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21st Annual Creativity Festivity: Everyday Magic

Celebrating art and creativity of our local schools

April 10–May 2

Opening Reception: April 10, 4–6:30pm

Barbara Conrad Gallery

Featured Events:

High School Art Exhibit

High School Poetry Slam

DAC Applause! Presents *Xanadu, Jr.*

See inside for more details!



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ARTSLINE

Art Happens Here | Spring, 2014

Welcome to spring at the Durango Arts Center!

This is always an exciting season of art and creativity at DAC, and we have several announcements to share. Immediately evident is a design update of *Artsline*. Not to worry, your quarterly newsletter still carries the same objective of synthesizing DAC programs alongside acknowledgement of the countless supporters who sustain the organization.

I am proud to report that membership continues to rise—currently at 1060! In celebration of surpassing our 1000-member milestone, we are opening up the benefit of North American Reciprocal Museums to every member of DAC. This means you will be able to enjoy over 700 museums and cultural centers in the United States, Canada and Central America; encouraging arts & cultural engagement near and far. This spring, DAC will be mailing out brand new personalized membership cards with NARM's identifier.

Internally, DAC has been working hard over the past few months to improve the overall patron experience and maximize efficiency, including a staff restructure to accommodate 3 brand new full-time positions: Director of Development, Administrative Operations Coordinator and a Theatre Technical Director/Facilities Manager. The new staff are up and running and you can learn more about the entire DAC team on our website.

Speaking of website, thanks to the expertise of Stallings Design Co., we completely overhauled www.DurangoArts.org, set to launch this month.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, thank you for your support of the Durango Arts Center. Art, culture, education and creativity continue to thrive in our communities with your involvement.



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Brings Back

DAC Theatre's
5th Anniversary
Revival of the
2010 Production



Always... Patsy Cline

Written by Ted Swindley

Starring the original performers Traci Lyn Thomas and Mary Ellen Cerroni

June 18–20, 25–27, 7:30 pm

June 20–21, 27–28, 2 pm

\$21 DAC Members / \$24 Non-Members

Come celebrate DAC's five-year revival of this beloved production based on the true story of Patsy Cline's friendship with Houston housewife, Louise Seger. This timeless story about music, friendship, and devotion is told with humor and candor through Louise's voice.



One Hundred miles above our Dreams, Crystal Hartman

DAC In-Residence at Willowtail Springs Nature Preserve

Durango artist Crystal Hartman has been selected as the first DAC-sponsored resident of 2015 to spend a week in her artistic craft at Willowtail Springs. Crystal will utilize her residency to complete several drawings for a solo exhibit that will be held in Denver, CO opening on April 11 at Studio Colfax.

With support from New Face Productions, DAC will offer four more residencies this year; upcoming deadlines to apply are May 1 and August 7.

Find more information and application:
www.DurangoArts.org/artist-residency

2015 MicroGrants

Announcing 10 visual artists, musicians and writers who will utilize small but impacting funds to further their creative endeavors while living in our rural Southwestern communities.

- Paige Elliott (Durango), \$250
- Emily Haefner (Durango), \$250
- Jerry McElroy (Ignacio), \$250
- Deborah Sussex (Durango), \$250
- Adreana Cerda (Durango), \$500
- Devon Parson (Durango), \$500
- Esther Greenfield (Durango), \$500
- Kevin Dean Ramler (Aztec, NM), \$500
- Arista Slater-Sandoval (Durango), \$1000
- The Sugar Rockets (Mancos), \$1000

Learn more about the 2015 MicroGrant artists and their projects, or donate to the fund: www.DurangoArts.org/microgrants



MICROGRANTS

Exhibits

In the Barbara Conrad Gallery

Purple Cats and Green Skies

The Influence of Children's Art on the 20th Century Art World
March 27–May 2

Opening Reception: March 27, 5–7pm
Featuring the artwork of Juanita Ainsley, Melanie Yazzie, Natalie Goldberg and Rodney Hatfield

Featured Events:

Innocent Wisdom: The Influence of Children's Art on 20th Century Artists

A free lecture by Judith Reynolds
April 2, 3–4pm

Working in Full Color: Exploring Monotypes

An adult art workshop with visiting Navajo artist, Melanie Yazzie

April 25–26, 9am – 4pm
\$225 DAC Members / \$250 Non-Members
Register at www.DurangoArts.org



