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Spencer Area Arts Council

Building awareness of the arts by making them accessible to all

For Art's Sake!

Spring 2008

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March 27 – May 26, 2008

Iowa, The Earth, The Land, and Its People

May 31 – June 28, 2008

“Homecoming – The Flowering Memory”

July 2 – Aug 9, 2008

Lee Rainboth

Aug 12 – Sept 15, 2008

ART Preview

Sept 18 – Oct 25, 2005

Studio Programs

Classes & Camps for Kids!

(see insert)

May:

Spish – Splash Make A Bird Bath

June:

Saturday Little Leonardos

Morning Art Camp

Classes with Kim Smith

July:

Saturday Little Leonardos

Pottery for Junior High

Garden Art

August:

Saturday Little Leonardos



Keep The Dream Alive

The Spencer Area Arts Council recently completed its first spring fundraising drive to help put Arts on Grand on firmer financial footing. Called “Keep the Dream Alive,” it included several components to help raise community

awareness of Arts on Grand and its programs as well as raise money.

The drive kicked off with “Equinox Rocks” on March 20 at Arts on Grand. The event was a concert of classic rock and roll by Clark Marshall and friends. Chad Elliott reprised several of the songs he had performed when he starred as Buddy Holly in the recent Spencer Community Theatre production of *Buddy*.

Then, on the afternoon of Sunday, April 6, SAAC board members and friends of Arts on Grand took over the television studios at Spencer Municipal Utilities for a four-hour fundraising telethon hosted by Curtis Dean and Jill Barr. The program opened with visits by some very special guests. State Senator David Johnson, State Representative Mike May, and Spencer Mayor Reynold Peterson all came to the studios to show their support for Arts on Grand and for the arts in general. Video clips from gallery performances, artist talks, classes, and other events at Arts on Grand were interspersed with pre-recorded testimonials and live studio action. Singer/songwriter Chad Elliott sang songs from his newly released CD *Swiftsure*, as well as requests called in by donors. Artists Diane Noll and Katie Thompson were in the studio to demonstrate how they create their art. Meanwhile, volunteers manned a bank of phones to take viewers’ pledges.

To thank the community for its support, Arts on Grand presented a free concert by pianist Glenn Henriksen on April 10, officially ending the “Keep the Dream Alive” fundraising drive. The concert turned into a jam session as Glenn was joined by Jack Ryan and José Garza, and the audience joined in for a sing-along.

Thanks to the efforts of many, we were able to meet our fundraising goal, raising \$38000. Many people from throughout the community came together to make it a resounding success.

Partners in Art

Spencer Area Concert Association

The 2008–2009 Spencer Area Concert Association season will be the biggest ever, with eight concerts scheduled. The season brochure has been mailed out, and will also be available at several locations around town, including Arts on Grand.

The season will open on September 20, when Todd Green performs music from around the world on nearly 40 musical instruments. In October, the Crosswinds Trio will perform “Winds Across Time” on trumpet, horn, and piano. In late November, Acoustic Eidolon returns to Spencer with a unique blend of music that borrows from Celtic, contemporary, bluegrass, and Latin influences. Singer Connie Evingson will perform a variety of jazz standards, as well as arrangements and some not-so-familiar numbers, in December. Both the November and December concerts will include musical selections to help get concert-goers into the holiday spirit.

The second half of the season opens in February, when Opera Iowa brings its production of Rossini’s *The Barber of Seville* to Spencer. Toronto-based Beyond the Pale will perform music inspired by Klezmer, bluegrass, jazz, and other styles in March. In April, acclaimed pianist Joel Fan will perform new compositions from around the world as well as classics from the Americas. The season will close in mid-May with a performance by the Maia String Quartet.

The Concert Association will host the Vienna Boys Choir for a very special Valentine’s Day concert. This concert is not part of the regular concert series, but Spencer Area Concert Association members will get a discount and be given priority in ordering tickets.

Season tickets are priced at \$40 for adults, \$16 for students, or \$90 for families. In addition to the eight concerts in Spencer, season ticket holders may attend concerts in Algona, Sheldon, and Windom at no extra charge—a total of 20 concerts in all!

Thanks to Carey’s TV for a great Spring Series of “Films For The Cinematically Disadvantaged

Backyard Bach and Blues 2008

Backyard Bach & Blues: A Mid Summer Night’s Dream”

Backyard Bach & Blues 2008, Arts on Grand’s summer fundraiser, will be held at the country home of Dr. Bill and Kathy Follows on July 12. While strolling through their beautiful English country gardens, guests will be entertained by the string quartet, Vista Chamber Players. In addition, the Pearson Art Center will present highlights from their production of a “Mid Summer Night’s Dream”. The menu for the evening, prepared by AOG volunteer chefs, will surely be a feast fit for a king! Tickets are now on sale at Arts on Grand: \$30.00 for AOG members and \$35.00 for non-members. Plan now to attend this year’s gala event!!

