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Nevadans Honored with Governor's Arts Awards

31ST ANNUAL Governor's Arts Awards

Carson City | Nevada

Join us on March 2, 2011, at the Brewery Arts Center in Carson City to recognize recipients of the 31st Annual Governor's Arts Awards. As well, former Senator William Raggio and former Speaker of the Assembly Joe Dini will receive the Arts & Humanities Award for Public Service, presented jointly by the Nevada Arts Council and Nevada Humanities. Tickets are \$30 for the reception and awards ceremony. For their contributions of artistic achievement and service to the arts and to their communities, we congratulate:

- Andrea Lenz, Reno – *Excellence in the Arts*
- Mary Warner, Las Vegas – *Excellence in the Arts*
- Tsurunokai Taiko, Reno – *Excellence in Folk and Traditional Arts*
- Sue Kitts Jesch, Carson City – *Leadership in Arts Education*
- Wally Cuchine, Eureka – *Leadership in the Arts: Individual*
- Nevada State Museum, Carson City – *Leadership in the Arts: Organization*
- The Donald R. Reynolds Foundation, Las Vegas – *Patronage in the Arts*

This year's GAA recipients will receive artwork by Reno artist Anthony Alston. Alston's proposal to create bronze and silver sculptures that function as music boxes was selected by a NAC board committee through a competitive process.

Early registration is available on our website at nac.nevadaculture.org. For more information, please contact either NAC office at 775.687.6680 or 702.486.3700.

Don't Miss OASIS 2011, March 3 in Reno

OASIS 2011 is a one-day convening for artists, administrators, educators, communities and business leaders to collectively address the critical issues facing our state in the way we know best—through creative thinking and action. Confirmed speakers include Adam Natale, Director of Partnerships & Business Development, Fractured Atlas (national service organization for artists); Deborah Obalil, marketing and organizational specialist, Obalil and Associates; and Lisa Carnevale, Executive Director, Rhode Island Citizens for the Arts. OASIS 2011 is co-sponsored by Sierra Arts. The Silver Legacy Hotel in downtown Reno is offering rooms for \$49 a night plus tax. For reservations, please call 800.687.8733 and mention Nevada AC.

- Check our website at nac/nevadaculture.org for OASIS 2011 updates, speaker bios, registration and hotel information.
- Registration is \$45 for all materials and meals, and is due by February 20.
- Professional Development Grants of up to \$350 are available on a first-come, first-served basis to those traveling more than 100 miles round-trip.

■ OPTIMISM AND NEVADA'S FUTURE

With the theme of *Optimism is the Foundation of Courage*, Brian Sandoval's term as Nevada's 30th Governor started with a refreshing infusion of the arts. The Governor and First Lady Kathleen Sandoval hosted the first Arts and Culture Celebration in Carson City with an Arts + Culture Stroll and Showcase (see page 5). An Invocation by Paiute Elder Ralph Burns set the tone for the Inaugural Ceremony, which featured local choirs, student bands, an a cappella quartet, and Shaun Griffin's reading of *Anthem for a Burnished Land*, written for the occasion.

Governor Sandoval unveils his budget at the State of the State Address on January 24. It is anticipated to be a balanced budget with no new taxes, government consolidation and spending reductions. We are hopeful that creativity will be central in the administration's blueprint for our state's recovery and well-being. Whatever the outcome, the health of Nevada's critical arts industry lies in the hands of its members, supporters and beneficiaries. We must marshal our optimism into a shared vision and unflagging commitment to ensure a cultural legacy for all Nevadans.

The Nevada Arts Council is a division of the Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs.

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THE ARRIVAL OF GRANT SEASON

Applications for NAC annual grant categories are due throughout the next several months. Most must be submitted using the Culture Grants OnlineSM (CGO) system at nevada.cgweb.org/.

All applicants—new and continuing—are **strongly encouraged** to read through the new FY12 Grants Guidelines to review modifications to narrative questions and required supplemental materials, and note earlier deadlines. A PDF version of the FY12 Grants Guidelines is available at nac.nevadaculture.org. If you require a print copy of the Guidelines or have any questions, please give us a call at either office. Grant-specific information is also available on the CGO website.

