

2004 FESTIVALS DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

The Ohio Arts Council's 2004 Ohio Arts Festivals and Competitions Directory is now available. The directory is a useful guide for artists interested in exhibiting at festivals and for anyone seeking information about arts and craft festivals throughout Ohio. To receive a copy call 1-800-BUCKEYE and ask to speak to a travel counselor or send a self-addressed #10 envelope with \$1.06 in postage – no cash or checks – to Ohio Arts Council, Attn: Festivals Directory, 727 East Main Street, Columbus, OH 43205-1796. An online version is available at www.oac.state.oh.us.

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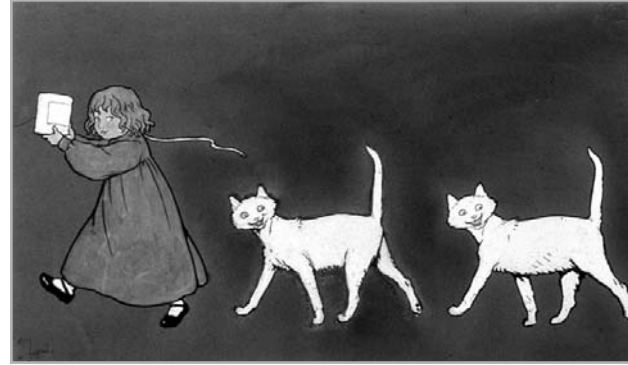


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CREATURES RUN, FLY AND CRAWL THROUGH THE RIFFE GALLERY



Cecil Aldin, from artist's portfolio, 1898, Watercolor, 22.25" x 31.75"

A Carnival of Animals: Beasts, Birds and Bugs in Original Illustrations from Children's Books will be on view at the Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery January 29 through April 18, 2004. The exhibition includes 80 works by artists from the United States and abroad. An opening reception and Family Day will be held on Sunday, February 1, 2004, from 2-4 p.m. Free tours, art activities and light refreshments will be offered. The event is free and open to the public.

Drawn from the historic Mazza Collection at the University of Findlay, Ohio, *A Carnival of Animals* invites viewers to explore art in children's literature and helps to deepen their understanding of the process by which original art becomes part of a printed book. Viewers will be greeted by the

sometimes whimsical, sometimes dramatic and always tender portrayals of the animal world. The exhibition also aims to remind visitors of all ages of the profound connections between humans and animals and the importance of safeguarding the world's precious natural resources.

A Carnival of Animals includes works by artists famous for their contributions to children's literature and seldom seen historical artworks and representations by illustrators from other countries. Randolph J. Caldecott, the 19th century illustrator for whom the Caldecott Medal is named, Columbus artist Christopher Canyon and more than 70 other artists are featured in the exhibition which concludes its 18-city tour at the Riffe Gallery. (Con't on page 3)

2004 GOVERNOR'S AWARD WINNERS SELECTED

Six winners have been selected for the 2004 Governor's Awards for the Arts in Ohio. Winners were selected in six categories from 76 nominations. Awards will be presented at a ceremony honoring winners and members of the Ohio Legislature hosted by the Ohio Arts Council and Ohio Citizens for the Arts Foundation. The awards ceremony will take place March 24, 2004, from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Capitol Theatre in the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts in Columbus. Winners will receive an original work by fiber artist Hildur Jonsson of Cleveland Heights.

Award categories and recipients are: Arts Administration: Katherine Eckstrand (Springfield); Arts in Education: Jim Arter (Columbus); Arts Patron: Lois and Richard Rosenthal (Cincinnati); Business Support of the Arts: KeyBank (Ohio); Community Development and Participation: Passion Works Studio (Athens); and Individual Artist: David Citino (Columbus).

Join arts supporters from around the state in congratulating award winners and celebrating the arts with an ad in the 2004 Governor's Awards program book. Advertising orders and payment (Con't on page 3)



LeadershipSpotlight

Senator Ray Miller

Democrat

OFFICE Ohio Senate, 15th District

YEARS IN OFFICE

Senate member since 2003;
Previously a State Representative
(1981-1993, 1998-2002)

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

Finance & Financial Institutions;
Financial Institutions Subcommittee
(Ranking Minority Member); Health,
Human Services & Aging; Human
Services & Aging Subcommittee
(Ranking Minority Member);
Insurance, Commerce & Labor
(Ranking Minority Member)

PERSONAL 53, Married, 1 son

EDUCATION

BA in Political Science; MA in
Public Administration, The Ohio
State University

ARTS & CULTURAL SUPPORT

Friends of Art for Community
Expression (FACES)

MOST MEMORABLE ARTS EXPERIENCE

Playing back-up (percussion) to
vocalist Jeanette Williams

OTHER COMMENTS

"We must work more aggressively
to educate policy-makers on the
cultural and economic value of
the arts."

NEW RESOURCE TAKES OHIO TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ON A LITERARY TREK

The Ohio Arts Council has partnered with Dayton's ThinkTV, the Mazer Corporation and WCET/Cincinnati to develop an innovative multimedia program to engage and stimulate young readers while building literacy skills. *The Ohio Reading Road Trip* is an interactive curriculum package that includes print, video, DVD, internet and broadcast resources designed to help students improve reading skills by sparking their interest in reading.

