



December 16, 2009

**Congratulations to Dave Lawrence for being appointed the new President of the Arts Council of Indianapolis!**

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**1. Performing: Asante Touring Company Holds Auditions**

Auditions for the Asante Touring Company will be held on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 10:00 AM at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis.

Eligible Asante Touring Company candidates must be 18 years of age or older who have a high school diploma or equivalent.

On Saturday, January 9th, Touring Company candidates will learn a dance routine and be expected to sing two (2) minutes of a Motown song (of their choice) a cappella.

The successful candidate will be paid a stipend for their participation in Session One's production of "The Motown Story". "The Motown Story" will be presented at the Madame Walker Theatre, March 4-9, 2010.

Interested individuals should contact Ms. Deborah Asante at 317.297.0020 for more information. Visit [www.asantechildrenstheatre.org](http://www.asantechildrenstheatre.org) for information on Asante.

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## 2. Employment Opportunity: Garfield Park Arts Center Seeks Arts Specialist

The GPAC is seeking an upbeat, creative, hard-working individual with excellent customer service skills to serve as a facilitator of family arts activities, front desk greeter, event host, and to assist with facility upkeep.

Through the GPAC's Arts for All series, this individual will work independently with families as they explore visual, performance, literary and new media arts. An enthusiasm for sharing skills, knowledge and a passion for the arts is imperative.

As one of the GPAC front desk greeters, the Arts Specialist must be outgoing and enthusiastic as they share information about the facility and upcoming events.

The Arts Specialist position is also responsible for working with other GPAC staff to plan, promote and execute high-quality arts exhibits, programs and special events.

In addition, this individual will work with other staff to maintain a safe, clean, organized and secure facility.

\$9.00/hr., 25 hours/week. Teaching experience in the arts required. Some lifting and carrying is required. Evening and weekend work required. Send resume and three references to Tom Weidenbach at [tweidenb@indy.gov](mailto:tweidenb@indy.gov).

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## 3. Visual: Garfield Park Arts Center Seeks Artists for Black Pearls Exhibition

The Garfield Park Arts Center (GPAC) is seeking artists for its fifth annual exhibit Black Pearls: an Artistic Celebration of Black History Month. The GPAC is seeking works by Greater Indianapolis-based African American Artists and/or artworks which reflect African & African American themes. Both 2-D and 3-D works will be considered. The exhibit opens Saturday, January 30th, 2010 and closes Sunday, March 7th, 2010. The opening evening reception will include food, live jazz and family arts activities.

Please submit 3-5 JPEG images of work along with bio and artist statement via email or on CD by Wednesday December 30th, 2009:

[lmeier@indy.gov](mailto:lmeier@indy.gov)

The Garfield Park Arts Center  
2432 Conservatory Drive  
Indianapolis, IN 46203  
ATTN: Lesley Meier

Notifications of acceptance will be made on or before Saturday January 9th, 2010. All works will need to be received at the GPAC no later than Saturday, January 23rd, 2010 at 5pm. The GPAC will not accept works that are not ready for hanging or installation and suitable for final presentation. Drawings, paintings, photography and prints must be framed under Plexiglas or glass, and wired for hanging.

Artists may offer their work for sale. The GPAC receives a 10% commission from the sale of all works.

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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 Still Available and Make Great Stocking Stuffers or Last-Minute Gifts!** 

Be one of the firsts to have the BeIndependent Be Original. Buy Original. tote bag! This black canvas bags are on sale at the Indianapolis Artsgarden. 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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### Workshop: "Exploring with Your Sketchbook: a traveler's guide to making great art"

Join Julia Zollman Wickes in Indianapolis, Indiana for a Winter Workshop on Friday, Saturday & Sunday, January 8-9-10, 2010. The goal of the workshop is for artists to spend time independently gathering meaningful material in your sketchbook which will provide attendees with enough information to produce a work of art during the workshop.

On Day 1 and 2, participants will meet in the classroom for initial discussion and activities. Our focus will be on exploring the downtown area with sketchbook in hand and to spend at least part of each class day out of the studio working independently and with fellow students, drawing, painting, writing, mixing media and possibly even sculpting. We will gather at the end of the class each day to discuss progress, offer critique, and answer your questions.

On Day 3, participants may work in the studio space or out in the town to create a finished piece of art. During the final afternoon the group will meet in the classroom to talk together, look at and discuss everyone's work, and discuss the workshop experience.

This workshop, offered by Stutz Artspace, is intended to enable both novices and accomplished artists to learn to create personal artistic responses to surroundings, wherever that may be.

For further information about these workshops, please contact Julia Zollman Wickes at [julia@juliawickes.com](mailto:julia@juliawickes.com) or 317-698-3846.

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## REMINDERS

### Arts Council of Indianapolis Seeks Visual Artists for Art & Soul Kick-Off

One of the most visible programs of the Arts Council is Art & Soul; a celebration of African-American art and artists in Indiana. Art & Soul will begin with a Community Day Kick-Off in the Indianapolis Artsgarden on Saturday, January 30th, 2010. This is a highly interactive event with multiple performances, booths, music and an announcement of the 2010 Featured Artists. The Arts Council is seeking visual artists to receive free table space at the kick-off to show and sell artwork. The event will begin at 1pm and last until 4pm. Artists of any media are encouraged to submit. Interested parties should send 2 or more examples of artwork to [mjeffers@indyarts.org](mailto:mjeffers@indyarts.org) by January 15th, 2010. More information on Art & Soul can be found at [www.indyarts.org/art soul](http://www.indyarts.org/art soul).

## **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.

Shannon Linker  
Director of Artist Services  
[slinker@indyarts.org](mailto:slinker@indyarts.org)

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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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