Brown (Anchorage) \$1,000 for a residency at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Miami.

Workshop Grants : Muskeg Maleriers (Petersburg) \$750 for workshop on original telemark Rosemaling.

Community Arts Development Grants: Anchorage Community Theater (Anchorage) \$2,000 for Senior Center Theater Project; Filipino American National Historical Society (Anchorage) \$2,000 for performance and workshops by the Palabuniyan Kulintang Ensemble; Wrangell Mountaintains Center (McCarthy) \$2,000 for writing workshops and arts and lecture series; Anchorage Downtown Partnership (Anchorage) \$1,000 for summer arts programming; Alaska Children's Institute for the Performing Arts (Kenai) \$500 for theater puppet show; Kenai Peninsula Orchestra (Kenai) \$2,000 for summer string festival; Alaska Theater of Youth (Anchorage) for Summer Conservatory; Northland Children's Choir (Fairbanks) \$750 for choral festival; YWCA Anchorage (Anchorage) reading and workshops featuring Alaska women writers; KCHU Terminal Radio (Cordova and Valdez) for Salmon Jam

Arts in Education Incentive Grant: Alaska Arts Education Consortium for Invitational Arts Institute (Juneau)

Master Artist and Apprentice Grant: Darlene Nichols (Apprentice) and Teri Rofkar (Master) focus on basket weaving techniques. They will work together in fall of 2005 studying the harvesting process on site in areas around Cordova. They will gather ferns and grasses for their specific basket designs. (\$2,000); **Robin Lovelace-Smith (apprentice) and Stephen P. Jackson (master)** will focus on fundamentals of design from a Tlingit perspective, learn how to handle a variety of tools in a more controlled and efficient way, work on larger pieces of red cedar, and practice finish adzing. (\$2,000)

Governor's Awards for the Arts needs nominations!

Deadline is August 1, 2005 Nominations are now being solicited for the 2005 Governor's Awards for the Arts and Humanities. Nomination forms for the Governor's Awards for the Arts are available at www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca or at the Alaska State Council on the Arts at 1.888.278.7424. Humanities Award Nomination forms are available by calling the Alaska Humanities Forum at 907.272.5341 or on their website at www.akhf.org.

Connie Boochever Fellowship deadline September 1, 2005

The Alaska Arts & Culture Foundation and the Alaska State Council on the Arts announce another round of Connie Boochever Fellowships. The deadline for application is September 1, 2005. This round of fellowships will include the disciplines of Actors, Directors, Dance, Filmmakers, Writer, Poets, Playwrights, Screenwriters, Composers, Choreographers and Musicians. Emerging artists are encouraged to apply.

Americans Disability Act Information for Arts Organizations

The NEA AccessAbility Office arts.endow.gov/resources/Accessibility/index.html and the Graphics Arts Guild www.gag.org collaborated to produce 12 downloadable Disability Access Symbols to "promote and publicize accessibility of places, programs and other activities for people with various disabilities."

If you represent an organization, private or public and are striving to increase access for all of your audience members, staff and patrons you are invited to go to download the images in PC or MAC formats www.gag.org/resources/das.php. The symbols notify your constituents of access services you provide. The Graphic Arts Guild encourages organizations to use the symbols in, "advertisements, newsletters, conference and program brochures, membership forms, building signage, floor plans and maps." The regular use of the images is a great way to implement your organization's ongoing ADA plan. For more general information about ADA planning for your organization contact your state arts agency Access Coordinator at 1-888-278-7424 or 907-269-6610.

Opportunities for Artists

The Northwest Film Center Presents The 32nd Northwest Film & Video Festival

Call for entries, Deadline August 1, 2005 Contact: Thomas Phillipson Thomas@nwfilm.org 503-276-4260

The Northwest Film & Video Festival in Portland is seeking submissions of any length and genre from filmmakers living in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, and British Columbia. Participants enjoy public recognition from an engaged and enthusiastic audience and critical appraisal by our guest judge, a prominent filmmaker, curator or critic (to be announced). Selected filmmakers have the chance to appear in the Best of the Northwest Film & Video Festival Tour and share in over \$10,000 in production service awards. For more information, or to download an entry form, go to www.nwfilm.org. Festival dates: November 5-12, 2005

Inside Passages, Ketchikan's literary magazine is entering its sixteenth year of publication. Editors are looking for poems (100 lines, maximum), short stories and essays (up to 2500 words), and artwork suitable for grayscale reproduction. If possible, please submit your work in the body of an email message to info@ketchikanarts.org or on IBM formatted disk. Publication will be in November. Those selected for publication will receive one copy of Inside Passages. Additional volumes available to participants at a discount. Inside Passages is published annually by the Writers Forum, which is a program of the Arts Council. Requirements: A self-addressed, stamped envelope and an information sheet with your name, address, phone number, the title(s) of your work, and 4-line biography must be included with your entry. Those submitting by email must also submit the same contact information in their message. Deadline: Submissions must be received by September 16th. Submit entries to info@ketchikanarts.org or Attn: Inside Passages, Ketchikan Area Arts & Humanities Council, 716 Totem Way, Ketchikan, AK 99901. Call 225-2211 for info

No Boundaries 2006, an annual juried exhibit providing emerging and established Northwest artists with disabilities exposure and a venue for professional exhibition. Deadline is July 29, 2005. For more information go to www.vsaaw.org.

