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Arts Access Awards to be presented in new Cowles Center

The 14th annual Arts Access Awards will be presented on Monday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 PM at the new Cowles Center for Dance & the Performing Arts in downtown Minneapolis.

Arts Access Awards are nominated by the public and presented by VSA Minnesota to recognize outstanding accomplishments by artists, arts organizations, advocates and educators that help create a community where people with disabilities can learn through, participate in and access the arts.

This year's award, created by **Brian Jon Foster** of Minneapolis,

is called the "Jaehny" in honor of **Jaehn Clare**, a co-founder of VSA Minnesota. ASL interpreting and audio description will be available.

In addition to celebrating arts accessibility accomplishments, we will celebrate the journey for the new Cowles Center with a tour at 6:00 PM. Remember when the old Shubert Theatre moved in January 1999 (a Guinness Book of World Records endeavor) from 7th Street next to the Hennepin Center for the Arts, where VSA Minnesota has had its office for 22 years? When enough funding was finally raised to undertake construction, it was

renamed the Cowles Center. The auditorium is now called the Goodale Theater. The two buildings are connected by a combined lobby, box office and gathering space.

Numerous "opening events" will be held beginning September 9th. To attend the VSA Minnesota event, use the Hennepin Center for the Arts entrance and take the elevator to the 2nd floor Education Studio.

(Since the Minnesota Twins are playing that evening, if you'd like parking suggestions, contact VSA Minnesota. We are one block from the Warehouse District Light Rail.)

Putting Creativity to Work exhibit features artist grant winners

The Hennepin Gallery will showcase 14 recipients of VSA Minnesota's Project Grants for Artists with Disabilities Program during Disability Employment Awareness Month in October. The annual competitive grant, funded by the Jerome Foundation, recognizes excellence by Minnesota artists with disabilities and funds the creation and exploration of new work. This exhibit will include but not be limited to large-scale photography, fiber art, poetry, video and sculptural installation pieces.

Each artist used the funds toward a project that would advance his or her artistic career.

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Lisa Dietz, Golden Valley, worked on new fiber art (at right) with help from her Emerging Artist grant.



An E-mail Option!

Attention, e-mail users! You can receive this *Arts Access* newsletter by email, instead of or in addition to mail -- as well as other VSA Minnesota resources. Then you'll keep yourself up-to-date AND help save money and trees. For instance, you can receive the Artists' Pipeline, Accessible Performance Calendar, grant and workshop materials for artists or arts organizations, exhibit or residency opportunities, and more. Simply provide your contact information and request materials in whatever format you need -- on the form on page 8 or on our website, www.vsamn.org. We do not share email or other contact info. Thanks for supporting VSA Minnesota and our environment!

ARTIST SERVICES

Grant opportunity for Minnesota artists

November 4 is the deadline to apply for the 2011 VSA Minnesota Project Grant for Emerging Artists with Disabilities. Seven grants of \$1500 each, funded by the Jerome Foundation, will be awarded to emerging artists who propose to create new work. Applications will be mailed out shortly. If you do not receive one by Sept. 15 or have questions, you can download the application and guidelines at www.vsamn.org or ask to have one mailed or emailed to you: call 612-332-3888 or 800-801-3883, or email emerginggrant@vsamn.org.

Winners from 2009-10 will be honored Oct. 6 (*see separate story*).

VSA Minnesota is a nonprofit organization founded in 1986. It is part of the national and international network of VSA organizations based in Washington, D.C. through the Education Department of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Formed by Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith in 1974, VSA offers programming in music, visual arts, writing, dance and other art forms directly and through its 40 national and 65 international affiliate organizations. Our Mission is to create a community where people with disabilities can learn through, participate in and access the arts.

For more information, or to receive *Arts Access* in another format, please use the form on page 7, go to our website, or contact:

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Email: info@vsamn.org; access@vsamn.org; **Fax:** 612-305-0132

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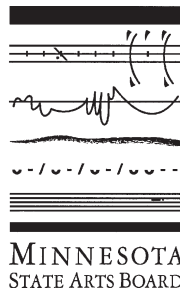
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Hennepin Gallery exhibit *continued from front page*

This exhibition will showcase some of these achievements and abilities of artists with disabilities.

VSA Minnesota is sponsoring a reception with the artists on Thursday, Oct. 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. ASL interpreting, audio description and refreshments will be available. The exhibit will be up October 3-28 during business hours, 7:30 AM to 6 PM Monday-Friday. The Hennepin Gallery is located on A Level (lower) of the Hennepin County Government Center, 300 S. Sixth St., Minneapolis.