You Built Yourself into my Architecture & This is How to be Human, Minna Jain

Pivot Point

May 8–June 20
Opening Reception: May 8, 5–7pm
A group exhibit curated by Joan Russell, featuring the work of five rising young artists from the region: Minna Jain, Shay Lopez, Shawn Lotze, Stacey Sotosky and Chandler Wigton

21st Annual Creativity Festivity: Everyday Magic

April 10–May 2
Opening Reception: April 10, 4–6:30pm
This beloved annual event celebrates art and creativity of our local schools. Opening reception to celebrate an exhibit of youth art in the Barbara Conrad Gallery and select readings by Durango School District 9R 4th graders.

Featured Events:

High School Art Exhibit

May 1–31
Steaming Bean Coffee Co., 915 Main Avenue

High School Poetry Slam

April 22, 5–7pm
DAC Theater
*Sign-up for reading at 5pm

DAC Applause! Presents *Xanadu, Jr.*

April 10, 7pm & April 11, 3pm
Tickets \$8
See more information about *Xanadu, Jr.* on the Theatre page

Creativity Festivity is Sponsored By



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In the Art Library

Turning the Page
A Retrospective of Artist Books by Catherine Nash
March 6–April 30
A collection of Nash's artworks spanning two decades; created of handmade paper and natural elements.

The Language of Gesture
Inspired works by prolific installation artist, Joyce Cutler-Shaw
May 8–June 27
Opening Reception: May 8, 5–7pm
A free, illustrated talk by the artist will be presented in the DAC Theatre at 4pm

Education



Experimental Paper Lamp Structure, Helen Hiebert

2015 Adults Art Workshop Series

Paper Possibilities with visiting artist Helen Hiebert

April 18–19, 9am– 4pm
\$195 DAC Members / \$225 Non-Members

Beginning Drawing with Ed Bolster

May 7–June 4 (Thurs), 6:30–8:30pm
\$120 DAC Members / \$140 Non-Members

Life Drawing with Ed Bolster

May 5–June 2 (Tues), 2–4pm
\$120 DAC Members / \$140 Non-Members

Paper Marbeling with visiting artist Sandie Timmer

June 13, 10am–4pm
\$90 DAC Members / \$120 Non-Members

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Youth Arts

2015 Summer Arts Camps are open for registration! For complete information on all DAC classes, including cost and scholarships please visit www.DurangoArts.org/Education.

Artng Around

Ages 6–10
Session 1: June 22–26, 10am–3pm
Session 2: July 6–10, 10am–3pm

Mark Making

Ages 5–8: July 20–24, 9am–12pm
Ages 9–12: July 20–24, 1–4pm

Mud Wrestling: Playing with Clay

Ages 5–8: July 27–31, 9am–12pm
Ages 9–12: July 27–31, 1–4pm

Preschool Art Camp

Ages 4–6: June 29–July 1, 12:30–2:30pm

Boys Leadership Through Art

Ages 10–15
August 10–14, 9am–3pm
Several scholarships available!

Lil' Thespians

Ages 4–6
I. *Folktales*: June 15–19, 9–11:30am
II. *Africa*: July 13–17, 9–11:30am
III. *English Renaissance*: August 3–7, 9–11:30am

Imagination Station

Ages 7–9
I. *Folktales*: June 8–12, 9–11:45am
II. *Africa*: July 6–10, 9–11:45am
III. *English Renaissance*: August 10–14, 9–11:45am

Let's Put on a Play: *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*

by Don Zolidis
Ages 9–13: June 15–July 11 (Mon–Thurs), 9am–12pm

Musical Theatre: *Wee Glee*

Ages 4–6: July 14–August 8 (Tues & Thurs), 12–12:45pm

Musical Theatre: *Once on this Island, Jr.*

Ages 11–16: July 13–August 8 (Mon–Thurs), 9am–12pm

Musical Theatre: *101 Dalmatian, Kids*

Ages 7–10: July 13–August 8 (Mon–Thurs), 12:30–3:30pm

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Theatre



2015 Creativity Festivity Performance

Xanadu, Jr.
Written by Douglas Carter Bean
Music and lyrics by Jeff Lynne and John Farrar

April 10, 7pm
April 11, 3pm
Tickets \$8

Don't miss this hilarious Tony Award-nominated musical adventure about following your dreams in the face of obstacles. With themes of magic, art, Greek mythology and the 80's, this will be an educational and inspiring adventure for children and adults alike.

