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SUMMER 2019

Accolades For The Arts

SPRINGFIELD AREA ARTS COUNCIL

Levitt Amp Springfield

May
30 - Gospel, Damon Mitchell with opener
Rodrick Lemar

June
6 - Ska/Reggae, The Skatalites with opener TaQsem
13 - Classical, ISO's Brass Ensemble with
opener Timbre
20 - Merengue, Oro Solido with opener
Jerry Palacios
27 - Indian Dance and Jazz, Fareed Haque's Flat
Earth Ensemble with opener Jazz Robots

July
4 - Soul and Pop, Tameca Jones with opener
Chel + Fireworks
11 - Jazz, Dirty Dozen Brass Band with opener
Frank Parker

18 - Indie Rock, Liz Cooper and the Stampede with
opener Kate Laine
25 - Celtic, Switchback with opener Skibbereen

August
1 - Americana, John Moreland with opener Edward
David Anderson



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Out Loud



James Kegley

SCOTTLynn BALLARD, pictured at left, placed second in the national **Poetry Out Loud** competition held in D.C. on April 30 and May 1, 2019. Ballard, a rising senior at Edwardsville High School, received \$10,000 for her recitations of:
" Worth" by Marilyn Nelson;
" Self-Help" by Michael Ryan; and
" Ode" by Arthur O'Shaughnessy.
Ballard's school library was granted \$500 for the purchase of poetry resources.
Organizer of the 2019 Central Illinois regional and Illinois state contests, Sheila Walk, represented the Springfield Area Arts Council at the national competition.

Meet the Interns

Amanda

I always have been passionate about the arts; specifically, the process that goes into a painting, drawing, or even a performance. Last year, I was able to experience this process by interning for the Springfield Area Arts Council. I helped organize and run Arts Council programs. The main three programs I assisted with were Artist on the Plaza, Music at the Market, and Uptown Friday Night. I left the summer of 2018 with marketing and event planning experience, but more importantly I was able to witness and take part in enriching the community through the arts.

I am a recent graduate from Rochester High School. I plan to study business administration and studio art at Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville. I am very fortunate to say that I was re-hired as one of the two summer interns this year. I am able to run the same programs and talk with some of the same artists. I already am looking forward to selling raffle tickets at Uptown Friday Night and smiling as young children dance to the music at the market.

I think one of the main reasons I wanted to work again at the Arts Council was the people. As an intern I am able to interact with store owners, sponsors, musical performers, dancers, and audience members. From each person, I am able to learn new information and gain helpful insight into the world and the arts industry. Overall, that is why I am here: for the knowledge and the process.

To continue, my high school art teacher Troy Rexilius was a huge inspiration to me and constantly encouraged me to pursue art. He is the main reason I fell in love with the creation process. Mr. Rexilius used to always say that as artists we cannot create with the hopes of winning a contest, but that we must create to please ourselves. It is only then that we are left with something to be proud of. As a summer intern at a non-profit organization, I am hoping to leave my mark on the community by helping to organize programs which promote the arts. After the completion of my second year of working at The Arts Council, I anticipate I will leave with nothing less than something I am proud of.



Rachel

From drawing little doodles of my family and pets when I was young to making full pieces of art that were part of shows during my high school career, the visual arts have always been a passion of mine. For as long as I can remember, I have been drawing everything I see. I took an art class every year of school; it was without a doubt my favorite class. Because of art, I have made friends I consider family and have had teachers I will never forget. Art class is the reason high school was special to me, and I always will have happy memories to look back on and cherish.

This year I graduated from Rochester High School and will continue my education in the fall at the University of Illinois-Springfield. After reading my first paragraph, you can assume I will be pursuing an art major with a minor in education. I was inspired by my high school art teacher Troy Rexilius to continue pursuing my passion for art and to make a career of it. My hopes in becoming an art teacher are to inspire new generations and to teach them why art is important.

Now I am here, at the Springfield Area Arts Council, writing this article for its members to get to know me and why art is important to me. I am here for the art and for the people. The events that the Springfield Area Arts Council puts on are such inspiring ones. I will get to see so many new things and meet many new people and form new relationships as well. I am also here for the experience. I know this internship is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that came my way, and I am excited to see what this job brings. I am eager to meet an entire world of new people and learn from them as well. Being a part of The Arts Council is such an amazing opportunity, and I can't wait to get started.

City Arts 2019

An Arts Council program that re-grants funding received from the City of Springfield

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT COMPLIANCE

The Springfield Area Arts Council believes that arts organizations have a wonderful opportunity to increase arts audiences by providing "reasonable accommodation" of products, services, and equipment in order to reach out and welcome people who are differently-abled – to make them comfortable as members of our audiences and to provide them with the benefit of the performance or exhibition.

- Educational Center for the Visually Impaired - Creation of accessible materials for "What Art Feels Like" exhibit space

RENTAL SUBSIDY

This program is designed to provide area arts organizations with matching grants for rehearsal, performance, or exhibit rental. Eligible applicant organizations must serve residents of Sangamon or Menard counties, be registered as a not-for-profit organization with the Illinois Secretary of State, and have been in existence for at least one year prior to application.

