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## Arts Council of Greater Lansing

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

October 2011



### Arts Council Seeks Nominations for Arts Leadership Awards

*Celebrate an Individual or Business Who Has Demonstrated Support for the Arts in Greater Lansing*

Nominate your favorite arts advocate for the Arts Council of Greater Lansing's Applause Award or Business Arts Award, recognizing individuals and organizations for their leadership, commitment and vision in support of the arts.

Nominations will be accepted through Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2011. The Arts Council Applause Award recognizes an individual who demonstrates significant leadership, commitment, vision and support for arts and culture in the capital region. The Business Arts Award recognizes a business or business-related organization who demonstrates a deep commitment and strong leadership role in supporting the arts through know-how, significant financial or in-kind support, or encouraging others to collaborate in support of the arts.

Nomination forms are available on the "Documents" page of the Arts Council of Greater Lansing's website, [www.lansingarts.org](http://www.lansingarts.org), or by clicking on the links below. Award winners will be announced at the Arts Council's annual Holiday Glitter Gala on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2011. Joining a distinguished list of award recipients, winners will receive an original award hand-crafted by local artist and gallery owner [Craig Mitchell Smith](#).



2010 Awards Recipients Selma Hollander and Danielle Weller  
(for Jackson National Life)

[Download the Business Arts Award nomination form here.](#)  
[Download the Applause Award nomination form here.](#)

**Michigan Youth Arts Hosts Expo**  
*Representatives From Across The Country*

**October Artist Opportunities**  
*Employment, Funding, and Opportunities*

### Gather At The Lansing Center This Month



This fall, [Michigan Youth Arts](#) hosts the first annual Arts Expo for visual and performing arts students at the [Lansing Center](#). College and university visual and performing arts program representatives from across the country will meet with high school students interested in pursuing degrees in music, theatre, dance, visual art, media arts, and related disciplines.

On Thursday, Oct. 27 from 11am to 2pm and 4pm to 7pm, individuals are invited to drop in anytime during expo hours to meet with program representatives. Large groups should [RSVP in advance](#) with an estimated time of arrival. And the best part is the entire event is free! Over 30 colleges will be on hand, specifically to discuss their arts programs. And every student, parent or teacher who attends will receive a complimentary program guide, with complete contact information for every college, to continue the conversation after the expo.

The [Lansing Center](#) is located at 333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933. For a complete list of colleges attending the Arts Expo, [visit the Arts Expo website](#). Download a printable PDF with all the information [here](#).



### Raise Your Stein - It's Oktoberfest Time!

*Old Town Raises Tent On German-Style Event*

Willkommen! Join the [Old Town Commercial Association](#) (OTCA) as they celebrate the 6th annual Old Town Oktoberfest, Mid-Michigan's only German-style event. Old Town Oktoberfest

### for Professionals Working in the Arts

#### [October Opportunities](#)

As the Fall leaves begin to change, perhaps you're in the mood for a little change as well. Greater Lansing is ready to help you out.



Brush up on your art skills in historic Grand Ledge as Fall Art Classes kick

in to high gear at [Ledge Craft Lane](#).

Classes are constantly enrolling for both daytime and evening classes covering general painting, basic drawing, fashion drawing, watercolor painting, beginning oil painting, and pastel drawing. Call (517) 627-9843, or visit [www.ledgecraftlane.com](http://www.ledgecraftlane.com).

Become a better director when working in thrust-stage venues at LCCs "Directing for the Thrust Stage" class, held at [Riverwalk Theatre](#), Saturday Oct. 22, 29 and November 5. Experienced director/teacher Mary Job will share important tricks and techniques to enable you to give any audience member a memorable



A classic thrust stage

and engaging experience watching your play no matter where they sit. Go to [www.lcc.edu/ece](http://www.lcc.edu/ece) to enroll.

[Reach Studio](#) announces CREATIVE TOTS Fall classes that will allow children to explore the use of different art media: painting, pasting, sculpting, collage with their care giver. An experienced art teacher leads a variety of fun and informative activities for ages 1 to 5. The first session runs from Oct. 7 - Nov. 4 on Fridays. Register at [www.reachstudioart.org](http://www.reachstudioart.org) or call (517) 999-3643 for more information.

And are you looking to advance your arts initiative at a community level? Want to

features authentic German food, live polka music, dancing, and 12oz souvenir mugs filled with German-style beer.

This two-day event held Oct. 7 and 8, attracts visitors from all over the Midwest. After all, how can one resist two days of music, food, and beer? Come either Friday or Saturday, or both days for the price of one!

As one of OTCA's primary fundraisers, by attending, sponsoring, or volunteering at Old Town Oktoberfest, you are helping to revitalize Lansing's Old Town. Tickets are just \$17 at the door. Seniors are \$13 at the door on Saturday if admitted before 4pm.

Ticket includes admittance to the tent, souvenir beer mug, and three food & drink tickets. Cash, check and credit cards are accepted at the festival. No strollers are permitted in the tent, but stroller parking is available. Find out more at the [Oktoberfest website](#).



### 126th Capitol Area MMTA Conference Comes To Lansing

The Michigan Music Teachers Association

Conference will host its 126th state conference at the Radisson in downtown Lansing from Oct. 16 - 18. This year's conference promises to be stimulating, enjoyable, comfortable, and brings renowned teaching artists to Lansing.

Douglas Humpherys, one of the most respected and sought-after artist-teachers of his generation, will be the featured conference artist this year. In addition to Humpherys, the conference clinician will be Christopher Azzara, who continually inspires and challenges attendees as he provides practical new ways to integrate musical skills and content in their teaching.