Please remember that the NAC Grant Application Process now consist of two parts:

- **CGO Grant Application**—includes application profile, narrative and budget; must be submitted via CGO by 10:59 PST on the day of the online submission deadline.
- **Supplemental Material Packet**—includes a paper copy of the Signature Page (formerly the Authorization Form), with original signatures and required supplementary materials by the specific grant category. **Must be postmarked** no later than one week after the CGO submission deadline. Check each grant category for specific postmark deadlines.

FY12 Grant Submission Deadlines

- **February 15, 2011** – Development, Project, Partners in Excellence: Tier I & II, Arts Education Project, and Arts Education Component Grants
- **March 1, 2011** – Folklife Apprenticeship Grants
- **March 15, 2011** – Nevada Folklife Heritage Award Nominations
- **April 11, 2011** – Artist Fellowships

Grant Review Panels will be scheduled mid-May through June. Dates will be posted on our website as they are confirmed. Questions? Call us at 775.687.6680 or 702.486.3700.

NOTE! The NAC budget for the next biennium is uncertain. The amount of grant funding available to award will depend on the outcome of the 2011 Legislative Session. Stay informed about the budget and involved in arts advocacy activities throughout the state at Arts4Nevada.org.

Poetry OUT LOUD

Join us at Knitting Factory in downtown Reno on March 19, noon to 3 p.m., for the Sixth Annual Nevada State Finals of Poetry Out Loud Recitation Competition (POL). As we go to print, more than 2,300 students are

participating, representing 42 schools from all 16 school districts with high schools. Semi-finalists from each school district will compete for cash prizes of \$6,000. Steven Nightingale, novelist and poet, along with other judges at the State Finals will score students on physical presence, voice and articulation, level of difficulty, evidence of understanding, overall performance, accuracy and appropriateness of dramatization.

Nevada's POL champion will travel to Washington, D.C., and compete against students from across the nation and its territories on April 27–29, 2011. A total of \$50,000 in scholarships and school prizes will be awarded, with the national winner receiving \$20,000.

POL is a national poetry recitation contest for high school students sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and The Poetry Foundation. *Nevada Poetry Out Loud* is sponsored by the Nevada Arts Council in partnership with the Nevada Alliance for Arts Education and the Nevada Department of Education.



Exhibition News

OXS, coordinated by the Artist Services Program, features visual artists who have been recognized by the NAC through the Artist Fellowship, Artist in Residence and Folklife Apprenticeship and Governor's Arts Awards Programs. The OXS gallery is located at the NAC office, 716 N. Carson Street (intersection of Washington Street), and is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

►► Photography by Dean Burton: February 7–April 1, 2011
Artist Talk and Reception: February 24, 4:30–6:30 p.m.

▼▼ "Exploring Boundaries," an exhibit by Linda Alterwitz, is on display in the NAC Carson City office through January 28 as part of the Office eXhibition Series (OXS). Using both scientific and natural landscapes, Las Vegas multi-media artist Alterwitz explores the human connection to natural environment.



Linda Alterwitz, *Stem Cell Growth #1* from the series *Discarded Dreams*, Photography, 2010, 20.5" x 30"

Dean Burton
Black Rock Desert
Gelatin Silver Print
2001
40" x 10"



Art Featured at the 2011 Legislature

The LXS – Legislative eXhibition Series provides a spotlight on the Silver State's breadth of contemporary and folk artists for our lawmakers and the public. Since 1985, more than 130 artists, including painters, photographers, printmakers, sculptors, rawhide braiders and jewelers, have been featured in the State Legislative Building in Carson City. Many thanks to LXS committee members—Sharon Tetley, Professor of Art, Western Nevada Community College, Carson City; Gil Martin, Professor of Art, Western Nevada Community College, Fallon; and Christopher Tsouras, Director of Exhibits Fine Arts Gallery, College of Southern Nevada, North Las Vegas—for their assistance in the selection of the artists. Stop by the gallery space across from the Coffee Shop on first floor of the Nevada Legislative Building to see:

