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Okaloosa Arts Alliance

Eight Grants Awarded

The Okaloosa Arts Alliance (OAA) recently awarded 5 arts' organizations and 3 schools grants ranging from \$581.00 up to \$1,000, totaling \$7,412.00. The organizations and schools that received the grants were the Arts and Design Society, Oz, Emerald Coast Children's Theater, The Philharmonic Society of NWF, Okaloosa Chamber Singers, Stagecrafters Community Theatre, Okaloosa County Head Start, Fort Walton Beach High School, and Lewis Middle School.



From Left to right: Christa Whittaker (FWB High), Mark Murphy (Stage Crafters), Shawn Laine (OZ, Emerald Coast Children's Theater), Bernadette Sims (ADSO), Marilyn Overturf (Okaloosa Chambers Singers), Debra Miller (Philharmonic Society of NWF), Kathy Grimes (Okaloosa Head Start), Chris Treadway (Lewis Middle School)

4th Annual Open House a Success

The Okaloosa Arts Alliance held its 4th annual open house, "Art Reflections" on May 20, 2007 at Pasarda Hall in FWB. Hundreds came to see local artists' and organizations' displays, demonstrations, and performances.

"Art Reflections" was emceed by Bill Campbell and included performances by the Emerald Coast Pipe & Drum, Emerald Coast Writers, Highsteppers, Oz, Emerald Coast Children's Theater, Emerald Coast Chorus, Pensacola Opera, Okaloosa Chamber Singers, and North Florida Youth Symphony. There were demonstrations by the Arts and Design Society and the Pastel Society of North Florida. A beautiful floral display was created by Pastel Society member Peggy Hodges. Other participants included Sinfonia Gulf Coast, Heritage Museum, Stagecrafters Community Theatre, Northwest Florida Symphony Guild, Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation, Youth Village, Philharmonic Society of NWF, and the Emerald Coast Concert Association. Refreshments were provided courtesy of member organizations as well as donations from Longhorns, Brooks Bridge BBQ, Sam's Club, and Wal-Mart.

OAA Member Calendar of Events

Writers' Critique Groups"

The nighttime critique group meets the first and third Thursday of each month, 6:30-8:30 pm at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Niceville just off Hwy 20 near Redwood Avenue and behind the Twin Cities Funeral Home. For information about the nighttime critique group: awend@earthlink.net

The daytime critique group meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 1:00-3:00 pm at Ft Walton Beach Public Library, Hwy 98 Downtown. For information about the daytime critique group: gamma5380@cs.com or 837-2239. More information about ECW can be found on the website: emeraldcoastwriters.org.

August 3-18, 24-26

"Seize the Day"

An ADSO member exhibition. Works include new works of the area in watercolors, acrylics, oils and clay. Opening Reception: August 3, 5-7 PM. Arts and Design Society, 17 First Street SE, FT Walton Beach, 850-244-1271, www.artsdesignsociety.com. Gallery hours: Tues – Thurs noon – 4, Friday noon – 7 and Saturday 1 – 4. Free.

August 17-19, 24-26

"Comedy 'Cahoots' by Rick Johnson"

All performances are at the FWB Municipal Auditorium. Evening performances 7:30pm Sunday matinees 2:00pm. Ticket price \$15. Tickets available at P.S. Gifts in FWB, Connect with Flowers in Shalimar, Dowd Title Group in Destin, Bayou Books in Niceville and all Century 21 locations. For more information call 243-1101 or visit the website at www.stagecrafters.com.

August 24- September 22

"Photography/Digital Art Exhibition"

A judged competition for works out of the camera. Judged by Stephen Phillips of OWC. Opening reception: June 14, 5-7 PM. Arts and Design Society, 17 First Street SE, FT Walton Beach, 850-244-1271, www.artsdesignsociety.com. Gallery hours: Tues – Thurs noon – 4, Friday noon – 7 and Saturday 1 – 4. Free.

September 22

"Concert I: "Cellphonia"

Concertino for Cell Phone, Orchestra & Audience, David Baker Metropolis Symphony, Michael Daugherty. 8 PM. It's a bird...It's a plane...it's Sinfonia! Join us for the Southeastern United States' premier of David Baker's innovative work for orchestra, cell phone soloists and audience. Yes! Ladies and gentleman, please keep your cell phones on during the performance! You will get to perform with Sinfonia. The piece incorporates familiar classical tunes by Mozart, Brahms, Dvorak and Rossini with melodies played on cell phones. The season opener also features the regional premier of Daugherty's symphonic portrayal of Superman and his world. Featured movements are Lex (Luther), Mxyzptlk, Krypton, Oh Lois! and The Red Cape Tango. Metropolis Symphony was

written between 1988-1993 and was premiered and recorded in full by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. www.sinfoniagulfcoast.org.

October 6

"Concert IV: Play: Baytowne Pops"

Village of Baytowne Wharf. FREE Admission. 8 pm. Join Maestro Demetrius Fuller and Sinfonia in the magical surroundings of The Village at Baytowne Wharf located at Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort. Bring the entire family and picnic under the stars while Sinfonia serenades you with the best music around.

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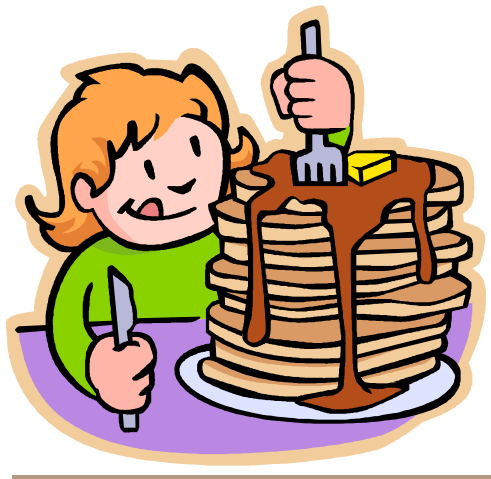


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Pancake Breakfast

The Okaloosa Arts Alliance cordially invites you to an "All you can eat pancake breakfast," being held on Saturday, September 22, 2007 from 8:30 am until 10:30 am at Longhorns Steakhouse on Mary Esther Cutoff. The cost of the breakfast is \$5.00 and all proceeds will benefit the Okaloosa Arts Alliance. Steve Coley, managing partner of Longhorns on Mary Esther Cutoff, is generously sponsoring the breakfast. Your servers will include board members from the Okaloosa Arts Alliance as well as the executive director. Carol Hayes, violinist with the Philharmonic Society of NWF, will be providing entertainment.

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