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Arts Ambassadors take story into the Community

The **arts@1527** is a program created by the Mesquite Arts Council and funded through the federal stimulus grants program entitled *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009*. Free to area civic and cultural organizations in eastern Dallas, Rockwall and Kaufman Counties, the program will employ two arts ambassadors, Terri Stone (a working sculptor) and Curt Bradshaw (a professional musician, composer and teacher) to tell the story of the Mesquite Arts Center and the events that take place there.

The 20 minute presentation will feature a variety of visual media, including video and large format presentation boards. Hands-on activities, such as creating origami and group participation using rhythmic instruments, will be a part of the presentation. Demonstrating the value of the arts in our community, both as an economic driver and quality of life issue will be the focus of this program. Equal to this focus is providing jobs for arts professionals and bringing new patrons to the Arts Center.

Both of these arts specialists will engage with members of area AMBUCS, Rotary Clubs, Exchange Clubs, garden clubs, chamber of commerce, retired teachers/city employees groups, home school associations, realtor associations, assisted living and nursing home centers.

Terri Stone, a sculptor and visual arts specialist will give an overview of the scheduled art exhibits and other visual arts programming at the Mesquite Arts Center including artist demonstrations and children's art camps. She will describe the public art program and existing artwork within the City of Mesquite.

Curt Bradshaw, a performing arts specialist will describe the music, literary and theatrical opportunities at the Arts Center. Audiences are treated each year to professional jazz concerts, a summer jazz festival, vocal and instrumental chamber music, an orchestral series, year-round live theatre and wind band concerts. Mr. Bradshaw will facilitate at each gathering of these community groups an understanding of rhythm and movement with percussive instruments and theatrical expression through choral speaking.

The federal stimulus program of 2009 awarded the state of Texas through the Texas Commission on the Arts \$427,000 for job retention and creation. The commission determined that an equal distribution of the available funds to each of 31 senate districts would be the best use of the funds. The Mesquite Arts Council applied for the grants funds in July 2009 and after peer review was notified of the award in September 2009.

The presentations are free! Please call the Arts Council at 972-216-6444 if you would like to schedule a session for your organization.



Pictured above is Arts Ambassador, Curt Bradshaw and to the left, Terri Stone.

Art@Lunch

The popular Mesquite Arts Council education series, Art@Lunch, is back beginning September 11th. Originating from the Mesquite Arts Center the series includes scholarly discussions with artists and docents covering a variety of topics at area arts venues. *Advance reservations are required for each of these sessions.*



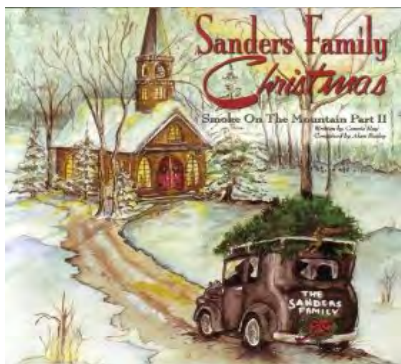
SEPTEMBER

9/11/09 **Meadows Museum: Diego Rivera the Cubist Portraits** tour departs the Mesquite Arts Center at 11:30am and returns at 2:00pm. The cost is \$20 and includes: transportation, admission into the museum, a docent led tour and lunch.

OCTOBER



10/9/09 Find out about the arts at the Mesquite Arts Center. Our **Arts Ambassadors** talk about all of the visual and performing arts that take place in the center. The cost is \$20 and includes presentation and lunch from noon to 1:30p.



DECEMBER

12/11/09 **Sanders Family Christmas** at the Bath House Cultural Center, Mervin Oglethorpe has invited the Sanders to return on Christmas Eve, 1941, for another wonderful evening of singing and witnessing before the boys head off for World War II. Join the congregation of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church for the original sequel to Smoke on the Mountain. Meet at the Mesquite Arts Center at Noon and return by 3:30p. The cost is \$20 and includes lunch, transportation, and performance ticket.



JANUARY

1/20/10 **August Osage**, is "the most exciting new American play Broadway has seen in years – fiercely funny and biting sad, this turbo-charged tragic-comedy," says the New York Times. Join the Art@Lunch participants for the inaugural season at the Dallas Performing Arts Centers' Winspear Opera House, the cost is \$55 and includes transportation and performance ticket.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CALL 972-216-6444

Mesquite Symphony Orchestra begins 23rd season

The season begins in September, when the MSO features Ricky Reeves, clarinet and Inga Kroll, viola as soloists performing Max Bruch's *Double Concerto for Clarinet and Viola*. In addition, the MSO will perform Felix Mendelssohn's haunting *Fingal's Cave*, Richard Rodney Bennett's music from the classic film *Murder on the Orient Express* and Beethoven's *Symphony No. 8*. September's concert is entitled *Wanderlust*. Both Mr. Reeves and Ms. Kroll are members of the Brookhaven College School of the Arts faculty in Dallas.

“El Conejito Verde”/“The Green Rabbit”

September 18—19 2009 at 10a

El Conejito Verde/The Green Rabbit is a Mexican Folktale about a mischievous prince who learns the true meaning of love and loyalty after being transformed into a rabbit. The story is told using hand-crafted masks, live musical accompaniment, and lots of interaction between cast and audience. This play is designed for 3 year-olds through 4th grade and is fully bilingual. The performers engage the children by having them help with the magic that moves the story along. *El Conejito Verde* is a heartwarming tale sure to enchant all ages with its endearing characters and delightful songs.



All performances are free although reservations are required. Please call the Arts Council at 972-216-6444 to make a reservation. Produced by Teatro de la Rosa in association with Artes de la Rosa, the play is presented by the Mesquite Arts Council, First State Bank, the Ralph and Jeann Wisenbaker, and Edward Jones Endowments.

home court advantage



by Ben Espey will be exhibited in the Main Gallery September 1-30. *“It seems that these days everyone is more interested in text messaging, video games and television.”* The photographic essay by Mr. Espey depicts desolate and neglected basketball courts as a visual statement that questions the ability of human beings to interact.

The Arts Council invites you to the artist reception on September 5th from 4:30-6:30p.

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Be sure to check out the new 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.

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

SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 The photography of Ben Espey will be exhibited in the Main Gallery.
- 5 The Mesquite Arts Council hosts an artist reception for Ben Espey in the Main Gallery from 4:30-6:30p. Nibbles and spirits provided by Go-Diva Catering.
- 11 Art@Lunch visits the Meadows Museum: Diego Rivera The Cubist Portraits. Call 972-216-6444 to make reservations.
- 12 Mesquite Symphony Orchestra in concert with Wanderlust at 7:30. Tickets at door for \$6-\$12.
- 13 Texas Area Artists will host a monthly meeting and demonstration at 2p. Call 214-566-8269 for information.
- 14 The Monthly Paint-In begins at 10a. Bring your latest artistic creation and share successes with others.
- 16 Local Cultural Grants Awards announced FY2009-10.
- 18-19 El Conejito Verde/The Green Rabbit is presented by the Arts Council each day at 10a. FREE, although reservations are required — call 972-216-6444.