JAN 31 – FEB 18

Commissioned Governor's Arts Award Artwork, 1989–2010

FEB 21 – MAR 11

Elizabeth Pagnelli, Incline Village, prints

MAR 14 – APRIL 1

Christopher Bauder, Las Vegas, sculpture

APRIL 4 – 22

Joe and Shiho Winter, Reno, ceramics

APRIL 25 – MAY 13

Chad Brown, Las Vegas, painting

MAY 16 – JUNE 3

Ben Parks, Tuscarora, sculpture

Arts Ed Projects Funded

One arts organization, one school and one teaching artist received \$3,000 in FY11 Third Quarter Better Learning Through the Arts (BETA) Grants to support the following arts education projects scheduled between January 1–March 31, 2011:

- **Myrtle Tate Elementary School**, Las Vegas, \$1,000 – To support three days of workshops by the Fellers Arts Factory, integrating visual arts with storytelling, music and drama in January.
- **Margaret Rampey**, Las Vegas, \$1,000 – To present a 16-week creative dance and movement program for seniors, including those with cognitive disabilities at the Nevada Senior Services, January–April.
- **The Note-Ables**, Sparks, \$1,000 – To support ten-session music programs for two special education classrooms at Damonte High School and O'Brien Middle Schools, January–March.

The next BETA Grant application submission deadline for projects scheduled for April 1–June 30, 2011, is **February 15, 2011** (10:59 p.m. PST), using CultureGrants OnlineSM. Supplemental material postmark deadline is February 22. Please contact Maryjane Dorofachuk, Arts Education Program Coordinator, at mdorofachuk@nevadaculture.org or 702.486.3738.

Folk Artists on Film

Mike Williams: Duck Decoys and Tule Work, a short film produced by the NAC Folklife Program, has been included in The Archaeology Channel International Film and Video Festival in Eugene, Oregon, this May. Produced by Patricia A. Atkinson, directed by Teri Brewer and filmed by Gwendolyn Clancy, the film is featured in the festival's Video Bar—a series of individual viewing stations—available to the public at the Eugene Public Library. The film is one of a series to premiere on the NAC website early this year.

Jackpots Awarded

Eight artists and three arts and cultural organizations share a total of \$9,771 in FY11 Third Quarter Jackpot Grants to support the following projects occurring between January 1 and March 31, 2011.

- **Anthony Alston**, Reno, \$610 – to support the development of a body of work about luck and superstition.
- **Dona Brown**, N. Las Vegas, \$1,000 – to support demonstrations in traditional Irish dance and bodhran (hand drum) at the 2011 St. Patrick's Day Festival in Henderson.
- **Andreana Donahue**, Las Vegas, \$1,000 – to support a solo exhibition at Winchester Cultural Center, January–March.
- **Great Basin Arts and Entertainment**, Winnemucca, \$1,000 – to present a classical music trio in a community concert at the Historic Martin Hotel in January.
- **Lohan School of Shaolin**, Las Vegas, \$925 – to refurbish Chinese lions for this year's Chinese Lion Dance at the New Year festivals.
- **Roqaiya Moten**, Henderson, \$1,000 – to present two workshops of Mehndi (traditional body art) at Masjid As-Sabur in Las Vegas, January 9 and February 6.
- **Nevada Rock Art Foundation**, Reno, \$823 – to support "The Deep Structure of Pleistocene Rock Art: The Artification Hypothesis" for its Distinguished Lecture Series—February 8 at the Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas and February 10 at Nevada Museum of Art, Reno.
- **Diane Olson-Bush**, Las Vegas, \$1,000 – to print and prepare photographs for an exhibition about humanity for the Brett Wesley Gallery, February–March.
- **Kim Palchikoff**, Reno, \$1,000 – to support the writing of three nonfiction essays to be added to the collection "Nevada 21."
- **Maria Partridge**, Reno, \$743 – to install watercolor and acrylic paintings created about DUI offenders in Washoe County for an exhibit at the Sierra Arts Gallery in March.