For a link to the conference schedule, [click here](#). Other scheduled events during the day will be MMTA/MTNA student winners in concert, the

infuse innovation and growth through the arts in your community? Don't miss the "Creating Vibrant Communities through the Arts" two-day colloquium on Oct. 13 and 14, sponsored by the Indiana Arts



Commission. This exciting learning opportunity for civic leaders, educators,

business leaders, arts organization leaders and local elected officials will feature educational tracks on creating artist live-work communities, establishing cultural districts, and developing community arts education centers, and much more. For additional information, visit the [official website](#).

Don't miss the latest information for artists and arts organizations on our [opportunities](#) page. The page includes listings for grants deadlines, auditions, exhibition opportunities, and other information of interest to the arts community.

### October Arts and Cultural Calendar

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

#### [October Calendar](#)



The LCC Faculty Jazz Quartet is having a concert party to celebrate the release of their first CD! A performance and reception will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7 at the MICA Gallery in Old Town Lansing. It also coincides with Lansing's First Friday promotion in October where guests



MMTA commissioned composition, and various break-out sessions. Two sessions will feature a presentation by the University of Michigan Student Chapter, and presentations by selected college music students who have been chosen through a blind review process. Attendees will also have the opportunity to connect and share ideas with many colleagues from across Michigan.



Teaching artist  
Douglas  
Humpherys

For the most up to date information on the MMTA conference, visit there [website](#).

will receive a two-for-one pass to one of LCC's fall ticketed events.

On Oct. 13th and 20th from 5 - 8pm Lansing area artists will paint for a great cause at the "Art Nights at Hotwater Works"! Two prominent Lansing Artists will break out their paints to create spontaneous art pieces which will be auctioned off to benefit The Mid-Michigan Food Bank. "Art Works at Hotwater Works" will be two fun filled evenings, with refreshments, fun, hot tubs and live art...all for a good cause! For info visit the [website](#).

Fall weather is in the air and the trees are beginning to show their colors just in time for the [32rd Annual Color Cruise and Island Festival](#) in Grand Ledge on Oct. 7, 8, 9 from 10:00am to 5:00pm each day. The [Grand Princess riverboat](#) will be leaving the dock at Island Park every 45 minutes



starting at 10:30am to cruise the Grand River. View the 60 foot sandstone ledges

along the river. There will be a narrated cruise Saturday and Sunday at 1:30pm on the history of the ledges and river. For information call [visit their website](#).

And mark your calendars for the first workshop in a series presented by the ACGL, and made possible in part by [Michigan State University Federal Credit Union](#). On Tuesday, Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., attend "Basic Contractual Concepts for Artists," led by Lansing-based law firm Kordenbrock & Associates. This educational overview will provide information on what creatives need to know about contracts! Visit the [ACGL website](#) for more details.



**Artists  
Spotlight:  
Tiffany Klein**  
*ACGL Member Is Self  
Taught, ArtPrize  
Participant*

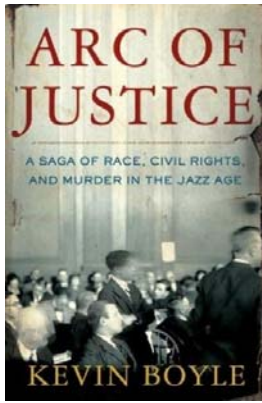
Tiffany Klein was born with artistic abilities and is self-taught in many mediums. As an artist, she has more than fifteen years of

accomplished work. Through the years, she experimented with various mediums; painting murals and texturing walls were among the few. These creative skills led her to find a niche in interior décor, allowing her to put together whole room schemes. Her most recent pursuit has been hand carving multi-medium relief sculpture from concrete, as exhibited in the piece she entered in ArtPrize 2011.



Tiffany Klein's  
Depiction of "Gone  
with the Wind"

Find out more about Tiffany at her [blog](#), or [website](#).



## Great Michigan Read Author Comes To CADL

*District Library Celebrates Statewide Humanities Initiative*

Join the [Capital Area District Library \(CADL\)](#) this fall as they celebrate the Great Michigan Read! Along with their community partners, CADL is proud to present these special events which will conclude with a visit from this year's Michigan Humanities Council selection for the Great Michigan Read, author Kevin Boyle.

His book *Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age*, is a real-life account of a murder trial that resulted when an African American physician purchased a home in a white Detroit neighborhood in 1925.

CADL and its community partners are presenting several special events related to the themes of the book beginning with a Night of Jazz on Thursday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m. [The Michigan State University Jazz Ensemble](#) will perform music from the 1920s era in the Mills Supplies Building on Michigan Avenue at the corner of Museum Drive. This event is co-sponsored by [Traction](#).

Then, on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. attend The Cartography of Race in CADL Downtown Lansing's auditorium, presented by Professor Matthew Daley, an expert on Detroit's rapid urban growth from 1915 to 1945. Discover how white homeowners prevented African Americans from moving into their neighborhoods, creating maps that defined the patterns of segregation for decades.

The author, Boyle, will be front and center on Oct. 25 at 6 p.m. at the [Thomas M. Cooley Law School](#) at 300 S. Capitol Avenue on the corner of W. Washtenaw. He will discuss his book and this period of Michigan history. Cooley is a co-sponsor for this program and will also provide copies of the author's book for purchase and signing at the event.



Author Kevin Boyle

[The Great Michigan Read](#) is a free, statewide humanities initiative inviting Michigan residents to read and participate in book discussions and events in their hometowns. The Great Michigan Read is presented by the [Michigan Humanities Council](#) with support from [Meijer](#) and the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#).

The Capital Area District Library operates 13 branches and a Bookmobile in Ingham County. For information about locations, services or events, visit [cadl.org](#).

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