Artists included are **2009 grant winners:** Bridget Riversmith, Duluth, animation; Mark Davison, Mpls, ceramics; Naomi Cohn, St. Paul, poetry; Alec Sweazy, Minnetonka, accordion; Loretta Bebeau, Mpls, multi-media; Amy Salloway, Mpls, performance; Christine Sikorski, Mpls, poetry.

2010 grant winners are: Anne Krocak, Prior Lake, wall installation; Anne Sawyer-Aitch, Mpls, performance; Adrean Clark, Maplewood, comics; John Lee Clark, Maplewood, poetry; Lisa Dietz, Golden Valley, fiber art; Barbara Harman, Mpls, sculpture; Pamela Kirton, Burnsville, mixed media.

Hennepin Gallery (www.hennepin.us/hennepingallery) is part of Hennepin County's commitment to serving the community with a variety of fine arts and educational displays. Its exhibits are free and open to the public.

Art exhibits

Jane Strauss, Minneapolis, is exhibiting classic car photos at Park State Bank, 430 First Ave. N., #104, Mpls., through October.

Vision Loss Resources is exhibiting photographs by **Simon Carvalho** of St. Paul through August, and, starting Sept. 1, art by **Mari Alice Newman** of Mpls. Hours are 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM Monday - Thursday, at 1936 Lyndale Ave. S. (at Franklin), Minneapolis.

Mary Carol Peterson, Pelican Rapids, is now exhibiting paintings at the Kaddatz Galleries, 111 W. Lincoln Ave., Fergus Falls (www.kaddatzgalleries.org).

VSA Minnesota contracts artists with disabilities to exhibit and sell their work. If you are interested in hosting an exhibition or would like to apply to exhibit your work, please contact our office or go to www.vsamn.org/new.html#news09.

Artability at Apollo

The Artability at Apollo exhibit is Oct. 6-8 in St. Paul. To submit (2 visual works and/or 5 writing samples), contact Sarah Beggs, 651-227-6321 ext.42 or Artability@PeopleIncorporated.org or go to www.peopleincorporated.org/get-involved/artability.

Artists with disabilities in the news

Artists with disabilities continue to meet regularly in Minneapolis, Duluth and St. Cloud to share recently-created art, get feedback, work on group projects and offer support for disability or art-related issues. If you would like to attend or start a group in your community, contact VSA Minnesota, visit one of the monthly meetings, or get updates at www.vsamn.org/new and from each group's contact.

The **Artists With Disabilities Alliance** has two events each month. **AWDA** meetings are generally the third Wednesday, 7:00 PM, at the Minneapolis College of Art & Design, 2501 Stevens Ave. S., Room 201. **Open Flow** forums on the first Thursday at 7:00 share writing, art or performances at the Carleton Artist Lofts, 2285 University Ave. W. in St. Paul. To present at Open Flow, contact Pamela Veeder, prveeder@yahoo.com, Mike Price, pricicle32@yahoo.com, or Dan Reiva, dprw@yahoo.com.

The next Open Flow forums are Sept. 1, Oct. 4, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1. The next AWDA meetings are Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21. To receive an email or postcard about meetings, contact VSA Minnesota.

The **Arrowhead Alliance of Artists With Disabilities** meets monthly in Duluth. They are participating (see photos at right) in a Disability Mural Project, the first community artwork created by people with disabilities. Individual 12" square tiles are painted or collaged to express the artist's experience with disability. The artists are people living with disabilities as well as individuals without a disability but who have experienced disability through family or friends. Mural Project workshops will culminate in a one-day exhibit on **Oct. 19** at the DECC in observance of National Disability Awareness Month. For more information, go to: <http://disabilitymuralduluth.blogspot.com> or www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxKX3lnNKbg. To participate, email aaawdmail@gmail.com or go to www.aaawd.blogspot.com or AAARD on Facebook.

We-R-Artists attracts Central Minnesota artists with disabilities to monthly meetings, generally on the fourth Wednesday, 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Paramount Visual Arts Center, 913 W. St. Germain, St. Cloud. Contact Stacey O'Connell, 320-420-8124, stacey12oconnell@gmail.com, or Sharon Pfau, 320-230-9412, polarts56@hotmail.com.



More Artist News

Lisa Dietz, fiber artist from Golden Valley, needs boiled wool for a project. If you have old wool winter gear to donate for her art endeavors, please contact her at 763-546-0234 or lisadietzter@gmail.com.

Mari Newman, Mpls., had her art accepted in two international juried shows recently: Shared Visions at Southern California College of Optometry accepted

Pickled Artist Painting Blue Banana Peel and Flower Children of the Lake; and View Point Gallery, Sunnyview in Schenectady, New York, accepted *IDS Night, Whoopie Minnesota* and *Gummy Worms Steal Animal's Meal*.