- **Gina Quaranto**, Las Vegas, \$670 – to support "The Immaculate Perception," a solo exhibition at Blackbird Studios in February.

The next Jackpot Grant application submission deadline for projects scheduled for April 1–June 30, 2011, is **February 15, 2011** (10:59 p.m. PST), using CultureGrants OnlineSM. Supplemental material postmark deadline is February 22, 2011. Please contact Mary Vargas, Grants Program Coordinator, at mvargas@nevadaculture.org or 775.687.7102.

Recruiting Teaching Artists and Consultants for Roster

Artist in Residence Roster

The Arts Education Program is accepting applications for its FY 2012–2014 Artist In Residence Roster. Applications must be submitted via CultureGrants OnlineSM (CGO), at nevada.cgweb.org. Current roster artists need not fill out a formal application, but must complete a profile on CGO and update the narrative questions. The deadline for online submission is April 1, 2011 (10:59 p.m. PST). Postmark deadline for the Supplemental Materials Packet is April 8, 2011. For more information see guidelines at nac.nevadaculture.org. Questions? Contact Maryjane Dorofachuk, Arts Education Coordinator at 702.486.3738 or mdorofachuk@nevadaculture.org. A public panel to review applications will be scheduled in June.

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Nevada Circuit Rider Roster

The Community Arts Development Program is accepting applications from professional consultants to join the Nevada Circuit Rider Roster. Applicants must be willing to provide technical assistance Nevada's arts and cultural organizations on specific issues and/or challenges such as advocacy, audience development, board development, planning, financial management, marketing or technology utilization. Applications must be submitted via CultureGrants OnlineSM (CGO), at nevada.cgweb.org. Current NCR consultants need not fill out a formal application, but must complete a profile on CGO and

update the narrative questions. The deadline for online submission is April 1, 2011 (10:59 p.m. PST). Postmark deadline for the Supplemental Materials Packet is April 8, 2011. For more information see guidelines at nac.nevadaculture.org. Questions? Contact Robin A. Hodgkin, Community Arts Development Coordinator at 702.486.3738 or rhodgkin@nevadaculture.org. A public panel to review applications will be scheduled in June.

Grant Funds Available

Funding is still available for the following NAC rolling grants, provided on a first-come, first-served reimbursement basis throughout the year. More information is available online at nac.nevadaculture.org or call one of our offices at 775.687.6680 or 775.486.3700.

- The **Nevada Circuit Riders Program** (NCR) provides a roster of specialists that can provide consultancies in a number of fields including planning, board development and capacity building.
- **Professional Development Grants** (PDG) support participation at workshops, conferences and seminars by Nevada's professional paid or volunteer arts administrators and board members.
- **Folklife Opportunity Grants** (FOG) of up to \$1,500 support the production of Folklife exhibits, programs, performances and festivals open to the public sponsored by 501c3 organizations (or those with a fiscal agent) and public institutions with annual budgets below \$100,000 only. These grants are designed for smaller organizations and applicants may not have received Development, Project or PIE Grants.

»FY11PDG Grant applications are now accessible through CultureGrants OnlineSM nevada.cgweb.org/

Questions? Contact the NAC:
775.687.6680 or 702.486.3700

Nevada Round-Up

Earlier this fall, **Chris Morrison** was promoted to associate executive director of the Reno Chamber Orchestra. Morrison, an educator and on-air personality for KUNR radio, has served as operations manager of the orchestra for nine years. |||| **Wendy Nelson** is the new Director of Development at Nevada Ballet Theatre. Responsible for all areas of fundraising and board member relations, Nelson brings 14 years of experience as the former Director of Development for the College of Fine and Performing Arts for the UNLV Foundation. |||| The **Carson City Arts Initiative** (CCAI) has relocated as a resident partner in the BRIC (Business Resource and Innovation Center). Located at 108 Proctor Street across from City Hall, the BRIC is a new branch of the Carson City Library that provides resources along with other city departments for those starting or expanding businesses. CCAI's current exhibit features paintings from artists of Northern Nevada. |||| **Marin Gillis**, the first director of the Division of Medical Humanities and Ethics in the UNR School of Medicine, and a pioneering member of the Society for Arts in Healthcare, has taken a new position with Florida International University as Director of Integrative Ethics.