The curriculum kits, which are aligned with state language arts content standards, will be available to Ohio teachers at no cost in early 2004. In addition, free professional development workshops will be offered to teachers across the state. The program also will fund 20-25 writer-in-residence grants on a competitive basis to schools in districts designated by the State of Ohio as low wealth. These residencies will be administered by the Ohio Arts Council. For more information on the residencies call Joanne Eubanks at 614/466-2613 or email joanne.eubanks@oac.state.oh.us.

The Ohio Reading Road Trip is targeted specifically to the learning needs of 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. The program targets this age group because research has shown that learning motivation declines in the middle school years as students face the physical, social and emotional changes associated with adolescence. *The Ohio Reading Road Trip* aims to replace "skill and drill" techniques with curriculum that helps students connect with the materials and develop a long lasting appreciation for reading and language arts.

A one-hour literary travelogue of Ohio, will air on public television stations statewide to promote the project. Check local listings for times and dates. The project is made possible by a grant from the Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Commission in support of Ohio SchoolNet Initiatives. For more information visit www.ohioreadingroadtrip.org or call 937/220-1707.



NEW REQUIREMENT FOR FEDERAL GRANT APPLICANTS

The federal Office of Management and Budget recently adopted a new policy that requires organizations to provide a DUNS number as part of their grant applications to federal institutions such as the National Endowment for the Arts. DUNS numbers are unique 9-digit numbers that are used by businesses and the federal government to keep track of more than 70 million businesses world-wide. To register at no charge call toll-free 1-866-705-5711. For more information visit www.arts.gov/grants/apply/DUNS.html.

calendar

Sciotoville Theater Project is accepting short plays (one to 50 minutes) for its Third Millennium Festival. The festival welcomes experimental, difficult-to-place work. First prize is \$200 and production in the Third Millennium Festival to be held May 13, 14, 21 and 22, 2004. Deadline for submission is March 1, 2004. For more information email Lorri Tipton at lorritipton@juno.com.

Cincinnati Opera Education presents the world premiere of Enrique González-Medina's *How Nanita Learned to Make Flan* on January 31, 2004. The multicultural opera for young people was commissioned by Cincinnati Opera Education and will be performed in both Spanish and English. A "Nanita Fiesta" will take place between performances, featuring Mexican cuisine, dancing, and music. The performance will take place at Fitton Center for the Creative Arts in Hamilton. For tickets or more information call 513/744-3462 or visit www.cincinnatiopera.com.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES IN OHIO CITIES

● The city of Vandalia has established a **Cultural Arts Endowment Fund** to advance and support artistic and cultural activities, programs, performances and organizations for the benefit of the citizens of Vandalia. The Cultural Arts Advisory Board will accept grant applications beginning January 1, 2004 for arts programming that will take place between July 1, 2004 and June 30, 2005. For more information call Sue Hafer at 937/898-5891.

● The Greater Columbus Arts Council (GCAC) has established the **Franklin County Neighborhood Arts Program**, an initiative designed to increase community participation in the arts throughout Franklin County. Programming that actively provides access to the arts for people of all cultural backgrounds, economic status, sexual orientation, age and physical ability will receive higher priority. Organizations currently receiving funding through GCAC's City of Columbus Grants Program are ineligible. This program funded by the Ohio Arts Council and the Lila Wallace-Readers Digest Fund. For more information or to request an application, call 614/224.2606 or email info@gcac.org.

UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

In an effort to trim mailing costs and conserve tax dollars the Ohio Arts Council is trying increase its communication with constituents via email. If you receive mailings from the Ohio Arts Council and have an email address that could be used instead, please send an email, with "email address update" in the subject line, to webmaster@oac.state.oh.us. Please include your full name and the street address that is currently on our mailing list to avoid duplicate entries and error.

OAC Deadlines

JANUARY 15

- Operating Support II (Visual and Performing Arts)
- Appalachian Arts Program – FY2004 applications

FEBRUARY 1

- Community and Traditional Arts, including Operating Support II, Project Support and Festivals
- AIE Artist in Residence – Sponsors
- Performing Arts on Tour – Artists

WINNERS (CON'T)

must be received by **January 20, 2004.**

The Governor's Awards ceremony will be held in conjunction with Arts Day, March 24, 2004. Arts Day is sponsored by Ohio Citizens for the Arts Foundation and will include an arts advocacy briefing, legislative visits, workshops, Statehouse tours and student exhibitions. For more information on Arts Day 2004, call 614/221-4064. For more information about the Governor's Awards for the Arts visit www.oac.state.oh.us.

RIFFE (CON'T)

The Riffe Gallery will offer free tours and art activities Tuesday through Friday throughout the run of the exhibition. To schedule a tour for groups of up to 65 school children contact Riffe Gallery Director, Mary Gray at mary.gray@oac.state.oh.us or 614/728-2239.