Contemporary Rug Hooking with Sharon Townsend

This workshop had seven happy hookers that drew their own designs on burlap backing, color planned and cut (1/4 inch and smaller) strips of dyed wool and used hooks to hook colorful wool loops into their designs. Everyone did something different from initials, stars,



flowers to geometric shapes and the results were delightful.

Sharon showed how to think outside of the box, work color to its full potential and to empower the creative spirit that surrounds a room of people involved in their new

found art. Sharon visited us from Altoona, Iowa and Arts on Grand would like to thank John and Mary Rahn who most graciously offered to host Sharon for the weekend making a good time shared by all.



Area Student Art Exhibit 2008

The gallery has been busy exhibiting area Preschool, Elementary, Middle School and High School art from the floors to the very top of the ceilings! The show was divided in different time frames to accommodate and enhance as much as possible the different age levels of talent. The show began with our little budding artists from Trinity, First English, Creative Learning, Head Start and YMCA Preschools. That group was followed with a gallery full of color by Elementary Schools: Fairview, South Clay, Sacred Heart, Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran, Lincoln and Johnson. The rest of April and beginning of May were devoted to Spencer’s Middle School and High School Art. We are delighted to be able to see the abundance of talent. The Spencer Industrial Arts students’ woodworking projects will complete the exhibit May 12th – May 22nd.

Thanks to our sponsor Farmers Bank and to the volunteers that hung and took down the exhibit.

Grant Update

Arts on Grand is happy to report that our request for Renaissance Initiative Funds from the City Council to replace the existing light fixture in the front foyer, with an artistically unique fixture has been approved. Instead of purchasing a commercially designed light fixture, we are requesting proposals from area artists interested in designing an artistically unique, energy efficient and aesthetically pleasing light fixture that would become a public work of art for Downtown Spencer.

SCT Playhouse

Don't miss "Anne of Green Gables" on June 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, & 21. Children's theatre performances of "Aristocats" on June 9 & 10
tryout dates
June 9 & 10
"Footloose" July 11-13. For more information call (712) 262-7336.
tryout dates
June 30 & July 1

Parker Historical Museum of Clay County

Coming in June: "The Influences of War". This exhibit will be a look at ways war has impacted our lives both culturally and individually; innovations in military and civilian dress, the changing roles of women, the introduction of scouting and more.

Living History Day, Sunday June 15, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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On the Easel: Looking Ahead: SPOT

The Hancher Family Arts Adventure is bringing Cyro Baptista and his Beat the Donkey Band to the Spencer community. His first appearance will be May 2 at Arts on Grand followed by appearances at Spencer Community Playhouse and the YMCA on May 4, the Public Library on May 5 and on May 6 Cyro and his Beat the Donkey Band will perform at the old Middle School Auditorium. Cyro Baptista is a dazzling percussionist with his band "Beat the Donkey" they will have you up and dancing with a distinctly Brazilian flavor with a world of magical ingredients. SPOT is a collaboration with SCT, the YMCA, the Public Library, Arts on Grand, University of Iowa -Hancher Auditorium, and supported by the Wallace Foundation. The second SPOT for kids is "Rubber Band Dance" coming in June. See www.spotkids.com.

Volunteer Spotlight

Arts on Grand welcomes new gallery assistants: Barb Chenall, Mary Beck, Shirley Clark, Polly Nelson, Gayle Simons, Wanda Nelson, Fern McKinnon and Doris Anderson. Stop in to meet them and let them give you a tour of the galleries or assist you with your gift selection. Our thanks for their help!!
Holly Kellog is giving our front windows her creative touch. What a wonderful impression this gives to the Main Street visitor! Thank you, Holly!!

To volunteer:

Call our volunteer coordinator, Joanne Schar 712-262-4307.

In The Gift Shop

AOG welcomes two new artists to our gift shop: Brent Mileham of Spencer, Iowa and Jesus Casas of Paullina, Iowa.

For Mother's Day, Graduation or any occasion – **Give the gift of art!** – Our Gift Shop offers something for everyone!

Opportunities for Members

SAAC operates with the help of several volunteer committees. Please contact us if you'd like to share your time or talents in any of the following ways:

- ___ Marketing or Hospitality
- ___ Endowments or Grants
- ___ Membership or Board participation
- ___ Crafters Guild or Artists Jury
- ___ Building Management
- ___ Art Adventures and Trips
- ___ Backyard Bach & Blues / Mardi Party

Memberships provide cornerstone support of operations at Arts on Grand.

Annual Membership:

Benefactor	\$ 1,000 +	___
Patron	\$ 500 +	___
Donor	\$ 250 +	___
Contributor	\$ 100 +	___
Friend	\$ 50 +	___
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Partners: Business & the Arts

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___ Add \$10 to support our Endowment Fund

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Memory ___ Anniversary ___ Birthday ___

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"A Midsummer Night's Dream"

Check Out The Class & Workshop Insert!!!!

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Monday – Friday: 10 AM – 5 PM
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Thanks!

ARTS ON GRAND Thanks everyone who contributed to the success of the “Keep the Dream Alive” fund-raising blitz. We would not be here without the help of our media partners, business sponsors, volunteers, and the community for its overwhelming support!!!

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