Pieplow Retires from Churchill County Museum



Jane Pieplow, an honored and respected colleague, has stepped down as Executive Director of the Churchill County Museum in Fallon after 18 years of service. "I hope to con-

tinue to work with the museum in my retirement, mainly in the completion of a number of exhibits," she noted, Museum Registrar Donna Cossette will serve as Museum Administrator until the county's budget situation improves and the director's position can be filled.

Kennedy Center Launches "Any Given Child" in Las Vegas

Las Vegas joins Sacramento, CA; Portland, OR; and Springfield, MO as the fourth site for the Kennedy Center's year-old *Any Given Child* program. The project, involving the Clark County School District and the Smith Center, is intended to strengthen arts education for children in kindergarten through eighth grade by assessing current curricula and then assisting school districts with long-term plans tailored for individual cities. "We studied 45 applications from cities across the nation to see who is best prepared, and we were very impressed by the commitment of the senior leadership of Las Vegas," says Kennedy Center President Michael Kaiser.

"It's a huge issue across the country that the arts are pushed aside...the foundation needed is in K-8," says Candy Schneider, vice president of education and community involvement for the Smith Center. "We do have arts specialists in the elementary schools, which is tremendous. But for the arts organizations within our community, it's a wonderful opportunity to have them come together rather than work in isolation."

NEA Grants to Nevada

In its latest round of grants, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) invested \$26 million in support of arts projects nationwide. Nevada's recipients include:

- **Artown**, Reno, \$30,000 – to support performances and events during its month-long festival in July 2011.
- **Nevada Museum of Art**, Reno, \$20,000 – to support the curation of a new exhibit *Landscape Futures: Instruments, Devices, and Architectural Inventions* and accompanying education programs.
- **Western Folklife Center**, Elko, \$50,000 – to support the production of a semi-permanent exhibition *Ranchlines: Verses and Visions of the Rural West*.

Poet and educator Gary Short, who still calls Virginia City home, received a \$25,000 Literature Fellowship. Read more at the NEA website: www.arts.gov.



New Directions Receives White House Honor

New Directions Youth Arts, a City of Las Vegas program, received a 2010 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award from First Lady Michelle Obama at a White House ceremony in late October. Chosen from a pool of more than 400 nominations and 50 finalists, New Directions was one of 15 after- and out-of-school programs to receive the prestigious award (formerly, the Coming Up Taller Award).

Founded in 1997, New Directions uses engagement in the arts and humanities to strengthen life-skills for adjudicated youth and young people dealing with substance abuse and domestic violence. The program has engaged more than 4,450 young people in creative movement, theatre, writing, visual arts, percussion, pottery and social circus workshops.

The award was accepted by Cacha Barnes, a 16-year-old program participant and member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and Patricia L. Harris, cultural administrator for the city of Las Vegas. "Standing with the First Lady of the United States in the White House and accepting this award was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that I'll never forget," Barnes said. "It showed me that the power of the arts and humanities to change kids' lives is recognized and valued."

With the award and recognition, New Directions Youth Arts also receive \$10,000 for program support.

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First Family Celebrates The Arts

Governor Brian Sandoval and First Lady Kathleen Sandoval hosted the state's first Inaugural Arts and Culture Celebration on Sunday, January 2, 2011—the day prior to the Inauguration. The Nevada Arts Council assisted the Inaugural Committee in developing an afternoon Arts + Culture Stroll and performing arts showcase at the Brewery Arts Center.

Braving blustery weather and snow-packed streets, the First Family and community members enjoyed arts and history exhibits, demonstrations by traditional artists representing Nevada's ranching and Native American communities, activities for children, and dance and musical presentations. The Showcase featured Emily Orellana, Nevada's two-time Poetry Out Loud champion; Note-Ables musical ensemble; Reno Youth Jazz Orchestra Combo, Cowboy songwriter and singer Richard Elloyan; pianist Dr. James Winn; and Las Vegas' Mexico Vivo Dance Company.