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The International Gallery of Contemporary Art is hungrily seeking Volunteers and Artists

IGCA seeks volunteers to sit the gallery during open hours weekdays and weekends - occasionally, or on a regular basis. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Lisa Ballard at artalaska@hotmail.com *Volunteer Events Coordinator* - Need someone to work with individuals and organizations to host IGCA-sponsored events and programs. Contact Julie Decker at julied@alaskalife.net for more information. *Proposals for Exhibitions in 2006*. The Gallery is now accepting proposals for solo and group exhibitions to be held in 2006. Limited months available. Information on how to apply at: www.igcaalaska.org *Creative individuals interested in renting studio space at the IGCA*. \$200/\$300 per month. Free space potentially available to those willing to provide volunteer administrative duties and gallery sitting. 24-hour secure access plus shared space. Contact julied@alaskalife.net for more information and an application. Gallery space is available for meetings, classes, and special events for artists and non-profit organizations and others. Contact igca@alaskalife.net

Arts in the Summer

Ketchikan Area Arts and Humanities Council and First City Players present Artscool. A magical artVenture for children ages 6-16. Artscool will provide visual arts in the mornings and theatre arts in the afternoons. Scholarships are available. For more information call the Ketchikan Area Arts & Humanities Council at 907/225-2211 or First City Players at 907/225-4792.

19th annual Girdwood Fine Arts Camp is an intensive study in the Fine Arts for children and teens. The Arts Camp fosters natural artistic talents by giving young artists instruction in the crafts and techniques of the fine arts, students closely collaborate with professional artists who are chosen for their ability to teach and inspire. The dates are August 1st through the 12th. For more information contact Tommy O'Malley at 907/783-3287 or Thalia Wilkinson at 907/783-7965.

Native Alaska Artist News

Statewide Native Arts Survey.

Are you an Alaska Native artist or Culture bearer? If so now is your chance to have your say on issues like:

What arts are in danger of being lost?

How big is the problem of counterfeit Alaska Native art work?

What plans can be made to nurture growth economically and artistically?

What areas of education are needed for artists?

Are culture bearers getting the recognition they deserve?

The results of this survey will be shared with Alaska Native Arts Service Organizations and available to the public later this Fall. This survey is conducted by The Alaska Native Heritage Center and funded by the Ford Foundation. Your comments and answers are vital to this project - what future would you like to see? As an Alaska Native artist and culture bearer, your work is a vessel for our identity as a people. For more information on the survey please visit www.alaskanative.net or call 330-8000. If you would like to complete the survey on line please go to www.yuit.com/alaskanativeheritagecenter

FREE BOOKS!

The Literacy Empowerment Foundation a 501 (c)3 non profit organization has available free books for kindergarten through the third grade. LEF distributes over two million books per year to the 17,000 schools that it serves all across the USA. If you or any educator you know would like to find out how to receive free books for your students please go to www.lefbooks.org

NEA Grant Opportunities (all information at www.arts.gov)

August 15, 2005: Access to Artistic Excellence (all disciplines) for projects beginning June 1, 2006

Literature Fellowships: Translation Projects: January 9, 2006

Leadership Initiatives: The Arts on Radio and Television: September 9, 2005

NEA Jazz Masters Fellowships: January 31, 2006

NEA National Heritage Fellowships: October 1, 2005

For information on all of the above arts opportunities, contact the Alaska State Council on the Arts, 269.6610 or 1.888.278.7424.

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NEA GRANTS:

Don't forget Grant Opportunities through the National Endowment for the Arts! Go to www.arts.gov to see entire list of grants for organizations and individuals.

MEETINGS AND DEADLINES

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

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2005, all small grants will be quarterly deadlines. NO MORE MONTHLY DEADLINES!

Aug. 1: Nominations for Governor's Awards for the Arts Deadline

Sept. 1: Connie Boochever Fellowship Application Deadline. Also Workshop, Community Arts Development, Career Opportunity Grant Deadline

Nov. 1: Round II, Artists in Schools Application Deadline

Dec. 1: Workshop, Community Arts Development, Career Opportunity Grant Deadline

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You can access all grant applications and information from our website, **www.eed.state.ak.us/aksca**. See the website for artist calls and other announcements.

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