- Educational Center for the Visually Impaired - "What Art Feels Like" exhibit space
- Illinois Symphony Orchestra - Rehearsal and performance space
- James Weldon Johnson Study Guild - Meeting and event space
- Menard County Singers - Rehearsal and performance space
- The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space - Studio and gallery space
- Sangamon Valley Youth Symphony - Performance space
- Scholastic Art Awards - Gallery and workshop space
- Springfield Art Association Collective - Gallery space
- Sound Celebration Chorus - Rehearsal and storage space
- Springfield International Folk Dancers - Rehearsal and storage space

Call for Performers

Springfield Area Arts Council's signature event is First Night® Springfield, a family friendly, handicapped-accessible, and affordable celebration of the arts. First Night Springfield would not be possible without its generous donors and talented performers who assist us in carrying on a memorable tradition. This being said, the Arts Council invites performers (musicians, magicians, artists, dancers, jugglers, et cetera) to be part of our New Year's Eve celebration.

To apply to perform, please submit contact information, a performance sample, and requested stipend for a 45-minute show to the Springfield Area Arts Council at assistant@springfieldartsco.org.

For more information, please call 217-753-3519.



ARTIST RESIDENCY

The Springfield Area Arts Council requested proposals from Sangamon and Menard County not-for-profit social service agencies registered with the Secretary of State. These proposals are for the development of artist residency programs and/or staff training programs in the arts. The purpose of the City Arts Residency Program is to provide access to the arts for under-served populations in community settings

- Senior Services of Central Illinois - Art classes for senior citizens

ROSIE RICHMOND ARTIST ADVANCEMENT AWARD

Artist Advancement Awards are grants that provide financial assistance to committed visual, performing, literary, and interdisciplinary artists enabling them to advance their work and careers. The program provides grants to artists who pass a competitive screening process for professional development projects. Awards for selected disciplines are granted in alternate years. In 1994, the Awards were re-named the Rosie Richmond Artist Advancement Awards in memory of Rosie Richmond, author, poet, co-founder of Brainchild Writers, and supporter of the arts in Sangamon County.

- Tom Irwin - Development and presentation of "Sangamon Songs"

Panelists

- Sarah Coombe
- Randy Eccles
- Steve Myers
- Adena Rivas
- Troy Roark (chair)
- Courtney Wick (ex officio)

Artist on the Plaza

Takes place every **Wednesday** between Memorial Day and Labor Day (**May 29 – August 28**)

12:00 to 1:00 P.M.

On the Old State Capitol south lawn

This event is family friendly and is the perfect way to spend your lunch break!

SCHEDULE

May

29 – Phil Steinberg, the songs of Sinatra

June

5 – Springfield Area Youth Jazz Band, jazz instrumental

12 – Mark Mills, guitar and vocal

19 – Monica Hays, vocal

26 – Lady Carol and Her Knights, rhythm and blues

July

3 – Joe Allen, guitar and vocal

10 – Messengers for Christ, gospel

17 – Route 66 Quartet, barbershop

24 – Mary Bryant Home singers, vocal

31 – St. Andrew's Society, Scottish dance

August

7 – Britney Long, country

14 – Ryan Mobley, guitar and vocal

21 – Torch_Nation, rap

28 – Derrick Streibig, guitar and vocal

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- Old State Capitol
- Prairie Archives
- Uptown Garages



Music at the Market

Takes place every **Saturday** from **May 18 to October 26**

10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

At the Old Capitol Farmers' Market

On Adams Street, between 3rd and 4th

This event is also family friendly and a great way to spend Saturday mornings!

SCHEDULE

May

18 – David Tell, Native American flute

25 – Arlin and Erin, singer/songwriters

June

1 – The Dandelion Pickers, folk

8 – Dol Seymour, dulcimer

15 – Dennis Darling, keyboard

22 – Idle Oath, bluegrass

29 – Liz Fitz, eclectic

July

6 – Rhodes and Battles, vocals

13 – Hannah Mobley, ukulele and vocals

20 – Andrew Heathwaite, children's music

27 – Last Acre, folk

August

3 – Adrian Russo, piano jazz

10 – Cowboy Randy, yodeling and vocals

17 – Jones and Chase, country

24 – Rachel Rambach, singer/songwriter

31 – Casey Cantrall, singer/songwriter

September

7 – Peaches and Bacon, banjo and fiddle

14 – Larry Stevens, guitar and vocals

21 – Mike Anderson, dulcimer

28 – Lowder and Manning, singer/songwriters

October

5 – Tom Irwin, singer/songwriter

12 – Jake McNamara, ukulele

19 – Dan Grover, guitar and vocals

26 – Eldon Roark and Troy Roark, magician and juggler

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Uptown Friday Night

Unfortunately, our venue, Robbie's Restaurant, suffered extreme water damage. The restaurant is under construction and is closed until further notice. Thus, Uptown Friday Night also is on hiatus.

However, in order to show our support to the staff at Robbie's Restaurant who are unable to work during repairs, the Springfield Area Arts Council is hosting a fundraiser. On **July 12th** on the **Old State Capitol Plaza**, donations totaling \$633 were collected from attendees. A 50/50 raffle also was held, bringing in \$72 that was given to the owners of Prairie Archives (an in-kind sponsor of Artist on the Plaza) because it suffered water damage, too. Music was provided by All Frets Convention Artists; a generous donor paid their stipend. Thanks to all who helped!