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Did you know...

April is the month for 'Music in Manitoba Schools', declared by Minister Peter Bjornson. \$10,000 has been allocated for music projects and events to enable students and teachers to be coached by professional musicians and to encourage school and community performances!

Manitoba Showcase Contact 2009!

Brochures will be out to you in April. Meanwhile block off October 17-19 on your calendar. The theme this year is "**Community Arts and Technology**".

Performing Arts Program:

It was Joni Delaurier, a songwriter from Swan River, Manitoba, and her boyfriend who wrote Shane Yellowbird's hit song 'Pick-up Truck'. Shane has been booked for a 13 concert tour in Fall 2008 in Manitoba. This fast rising country star from Alberta will be performing on the televised Juno Awards on April 6th on CTV.

Visual Arts Program Exhibitions:

'Visiting the Collection' is our next professional exhibition on tour. We saw this interesting exhibition at the U of Winnipeg gallery before it ended on March 20th. It is now being crated for its first stop in Virden for the month of May!

Do you know of artists who would be interested in a unique public art project in either Churchill, Thompson or Winnipeg this summer? **Spiritway** is calling for artists to submit their designs to paint on concrete wolf sculptures. Deadline is April 15th.

More info and artist forms are at:

www.thompsonspiritway.ca

Remember Carol James, the visual artist who demonstrated her work at the 2006 Showcase in Steinbach? She just launched '**Finger weaving Untangled – a Beginners Guide**' at McNally Robinson Bookstores. She is available for workshops and you will find her in the Visual Artist Directory on our website.

Position Opening – Program Assistant in our office

Shannon Spence moved back home to Eddystone, and we are looking to fill this position. If you know someone who has excellent computer skills, enjoys multi-tasking and the arts, have them send a resume to us ASAP.

2008 Manitoba Arts & Culture Week



March 8 – 15.

A Survey is coming to ask you about your thoughts on the effectiveness of this Week, whether or not you were able to participate. To see the range of events reported, go to Events at www.mbartsculture.ca.

It was encouraging to have increased support from both the Manitoba Arts Council and Winnipeg Arts Council.

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The Manitoba Lotteries Corp. was the presenting sponsor for a successful Kick Off event in Winnipeg.

CanWest Foundation was a new sponsor this year and Outlook Financial has been a sponsor since the beginning.

CBC Radio was the media sponsor, and provided excellent coverage, as did Shaw Cable TV.

Interesting Events...

'Focus on Crocus' - Photography Field Trip with Dennis Wiens

Tiger Hills Arts Council offers a rare opportunity for a 3 hour tour by horse-drawn wagon to photograph the Crocus in the scenic Assiniboine River Valley north of Holland. Only \$35, including a delicious picnic lunch.

Date: Sunday March 30 **or** April 7 **or** April 13, depending on when the crocuses are at their prime. Pre-registration most definitely required. Call Tiger Hills Arts Council at 526-2063 or email thaa@mts.net to register.

Arrival of Babies

Our Treasurer, Heidi Thomas, delivered a lovely girl named Grace Alice on February 22.

Our Performing Arts Coordinator, Tanya Brunel, delivered a fine boy named Hunter Quinn Alexander on February 16. Tanya plans to return to work around mid April.

Ag contest for Manitoba Youth

A new contest has been launched for Manitoba's young people, to combine interactive media design and creativity with what they think of when they think about agriculture and farming.

The *Share What You See in Agriculture* contest creates an opportunity for young people between the ages of 9 and 25 to develop a project based on the many sides

of agriculture, from future careers to the environment to the impact of changing seasons. The project medium is entirely up to the contestants, but might include things like web pages, game applications, promotional pieces, mini-documentaries, or a short film.

Keystone Agricultural Producers (KAP) is launching the *Share What You See in Agriculture* contest with the support and participation of the Manitoba Co-operator and The Co-operators.

Full contest information and the registration form are available online at www.kap.mb.ca. or call Lenore Kowalchuk at KAP at 697-1140.

Entries must be received by the KAP office by November 7, 2008 at 4:00 pm.

Writing Contests – Prairie Fire Press

Announcement of 2008 Writing Contests for poetry, short fiction and creative non-fiction can be found at:

<http://www.prairiefire.ca/contests.html> .

Prizes from \$250 to \$6000. Deadline for all entries: November 30, 2008.

Earth Hour 2008

This is a campaign to turn off lights at 8:00pm for one hour on Saturday, March 29th to demonstrate our commitment to the environment.

Minister Jim Rondeau is encouraging Manitobans and Manitoba communities to join Winnipeg and other cities around the world in celebrating international Earth Hour 2008.

It's now officially Spring!

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