Leslye Orr of Dreamland Arts in St. Paul delivered the keynote address May 13 for the Walker Art Center's *The State of Things: An Update on Accessible Cultural Programming in the Twin Cities*.

She looked at how cultural organizations are addressing accessibility and audience development. View her address at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ri9FfjKURkk.

Jaehn Clare, a performing artist and co-founder of VSA Minnesota, concluded an 11-year tenure as Director of Artist Development for VSA arts of Georgia. Jaehn is now employed as a Drama

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Teaching Artist with Atlanta's leading cultural institution, The Woodruff Arts Center. Her website is www.JaehnClare.net.

Naomi Cohn of St. Paul was awarded a Minnesota State Arts Board Artist Initiative Grant in poetry for a project called *Known by Heart*, which explores the contemporary value of memory and the things we care enough about to commit to memory.

Deborah Costandine of St. Paul was nominated for the Lifeworks Advocate of the Year Award for championing the inclusion of an individual served by Lifeworks because of the art therapy intern at Adler Graduate School.

John Lee Clark of Maplewood was recently named one of four Minnesota Emerging Writers (out of 241 applicants) by the Loft Literary Center in Minneapolis. He will use \$9,000 for a new Braille display, tuition for a writers' seminar or mentorship, travel to and fee for ASL performance tutorial, and expenses for three months' rent and utilities. www.loft.org/for-writers/contests-and-awards/loft-contests. John also received one of five Intermedia Arts' Beyond the Pure Fellowships for Writers. He will get a cash award and participate in a year-long fellowship program of community, mentorship, guidance, workshops and resources. www.intermediaarts.org/beyond-the-pure-fellowships.

Michael Price of St. Paul and **Michael Merriam** of Hopkins both performed solo shows at the Minnesota Fringe Festival in August. Price's show, *No Change of Address*, was a story of a psych ward veteran trying desperately to figure out the future's answers while reminiscing about the past. Mike co-hosts the Open Flow forums held the first Thursday of each month in St. Paul. Merriam's show, *Darkly Through the Light Waters: Twin Cities Tales*, presented three stories from a mythic world hidden under the one we perceive, including Twin Cities venues seen in a different light. A science fiction, fantasy and horror writer, he had his most recent novel, *Last Car to An-nwn Station*, published by Carina Press in June.

Artist services

VSA Minnesota does not currently have an Artist Services Coordinator due to budget cuts. We enjoyed the input from Soozin Hirschmugl, who departed in July. We will be seeking funding to restore this important service for artists with disabilities, but until that's in place you can still talk with Jenea, Jon or Craig in our office.

Metro arts groups awarded ADA Improvement grants, 2012 grants available soon

Nineteen Twin Cities arts organizations were awarded a total of \$250,554 for 2011 projects to make the arts more accessible to people with disabilities. Funding for these ADA Access Improvement Grants for Metro Arts Organizations is from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008. VSA Minnesota conducts the grant program for the Metro Regional Arts Council. Funded activities must have the potential for significant or long-term impact in involving more people with disabilities as participants or patrons in arts programs, and report measurable outcomes.

This year's grant recipients include:

Art Speaks (RISE), Spring Lake Park	\$9,330
Caponi Art Park, Eagan	8,500
Cedar Cultural Center, Mpls.	20,000
Chameleon Theatre Circle, Burnsville	9,329
Eagan Art House, Eagan	20,000
Juxtaposition Arts, Mpls.	20,000
Mentoring Peace Through Art, Hopkins	13,195
Minnesota Chorale, Mpls.	10,000
Mixed Blood Theatre, Mpls.	10,000
Mixed Precipitation, Mpls.	11,225
Nimbus Theatre, Mpls.	17,700
The O'Shaughnessy, St. Paul	10,000
Park Square Theatre, St. Paul	10,000
Patrick's Cabaret, Mpls.	20,000
Pillsbury House Theatre, Mpls.	15,800
SteppingStone Theatre, St. Paul	3,075
Ten Thousand Things Theater, Mpls.	7,400
TU Dance, St. Paul	20,000
Zenon Dance Co. & School, Mpls.	15,000

Details about each project are available from VSA Minnesota or at www.vsamn.org.

2012 GRANTS: About \$180,000 will be available in two rounds of 2012 grants; the first deadline will be January 13, 2012; guidelines will be posted online, and information meetings will be announced this fall. To receive email updates, email access@vsamn.org.