Speaking from the stage after the Showcase, Governor Sandoval and his wife spoke passionately about the impact of the arts and arts education on the lives of Nevadans. Sandoval comments reflected a philosophy of "...encouraging an appreciation for local artists, and for Nevada's arts and culture."

Participating organizations included the Brewery Arts Center, Children's Museum of Northern Nevada, Great Basin Gallery, Nevada Arts Council, Nevada State Museum, Business Resource Innovation Center and Capital City Arts Initiative. We express genuine appreciation for the contributions of these organizations, their staff members and volunteers, and all the artists who worked tirelessly throughout the holiday season to ensure the success of this remarkable event.



Governor Brian Sandoval and members of The Sierra Nevada Balalaika Society. The 2011 Inaugural Arts and Culture Celebration, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City

Griffin Pens Inaugural Poem

Shaun Griffin, poet and community activist, wrote *Anthem for A Burnished Land* in commemoration of Governor Brian Sandoval's Inaugural Ceremony on January 4, 2011. He introduced it with these remarks: "Governor-elect Sandoval, First Lady, Distinguished Guests and Citizens of Nevada, it is my sincere honor to be here today. The great Irish poet, Seamus Heany, said, '... the end of art is peace.' If a poem can do anything, it can help us to reflect on why we need ceremonies like this and in doing so, take some peace from this moment. This poem is a testimony to the desire of all who have chosen the hardscrabble landscape of Nevada as home."

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Anthem for a Burnished Land

If we cannot unravel the drift of days
to mark the aspen with what strength remains—

Not an idea of this dry, dry place
but what we do for work, whether field

or factory, what we imagine
This labor in sand and rock to mean:

and although the precise demeanor of doubt
is never far in this incalculable mountain and
desert—

it is here we make our home, here we choose
the marbled canyon of our ancestors.

This day, unlike any other,
is the moment of redress: our burnished land

has suffered, but not without lament—
And its people, you and I, feather or cone,

reach for the trusted and dammed alike,
To affirm what has been given.

It has always been up to us:
A generation for whom dust and wind

define the seeds of family—
whether child or mother, stone or river,

we begin this praise and praise again,
That what is done, be done for those to come.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Funding for NEA?

On December 21, President Obama signed the fourth continuing resolution for fiscal year 2011, maintaining budgets for all federal programs through March 4 essentially at 2010 funding levels. An effort to move ahead with an omnibus appropriations measure—including an increase in the budget for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)—was scuttled in the Senate. As the 112th Congress will set final spending levels for 2011, a vibrant national arts advocacy will be crucial this year.

In the House, action never moved beyond the Interior Appropriations Subcommittee, which drafted a bill proposing a 2011 budget of \$170 million for the NEA. When the Senate revealed its omnibus appropriations measure, it included the same funding level. Unfortunately, that legislation failed to gain momentum.

Health Care Opportunities for Arts Workforce

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, signed into law by President Obama last March, includes the following health care opportunities for artists and arts organizations:

- Requires health plans to allow young people up to the age of 26 to remain on their parents' insurance policies.
- Provides immediate access to insurance for individuals who are uninsured because of a pre-existing condition through a temporary high-risk pool through 2014. In 2014 all health plans would be prohibited from discriminating against any individual with a pre-existing condition.
- Provides a tax credit through 2013 for businesses and nonprofit organizations with fewer than 25 employees and average wages below \$50,000. The bill permits a credit for small employers that provide insurance for their employees. Credits will be available in 2014 to employers purchasing employee coverage through health insurance exchanges.

ARTS ADVOCACY DAY THE 2011 NATIONAL ARTS ACTION SUMMIT

Become a National Arts Advocate

Join grassroots advocates from across the country to voice the importance of national cultural policies and public funding for the arts on April 4 & 5, 2011 in Washington D.C. Help more than 100 new members of Congress understand the value of public funding for the arts, participate in advocacy training sessions, network with colleagues, and meet with the Nevada Congressional delegation. Apply for a NAC Professional Development Grant to attend this critical convening today at cgweb.com and register at www.AmericansfortheArts.org/AAD.