Become a Season Subscriber!

2015 Theatre Season Sponsored By **Alpine Bank**

Save money and become a Season Subscriber by buying a 3 or 4 show package today for upcoming shows. Buy show packages online. Call the DAC Box Office to purchase a 3 or 4 show package at (970) 259-2606 ext 13.



RENT
By Jonathan Larson

August 27-29, September 17-19, 7:30pm
September 11-12, 25-26, 7:30pm
September 13 and 27, 2pm
\$21 DAC Members / \$24 Non-Members

Based on Puccini's La Boheme, Rent is about a marginal band of artists who vehemently believe that friendship, compassion, grief, pleasure, beauty - are more important than money, real estate or power.

** Winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical, Best Book of a Musical, Best Original Score
** Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama



5th Annual 10-Minute Play Celebration

10-Minute Play Staged Readings
May 29, 7pm
FREE

Judges will pick the Grand Prize Winner (\$500) and the audience will vote for their favorite, People's Choice Award (\$100).

5th Annual 10-Minute Play Festival
October 9 -10, 7:30pm
October 11, 2pm
\$12 DAC Members / \$15 Non-Members

This fast-paced theatre evening offers a grab-bag of comedy and drama. A not-to-be-missed event.

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2015 Sweethearts of the Arts
On Saturday, February 14 art lovers and artists gathered at the Durango Arts Center to celebrate Judy & Don Hayes and Debra Parmenter & Terry Bacon, the 2015 honorees of DAC's annual Sweethearts of the Arts.



2015 Sweethearts, Don & Judy Hayes, Terry Bacon & Debra Parmenter

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As well as:
À la Côte, Allison Andersen, Jeannie Berger, Carol Bruno, Kaleigh Duval, Margie Deane Gray, Lynn Gray, Jonas Grushkin, Half & Half Quartet, Julie Huldin, Tim Kapustka, Ingrid Lincoln, Karen Little, Lisa Mackey, Sydney Morris, Diane Pinelli, Christine Rachlin, Sheri Rochford-Figgs, Marta Snow, Terry Stalker, Terry Swan, Christa Turnell, Nancy Van Mols, and Susan Weirather.

National Volunteer Week (April 12-18)
DAC is enriched through the shared talents, extraordinary efforts and dedicated service of it's more than 150 volunteers who support DAC annually. Thank you DAC volunteers - you are the heart of DAC.

TOP POP-UP Shop by New Face Productions
New Face Productions organized another successful fundraiser with the TOP Pop-Up Shop that took place on January 29, 30 and 31, 2015, featuring renowned label *Hermosa*, a clothing line created by local designer Christina Erteszek and handbags by Oregon designer, Jenn Hogan, of *DecoPony*. The fundraiser supported the growth and enhancement of arts programming at DAC. Special thanks goes out to TOP Pop-Up Shop concept coordinators and members of New Face Productions Christina Erteszek, Deb Wright, Jill Schuman, Phyllis Max, and JM Jones. Thanks also to Kyla Jenkinson, Wesley Sebern, Krista Harris, Pamela Hesterok, Regina Hogan, Bobby & Lana Duthie, Deborah Demme, the Lost Dog Bar & Lounge and Star Liquor.



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Artist Housing Needed

Do you have a guesthouse or room to spare? If you would like to enrich your experience of the Durango Autumn Arts Festival you are invited to host an artist in your home during the weekend of September 18-21. Contact Jules Masterjohn to learn more.

www.DurangoArts.org/DAAF

Save the Date: Festival Volunteers Needed

As one of the DAC's largest fundraising events, the Festival is made possible with the support of countless volunteers. This year, we're excited to announce two highly experienced volunteer coordinators at the helm: Chris Warren and Barb Gysel. Stay tuned to the next issue of Artsline and our website for more information on numerous volunteer opportunities that will be available during the festival weekend.



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