More information about VSA Minnesota and other arts projects for people with disabilities can be found in the monthly *Artists' Pipeline* - by email - and *What's New* at www.vsamn.org!



ACCESS TO THE ARTS

Braille, captioning equipment available

VSA Minnesota now has two more ways to help arts organizations be more accessible. A **Braille** embosser (from COMPAS) can make Braille playbills, etc. for a nominal fee, using your file of text.

A **captioning** display unit, 1 foot high by 42", (from a State Arts Board grant) and software can make captions available at public events, again for a nominal fee. Contact our office for details.

ARTS EDUCATION

Arts Ambassadors

The Arts Ambassador program is designed to bring professional artists with disabilities into classrooms to engage people of all ages and abilities in a presentation that discusses the art form, disability and work of a professional artist. Ambassadors are available for presentations/performances in a variety of venues. See the Arts Ambassador brochure at vsamn.org/forms or call Jenea at VSA Minnesota for more information.



Students create art for Project SEARCH

In May two VSA Minnesota teaching artists worked with students to create artwork that was displayed in July at a national Project SEARCH conference in Minneapolis. **Soozin Hirschmugl** worked with **Transition Plus** students from **Anoka** to design and paint eight canvases depicting iconic images that represent Minnesota. **Gita Ghei** worked with students & staff from **Next Step Transition Program** in **North Saint Paul** to design ten different sculptures focused on their dream jobs. They then made centerpieces using wax casts from clay and plaster molds. These artist residencies were sponsored in part by the Minnesota Department of Education and Project SEARCH.



Mazin goes to Washington

Mazin Hasabelarsoul from **Humboldt High School** in **St. Paul** was one of 10 artists from around the country to be honored at a congressional reception for the 2011 All Kids Can CREATE national touring exhibition. His artwork, "A Moon in the Darkness of Night," debuted June 13 in Washington, D.C. He was accompanied by his father **AlaaEldin** and **Jenea Rewertz-Targui**, VSA Minnesota Arts in Education Coordinator. Created during a VSA Minnesota residency with teaching artist **Donna Bruni Cox**, the artwork was selected to represent Minnesota. On the theme "Imagination Across America," the exhibit features artwork by students age 5-15 from each state and is sponsored by VSA and CVS Caremark All Kids Can. The program aims to enhance creative expression and personal development through arts experiences for students with disabilities and their peers. All of the artwork is included in an online gallery at Artsonia, All Kids Can CREATE.

Young Soloists

VSA's national Young Soloists program has since 1984 highlighted exceptional young performing artists. Minnesota's Young Soloists in 2010 were **Amber Hougo**, St. Paul vocalist/guitarist; and **Rachel Hastings**, Maple Grove pianist. Minnesotans who became national winners were Apple Valley violinist **Aria Stiles**, 2010, and vocalist **Stephanie Dawn**, 1995.

The search is underway for VSA Minnesota's 2012 Young Soloist entry into national competition. Any performer 25 or younger with a disability is eligible. The deadline is December 3. Two state winners will be chosen, one Junior (18 and under) and one Senior (19-25). Each will receive a \$100 gift card from Schmitt Music. A state adjudication will choose one to advance to national VSA competition. Two national winners will receive \$5,000 cash awards and the opportunity to perform at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

For more information, go to www.vsamn.org or contact Craig Dunn at craig@vsamn.org.

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Award opportunities

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Arts Access Awards

VSA Minnesota recognizes artists, educators, arts organizations and others whose work has enabled more Minnesotans with disabilities to participate in the arts. The 2011 Jaehny Arts Access Awards (named after Jaehn Clare, a founder of the organization) will be presented September 26 (see article on page 1). Nominations are due Sept. 2. For more information, go to www.vsamn.org, email access@vsamn.org, or call 612-332-3888 voice/tty.

State Council on Disability

The Minnesota State Council on Disability annual Awards Luncheon will be Monday, Sept. 26 from 9:00-1:30 on the theme,

“Emergency Preparedness: Are you Ready.” Nominations are due Sept. 6 for awards in these categories: Access, Employer of the Year (large and small), Mentorship, Minnesota Award, Friend of the Council, Media, and Above and Beyond Veteran’s Employment. For more info, call 651-361-7800 or 800-945-8913 V/TTY, email: council.disability@state.mn.us, or go to www.disability.state.mn.us.

Charlie Smith Awards

The Access Press 2011 Charlie Smith Award will be presented at a Friday, Nov. 4 banquet at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott in Bloomington. Nominations are due Aug. 30. For more information or banquet tickets (\$45), call 651-644-2133, email dawn@accesspress.org, or go to www.accesspress.org.

