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**1. Performers: Fishers Renaissance Faire Announces Audition Dates**

The Fishers Renaissance Faire announced that it will hold a series of auditions starting in February 2010 for people interested in performing at the 6th annual Fishers Renaissance Faire.

The first two auditions for potential new cast members will be Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 10:00am and 2:00pm at the Fishers Public Library, 5 Municipal Way in Fishers, IN. There will be a third audition Sunday, February 21, 2010 at 2:00pm at the Fishers Public Library.

Everyone interested in performing at the Fishers Renaissance Faire is welcome to audition -- no experience required. However, performers under the age of 16 must be accompanied at all times during the Faire by a parent or legal guardian. Parents and legal guardians will be considered cast members and must follow the rules for the cast as laid out by the Cast Director.

The 6th Annual Fishers Renaissance Faire will be Saturday, October 2 and Sunday, October 3, 2010 on the grounds of historic Conner Prairie, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers (IN), rain or shine.

"2010 marks the 6-year anniversary for Fishers Renaissance Faire." Cast Director Andrea Fivush says. "For the past five years, the Fishers Renaissance Faire has brought chivalry, romance and the spirit of the "Golden Age" of Renaissance Europe alive for residents and visitors to Fishers. This year's theme is "The Year of Legends". We will be transforming the quaint village of Billericay, England into a magical place where patrons feel as if they are stepping into the pages of a living history book, complete with colorful English Legends such as Queen Elizabeth, Robin Hood, and King Arthur. Children and adults will be on the edge of their seats as the battle between the legendary forces of good and evil battle it out for the throne of England!"

Persons interested in performing at the 2010 Fishers Renaissance Faire should plan to audition on either February 6 or 21. Anyone not able to attend an audition should contact the cast director to make other arrangements. Questions regarding auditions or performances should be sent to Andrea Fivush at [nikkifiv@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nikkifiv@sbcglobal.net).

For more information about the Fishers Renaissance Faire visit [www.FishersRenFaire.com](http://www.FishersRenFaire.com).

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## **2. Visual: Lt. Governor Skillman Accepts Entries for Celebration of Hoosier Women Artists**

For the fourth consecutive year, Lt. Governor Becky Skillman is accepting submissions for her annual Celebration of Hoosier Women Artists competition. Winners of the art competition will be announced in March to coincide with Women's History Month.

"The 2009 competition was a tremendous success. Displaying the winning pieces of art in my office has been an honor," said Lt. Governor Skillman. "We have some very talented Hoosier artists."

Entry deadline for this year's contest is February 19, 2010. The works will be on display at the office of Lt. Governor Skillman for one year and will be posted online. To view winners from last year, visit [http://www.in.gov/lg/files/2009\\_art\\_slideshow.pdf](http://www.in.gov/lg/files/2009_art_slideshow.pdf).

Electronic copies of the art should be submitted to Karen Davis ([kdavis@lg.in.gov](mailto:kdavis@lg.in.gov)). Complete competition rules and dates are available online at [www.lg.in.gov](http://www.lg.in.gov) (click on the Hoosier Women Artists logo).

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### Arts Advocacy - It's Everyone's Job!

Visit these helpful sites for facts and figures you can use to advocate for the arts as well as useful tools to help you contact your elected officials.

**Local** - Arts Council of Indianapolis, [www.WhatTheArtsMean.org](http://www.WhatTheArtsMean.org)

**State** - Indiana Coalition for the Arts, [www.INartscoalition.org](http://www.INartscoalition.org)

**National** - Americans for the Arts, [www.artsusa.org](http://www.artsusa.org) (click on advocacy tab for web tools)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Be Independent Bags are available in the Artsgarden while supplies last!

Get your BeIndependent Be Original. Buy Original. tote bag! Only \$6 each or 2 for \$10 with proceeds going to support the Be Independent movement and local artists.

More information can be found at [www.beindependent.org](http://www.beindependent.org).

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### IDADA Art Donation Request Guidelines

Congratulations to IDADA for incorporating a set of guidelines meant to be helpful for artists and non-profit organizations regarding artwork donations. All artists and those seeking artwork donations should review the new guidelines. The Arts Council of Indianapolis supports the IDADA board of directors in this move to help promote and support the individual artists of central Indiana.

Visit <http://www.idada.org/donating.aspx> for the newly approved guidelines and more on donating artwork.

### REMINDERS

The February 1st deadline for entries for The Kinsey Institute's 2010 Juried Art Show is quickly approaching. Enter online@ <https://www.indiana.edu/~kipics/jas2010/>.

Please email [kiart@indiana.edu](mailto:kiart@indiana.edu) if you have any questions.

### Shelby County Artists: The Arts Council invites you to join us for Arts Community Conversations

Shelby County Artists and Arts Organizations: The Arts Council of Indianapolis invites you to join us for an afternoon of ideas, information, and conversation on **Thursday, January 21, 2010**, at 4:00 p.m. Our friends at the Strand Theatre located at 215 South Harrison Street in Shelbyville will be our hosts for the

meeting.

This is the second in a series of meetings to reach all of the counties in Region 7 (central Indiana) and share ideas, exchange information, and find ways to work together to enhance and support the work that you do in the arts. Our first meeting, on November 5th, was held in Boone County.

In addition to meeting new artists, gallery owners, and arts administrators in Shelby County and catching up with old friends, we hope to hear about arts activities and initiatives in Shelby County and to share with each of you the many opportunities, free programs and services that the Arts Council of Indianapolis offers to you and your organization. In addition, as we are embarking on a new strategic planning process, we hope to engage you in meaningful discussion and get your input about our planning efforts.

No need to RSVP - invite your artist friends, board members from Shelby County arts organizations and join us on Thursday, January 21. We look forward to meeting you, hearing your thoughts and ideas, and finding ways that we can work together to strengthen the arts and cultural community in Shelby County and all of central Indiana. We hope to see you there!

The Regional Arts Partnership is a network of 12 regions of Indiana, developed by the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) to enhance the delivery of arts services and the move the decision-making about state and federal funding closer to the arts community and the arts consumer. The Arts Council of Indianapolis serves as the Region 7 Arts Partner of the Indiana Arts Commission representing Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, and Shelby Counties.

Need more information or have questions? Contact Janet Boston, Director of Marketing at 317.631.3301, ext. 214 or email her at [Janetb@indyarts.org](mailto:Janetb@indyarts.org).

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## **Artist Services**

The Arts Council of Indianapolis offers a variety of services to individual artists including the Creative Renewal Arts Fellowship, the Robert D. Beckmann, Jr. Emerging Artist Fellowship program, professional development workshops, an online artist database, exhibition and performance opportunities at the Indianapolis Artsgarden as well as this weekly e-communication. For more information, visit [Artist Services](#) for the most up to date information.

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**Did you know?**

**If you missed last week's Artist E-Newsletter, you can find an archived list at [www.ArtsCouncilofIndianapolis.org](http://www.ArtsCouncilofIndianapolis.org).**

Click on "Artist Opportunities E-Newsletter" under the "Artist Services" tab.

If your organization has an opportunity for local artists, please submit a summary of the information along with a contact name and number/e-mail address to [artistservices@indyarts.org](mailto:artistservices@indyarts.org). **Submission deadline is every Tuesday by 2pm.**

Please note that we cannot include attachments, so please write a brief summary of your opportunity for artists in an e-mail format.

DISCLAIMER: ACI lists these opportunities and announcements as a service to our artists/subscribers. Inclusion in the Artist E-news does not constitute endorsement of or affiliation with the ACI. Please direct questions or comments to the listing organization.

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