Nonprofit Theatre Report

The NEA released a new study on nonprofit theaters, *All America's a Stage*, which examines developments in the growth, distribution, and finances of America's nonprofit theater system since 1990. New research noted unprecedented expansion across the United States. While the research indicates broad growth and generally positive fiscal health, it also reveals decreasing attendance rates and vulnerability during economic downturns. For the full press release, visit www.arts.gov/news/news08/Theater.html.

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Humanities Grants Available

Nevada Humanities awards matching grants of up to \$5,000 to support public humanities programs to encourage informed discussion and critical thinking, and that preserve and makes accessible Nevada history and heritage. Grant deadlines are March 10 and October 10. Applications requesting \$1,000 or less may be submitted at any time. Staff members are available to answer questions and to review draft proposals in Reno at 775.784.6587 or in Las Vegas at 702.895.1878. Read more at www.humanities.org.

New Exhibit

READY TO TOUR

Geographical Divides: Finding Common Ground features 16 artists from southern and northern Nevada who explore the geographical and cultural differences in Nevada through collaborative printmaking. The exhibit is available for booking through the Nevada Touring Initiative (NTI), January 2011 through January 2013. Check it out at nac.nevadaculture.org under Exhibitions.



Terra Tribuo Terra Partis
artists: Maria Arango, Las Vegas and Lynn Schmidt, Reno
Woodcut
10" x 20"
2010

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February 15

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■ **FY11 Fourth Quarter Arts Ed BETA Grants:** CGO submission deadline (10:59 p.m. PST); supplemental material postmark deadline: February 22 (for projects: April 1–June 30)

■ **FY11 Fourth Quarter Jackpot Grants:** CGO submission deadline (10:59 p.m. PST); supplemental material postmark deadline: February 22 (for projects: April 1–June 30)

February 18

Nevada Presenters Network Teleconference, 10:30 a.m.

March 1

■ **FY12 Folklife Apprenticeships Grants:** CGO submission deadline (10:59 p.m. PST); supplemental material postmark deadline: March 8

March 2

31st Annual Governor's Arts Awards
Brewery Arts Center, Carson City

March 3

OASIS 2011 – Statewide Cultural Convening
The Silver Legacy, Reno

March 15

■ **2012 Nevada Heritage Award:** CGO nomination submission deadline (10:59 p.m. PST); supplemental material postmark deadline: March 21

March 19

Sixth Annual Poetry Out Loud – Nevada State Finals
The Knitting Factory, Reno

April 1

■ **FY12–14 AIR Roster Application:** CGO submission deadline (10:59 p.m. PST); supplemental material postmark deadline: April 8

■ FY12–14 NCR Roster Application:

CGO submission deadline (10:59 p.m. PST); supplemental material postmark deadline: April 8

April 11

■ **FY12 Artist Fellowships:** CGO submission deadline (10:59 p.m. PST) and application packet postmark deadline: April 18

May 15

■ **FY12 First Quarter Arts Ed BETA Grants:** CGO submission deadline (10:59 p.m. PST); supplemental material postmark deadline: May 22 (for projects July 1–September 30)

■ FY12 First Quarter Jackpot Grants:

CGO submission deadline (10:59 p.m. PST); supplemental material postmark deadline: May 22 (for projects July 1–September 30)

May 16–20

Grant Panel Hearings, TBA
NAC Spring Board Meeting, TBA

May 20

Nevada Presenters Network Teleconference, 10:30 a.m.

CALENDAR



Rolling Advocacy

Drive your message home during this critical legislative session with the purchase of the Arts License Plate. Generate dollars for arts education programs while visibly declaring your support for arts learning!

Each Arts License Plate costs \$51 for a standard plate and \$20 to renew. \$15 of the initial fee and \$10 of the renewal fee supports arts education programs of the Arts Council and VSA arts of Nevada. Purchase the plate when you register or exchange your present plate for a "Rich in Art" Plate. Check it out at nac.nevadaculture.org.