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## Arts Council of Greater Lansing

*Leading, advocating for, and advancing arts and culture in the capital region since 1965*

January 2012



### Arts Council Individual Artist Grant Application Now Available

*Completed Applications Due January 31, 2012*

The Arts Council of Greater Lansing is now accepting applications for the 2012 Individual Artist Grant Program. \$1,000 grants are available to Arts Council artist members -

both emerging and established - working on projects in the literary, performing, or visual arts. All projects must have a strong local public component and must occur between Apr. 1 - Dec. 31, 2012. The application and guidelines are available for download from the grants page of [www.lansingarts.org](http://www.lansingarts.org).

A free informational workshop about the Individual Artist Grant Program and Application will be held on **Thursday, January 12, 2012 from 4-5pm in 1210 Turner**. The workshop is not an obligatory part of the application process, but is offered as a service to potential applicants. A sample successful application can also be viewed by appointment at the Arts Council office.

Please RSVP for the workshop so that Arts Council staff can prepare a sufficient number of hand-outs. To RSVP, or for questions about this program, contact Katie Robiadek, Program Manager at [katie@lansingarts.org](mailto:katie@lansingarts.org).



The Individual Artist Grant is a part of the SmArts Program, which provides resources for members.

### O'Malia's, Peckham Receive Arts Council's Arts Advocate Awards

*Applause Award and Business Arts Awards Announced at December Holiday Glitter*

The Arts Council was pleased to recognize John and Beverly O'Malia and Lansing-based Peckham, Inc. for their leadership, commitment and vision in support of the arts at its annual Holiday Glitter event held Dec. 6.



2011 Arts Council Awards  
Designed by Craig Mitchell Smith



2011 Applause Award Recipients  
John and Beverly O'Malia

Nominated by Williamston Theatre with support from Kurt and 'Pete' Guter and Suzanne B. Mills, the O'Malia's have shown a deep commitment to the arts in Greater Lansing through their

## 2012 MCACA Minigrant Awards Announced

**Arts Council Helps Award \$25,900 to Twelve Local Organizations**

Twelve local non-profit organizations have been awarded a total of \$25,900 to fund



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high-quality artistic or cultural programs through the [Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs](#) 2012 Regional Regranting Minigrant Program. The [Arts Council of Greater Lansing](#) is the regional administrator of this state-wide program, and oversees funding for arts and culture projects in the four-county area of Ingham, Eaton, Clinton and Shiawasee.

The MCACA Minigrant Program provides financial assistance, on a matching basis, to non-profit organizations that address community need for arts and cultural programming and that require additional limited underwriting to meet that need. Decisions are made by a qualified peer review panel.

Congratulations to the following organizations whose projects were awarded funding for 2012:

[Allen Neighborhood Center](#)  
[The American Shakespeare Collective \(TASC\)](#)  
[East Lansing Summer Solstice Jazz Festival](#)  
[Community Circle Players, Inc.](#)  
[Holt Community Art Council](#)  
[Lansing Area Peace Education Center](#)  
[LanSINGout](#)  
[Lansing for Cesar E. Chavez](#)  
[Lansing Concert Band Association](#)  
[Meridian Community Band](#)  
[MSU Community Music School](#)  
[Steiner Chorale](#)

To find out more about the amazing projects these organizations are making happen in Greater Lansing, visit the [Arts Council website](#).



### Arts & Culture Trek Grants Available

**\$500 Transportation Grants Support K-12 Cultural Field Trips**

[Michigan Youth Arts,](#)

on behalf of the [Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs](#), is offering grants of up to \$500 to Michigan K-12 schools for the transportation cost

volunteerism, patronage, and ambassadorship. They have served as co-chairs of [Williamston Theatre](#)'s Signature Society for four years, helping to keep the theatre vibrant and accessible. Whether encouraging new patrons to attend theatre performances, coordinating the annual Susan Lorenz Art Show, supporting the events of the [Lansing Symphony Orchestra](#) and the [Arts Council of Greater Lansing](#), as well as many other activities, the O'Malias have had a deep and lasting impact on the success of the local arts community since 1975.



2011 Business Arts Award Recipient  
Peckham, Inc.

Nominated by Stan Kogut of the [Ingham Intermediate School District](#), the 2011 Business Arts Award Winner [Peckham, Inc.](#) demonstrates a strong commitment to the arts as a part of their overall business philosophy. Through professional art instruction, Peckham clients and other disabled persons in our community are offered access to high-quality arts experiences. Their unique "Art From the Heart" Program offers a chance for personal creative self-expression and the opportunity to become included in the local art community. Through volunteers, committee assignments, and sponsorships, Peckham gives back to the cultural community and is exemplary in assuring that the arts are a part of our community.

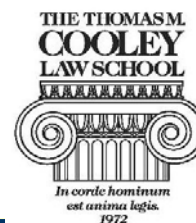
"The passion demonstrated by the O'Malia's and by Peckham impact not just the arts, but impact our community. We are all truly richer to have this amazing couple and all the people of Peckham making a difference in Greater Lansing. The Arts Council is humbled and honored to bestow this well-deserved recognition upon each of them," said Arts Council Executive Director Leslie Donaldson.

## January Arts Opportunities

**Employment, Funding, and Opportunities for Professionals Working in the Arts**

### [January Opportunities](#)

For the upcoming MLK Jr. Day, the [Cooley Law School](#) students, staff, and faculty wants you to know that they are available to do volunteer service on January 16, 2012 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. They are looking for assignments that can include



of an arts and culture related field trip. The application period is December 12 through January 16 for trips taking place between March 1 and May 31, 2012. The destination or performance must be chosen from a list of approved organizations [here](#).