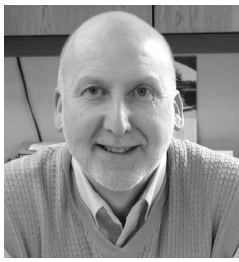


Have you seen an accessible show lately?



Did you know that Minnesota offers more accessible shows that anywhere -- possibly in the world? Audio Described (AD), ASL-interpreted and Open Captioned (OC) shows are listed on VSA Minnesota’s website and in an email calendar.

NOTES FROM THE TOP OF A STEADILY BALDING AND GRAYING HEAD



You, our *Arts Access* readers, have not heard from us in almost a year. VSA Minnesota is still here and regular programming has continued since you last heard from us in October. But the slow economy and the (first) wave of federal budget cuts have resulted in a major change to the national VSA organization located in Washington, DC.

Congress's funding cuts to domestic programs this spring included reductions at the U.S. Department of Education and a

subsequent reduction to VSA. National VSA staff was trimmed from 32 to 7, who now work out of the Education Department of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts rather than its long-time, stand-alone office. This cut to VSA in D.C. will also mean a significant cut to the funding VSA Minnesota receives to implement our programs; a cut of \$50,000 to \$55,000 is expected for the year that begins in October.

As you may recall, we entered 2011, our silver anniversary year as a nonprofit, with much pride and excitement. There was a feeling that we were on the cusp of change with growth, expansion and increased visibility on the foreseeable horizon. Now, that dream has been postponed. The pending cut caused me to lay off Soozin Hirschmugl, our Artist Services Coordinator, the first lay-off in my 19 years as executive director. In addition, we expect that our programming in

the coming year will not include student mentoring, community artist residencies or our Arts Access Awards.

As I am sure you know, our board and staff have not yet created a community where Minnesotans with disabilities can learn through, participate in and access the arts – not fully, completely or in every county of the state. Therefore, we are committed to continuing our programming and will look to develop further our base of support that includes foundations, corporations, state governmental sources and individuals. A federal budget cut, critical though it is, will not put this organization out of business.

VSA Minnesota will need a larger participation by individuals like you to replace a good portion of the federal (and state) funding cuts that we will start to see in the next month or so. Please use the donation form on page 8 or go to www.vsamn.org and click on Donate Now! Help us maintain the quality, the depth and the range of our programs and services that make the arts accessible to Minnesotans with disabilities.

Give at your workplace

If your employer offers an annual giving campaign like United Way or United Arts, you can donate to one or more nonprofit organizations by payroll deduction. Designate VSA Minnesota and you'll help make the arts more accessible to Minnesota children and adults with disabilities.

OTHER WAYS to give are: volunteer, provide services or items (see our Wish List), support specific programs or give to our Endowment.

Thank you for your support!



Making art at Flint Hills -- VSA Minnesota coordinated an art activity tent on June 5th during the 2011 Flint Hills International Children's Festival at Ordway Center for the Performing Arts in St. Paul. Here volunteer Courtney Jahnke communicates using sign language with a participant who is creating a collage button. (Photo by Adam Hough)

Computer time for artists

Artists with disabilities are invited to make use of VSA Minnesota computers and Internet access to further their development as artists. Several computers, software (primarily Microsoft), cable Internet connection and a printer are available for research into funding or resources, checking email, working on a script, etc.

Staff assistance is very limited, and advance notice is appreciated for using computers between 8 AM and 6 PM Monday through Friday. The computer and meeting room is on the 3rd floor of Hennepin Center for the Arts, 528 Hennepin Ave., one block from light rail and Target Center in Minneapolis. For more information, call 612-332-3888 or 800-801-3883, or email info@vsamn.org or access@vsamn.org or jenea@vsamn.org.

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Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Dec. 21 - 7:00:

AWDA, MCAD 201 (**Nov. 16** in
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Sept. 26 - 6:30: VSA Minnesota Arts

Access Awards (tour at 6:00), 528
Hennepin Ave., Mpls.

Sept. 26 - noon: MSCOD awards lunch

Oct. 6 - 6:00: Hennepin Gallery recep-
tion, 300 S. Sixth St., Mpls.

Oct. 6-8 - Artability at Apollo exhibit

Oct. 19 - Mural Project exhibit, Duluth
DECC

Nov. 4 - VSA Emerging Artist Project
Grant deadline

Nov. 4 - Charlie Smith Award Banquet,
Bloomington

Jan. 13 - ADA Access Grant deadline

Thursdays - 6:30 PM - "Disabled &
Proud" program on 90.3 FM Mpls. or
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