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Public Art at Mesquite City Hall

Five artist finalists will present proposals to the Mesquite Arts Council Public Art Committee on April 22, 2009. The public art ordinance that was passed by City Council in 2004 allows for the incorporation of artwork at designated municipal projects. Public art projects have been completed at the Mesquite Animal Shelter, Vanston Pool and the Community Services Building.

The \$225,000 public art project will involve two distinct pieces of art. An interior and exterior piece will be commissioned by the City of Mesquite and an award offered to an artist/artist team following City Council action later this year.

Considered a state-of-the-art facility, the new Mesquite City Hall will eventually replace the existing structure which was built in the early 1960's. Brinkley Sargent Architects have designed a LEED building with a certification of gold or silver, distinctive for its use of energy efficient materials.

The first phase of the new Municipal Center Complex will be completed with the opening of the Mesquite Police Department building in late March 2009. Construction of the new Mesquite City Hall should begin the summer of 2009.

Five artists were chosen to present a proposal from a field of twenty-three applicants. These artists come from Texas, California, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Rhode Island. The project time-line continues to be refined although the public art installation is expected to take place in June 2010.

For more information about the new Municipal Center Complex go to www.cityofmesquite.com.



*Rendering of new Mesquite City Hall
Brinkley Sargent Architects*

SRO for MJRE, Sandra Kaye and Arlington Jones Concert “a Celebration of Jazz”



Dancing in the aisles was encouraged by Ms. Sandra Kaye at the jazz concert held recently at the Mesquite Arts Center. No one took her up on it, but there was plenty of applause breaks for her, Arlington Jones and the rest of the jazz soloists that were featured during the concert. The standing room only crowd was treated to jazz classics including “At Last.” The voice of Ms. Kaye can only be described as smooth, sultry and hip. She had the audience hanging on every note and when she passed the spotlight to jazz pianist Arlington Jones, the audience took another incredible ride along joyful jazz riffs one moment and soulful, searching melodic lines the next. *It was a happy evening.*

Bassist Lynn Seaton, drummer Stockton Helbing and the entire complement of jazz instrumentalists in the Mesquite Jazz Repertory Ensemble held forth for ninety minutes. Curt Bradshaw, who not only conducted the group but wrote all of the arrangements and a few new pieces, “was the coolest cat on stage,” according to his granddaughter. This, the second annual “celebration of jazz” was presented by the Mesquite Arts Council with additional funding by the National Endowment for the Arts.



Plans have begun for next years celebration that is scheduled for March 5, 2010. The NEA grant application has been filed, and Curt is planning the program.



“The Princess and the Pea” at the Mesquite Arts Center

Spring break at the Mesquite Arts Center included a whirlwind of theatrical situations involving thirty kids from Mesquite, Garland, Sunnyvale and Dallas. Their rendition of “The Princess and the Pea” was often hilarious, but more importantly, spectacularly produced by the Missoula Children’s Theatre.

After a week of preparation including rehearsals, workshops, learning lines and songs, it all came together on Saturday, March 21. Two,



Susie Manhoff

performances, filled with jubilant friends and family members, praised the actors with shouts of “more, more!”



Pictured are the cast members of “The Princess and the Pea” including, Dust Bunnies, Leprechauns, the Royal Families of Glacierdom and Riverdom.

Brittany Bara and Mallory Mousseau directed the production and Esther Curry was the assistant director. Susie Manhoff was the accompanist. Funding for “The Princess and the Pea” was provided by the Mesquite Arts Council and First State Bank.

Mesquite Creative Arts Club Exhibit

March 16-31, 2009

Celebrating 40 years this coming September is the visual arts group known as the Mesquite Creative Arts Club. Charter member Lahoma Wisel remembers when the group used to exhibit at the first air-conditioned mall in the southwest (Big Town Mall was built in 1959 and demolished in 2008).

In 1996 the group began meeting at the Mesquite Arts Center and exhibits twice a year in the Main Gallery. Ten artists are on exhibit in the current show including long time members Inez Wallace, Paula Scott, Cletabel Irvin, Sally Browning, Sharita Isringhouse, Martha Blankenship, Bob Wilson and Brigitte Able.



facing — Janet Rohde



facing — Lahoma Wisel

Meeting the 2nd Monday of each month at 7p the club welcomes all and promotes the visual arts in Mesquite.

Call 972-279-7301 for information.

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Be sure to check out the next issue of "AT&T The Real Yellow Pages." On the front cover will be the Mesquite Arts Center Concert Hall.

Highlighting this facility and the arts in Mesquite is a real coup. Be sure to pick up your copy in the front kiosk of the Arts Center starting May.

Join the Mesquite Arts Council and become the first to know about upcoming events, artist receptions and performances at the Mesquite Arts Center

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Courtyard COLORS

APRIL

4-5/3 "Artrageous 2008" is exhibited by Texas Area Artists in the Main Gallery. FREE!

6-8 Auditions for "The Dining Room" will be from 7-9p in the Black Box Theatre. Call Mesquite Community Theatre at 972-216-8126.

9-25 "To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday" is presented by the Mesquite Community Theatre. Call 972-216-8126 for tickets and reservations.

13 The Monthly Paint-In begins at 10a. All artists are invited to bring their projects and share successes with others. Call 214-566-8269 for information.

13 Mesquite Creative Arts Club monthly meeting begins at 7p and features an artist demonstration. All are welcome.

16 Mesquite Arts Council Board of Directors meeting begins at 11:30a

MAY

2 "Tour de Force" is presented by the Mesquite Symphony Orchestra at 7:30p. Call 972-216-8127 for tickets and information.

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