[Eligibility and Application Guidelines](#)  
[Apply Online](#)  
[Past Recipients](#)

Please email [grants@michiganyoutharts.org](mailto:grants@michiganyoutharts.org) or call (248) 545-9200 with any questions.

This activity is made possible in part the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts.

## January Arts and Cultural Calendar

*Your Link to Exhibitions, Events, Festivals, and the Performing Arts in Greater Lansing*

### [January Calendar](#)

As we sweep up the confetti and return holiday decorations to the attic, we plunge artistically into a new year full of events for all tastes.



The [Lansing Art Gallery](#) presents "Solitude," an exhibition of Curtis Hans Miller's fine art photography. Curtis describes his landscape collection as a "haunting world of vast spaces, dotted with orchards, fences, barns and silos. They illustrate Michigan as it has been for a hundred years. The exhibit runs until Feb. 24.



Ben Cassidy stars in "The Boy In The Bathroom"

[Peppermint Creek Theatre Company](#) presents the Michigan Premiere of the musical "The Boy In the Bathroom," written by Okemos native (and New York professional) Michael Lluberes. The musical concerns a young man with OCD who locks himself in the bathroom...for a year! The musical runs Jan. 19 - 28 at the Creole Gallery. Call (517) 372-0945 to reserve tickets.

Spice up your mid-week with [Jazz Tuesdays at](#)

cleaning, painting, yard work, preparing mailings, visiting with residents, etc. Call (517) 371-5140 or email [Heather Spielmaker](mailto:Heather.Spielmaker) with project information.

[Community Legal Resources](#) (CLR) is a nonprofit organization serving other nonprofits through legal, technical, and outreach resources. CLR has a network of over 250 volunteer attorneys ready to assist eligible nonprofits with their unique legal needs including tax, employment, real estate, environmental, intellectual property, or business law. Contact Justin Sheehan, Statewide Program Manager, at (517) 881-1667 or [jsheehan@clronline.org](mailto:jsheehan@clronline.org) to find out what we can do for your nonprofit.

Artists from the region, Michigan, and country will want to compete for the \$10,000 purchase prize being awarded in 2012 for a sculpture competition



announced by the Plainwell Arts Council. The sculptural competition is the pilot project for the Council's newly announced Public Art Procurement Program (PAPP). The inaugural project will be timed with the "reopening" of the rejuvenated paper mill in 2012, and will be located at the paper mill's entrance plaza.

Artists interested in the sculpture competition should review and complete the Request for Qualifications which can be found at [www.PlainwellArtsCouncil.com](http://www.PlainwellArtsCouncil.com).

The [Arts Midwest Conference](#) is coming to Michigan in September, and it's a big deal! Panel-selected Spotlight Showcases show a glimpse of artists and ensembles' work to presenting organization / venue representatives who attend the Conference. Those chosen for the showcase present 15-minute performances over two evenings (Sept. 13 and 14) at the 2012 Conference, receive mainstage exposure, and are an integral part of the Conference. This is a wonderful opportunity to be seen by agents for out of state booking. Applications are due on or before Tues., Feb. 28, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. [Click here](#) for more info.



The Arts Council's [opportunities](#) page includes listings for grants deadlines, auditions, exhibition opportunities, and other information of interest to the arts and culture community.

**Stobers.** A weekly jazz series at one of Lansing's favorite downtown bars. The jam session is hosted by the Jeff Shoup Quartet and will feature regular guest artists from the MSU Jazz Studies Department and the Mid-Michigan jazz community. Join them every Tuesday and bring your instrument! Follow them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/JazzTuesdaysAtStobers](http://www.facebook.com/JazzTuesdaysAtStobers)

**REACH Studio Art Center** still has room for people to enroll in over four different classes beginning this month, including Art Explorers, Drawing for Youth, Clay workshops, and more. Find out all you need to know to make your 2012 Art-tastic by visiting the [REACH website](#).



**Nominate  
Arts-Supporting  
Businesses with  
National Award**  
*Celebrate Businesses  
That Enrich Our  
Community*

The BCA 10: Best Companies Supporting the Arts in America recognizes businesses of all sizes for their exceptional involvement with the arts that enrich the workplace, education, and the community. These companies set the standard of excellence and serve as role models for others to follow. Please consider [nominating](#) a business in your community that supports the arts at any or all of those levels by Feb. 17, 2012.

The awards will be presented in New York City on Oct. 4, 2012. For more information about the awards and for a list of past winners, visit [www.artsusa.org/go/BCA10](http://www.artsusa.org/go/BCA10).



### **(SCENE) MetroSpace Kicks Off New Year With New Exhibit**

*"A Michigan State University Showcase" Features Local Artists*

On Friday, Jan. 13, from 6-9 p.m. East Lansing's City-funded contemporary art gallery and performance space, [\(SCENE\) MetroSpace](#), will unveil its first exhibit of 2012 entitled "A Michigan State University Showcase." The exhibit will feature MSU artists Jon Anthony, Yareth Fernandez, Ryan Groendyk, Megan Mack, April Matthews, Volodymyr Shcherbak, Jacob Varty, and Rebekah Zurenko. For more information about the exhibit, please visit [www.scenemetrospace.com](http://www.scenemetrospace.com) or contact Tim Lane at (517) 319-6832 or email [scenemetrospace@gmail.com](mailto:scenemetrospace@gmail.com). (SCENE) MetroSpace is located in the colorful Division parking structure next door to Georgio's Pizza. Regular hours are Thursdays from 2-5 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays from 2-6 p.m. and Sundays from Noon-4 p.m. and by appointment.

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