

The Springfield Area Arts Council will host a trivia night fund-raiser, on Saturday, April 2, from 7:00 until 10:00 p.m. The event takes place in Theatre 3 at the Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth Street, Springfield. Participants may reserve a table at a cost of \$100 (8 – 10 players) or may register to play as individuals at a cost of \$15 per person for inclusion in mixed tables. Local businesses may sponsor a round at a cost of \$100. Tables or individual places may be reserved by calling the Arts Council office at 217-753-3519. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., and ample parking will be available downtown. Proceeds benefit the programs and operation of the Arts Council.

With this event, the Springfield Area Arts Council launches its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of enriching the community through the arts and contributing to the increased quality of life in Sangamon and Menard counties. Arts Council programs include First Night® Springfield, Artist on the Plaza, Uptown Friday Night, Community Arts Access and City Arts grant programs, the On My Own Time art exhibition, the Mayor's Awards for the Arts, and the Penny Wollan-Kriel Arts in Education program that provides funds to place performing artists in local elementary schools. The Arts Council's staff also coordinates both the regional and state competitions of Poetry Out Loud—a national poetry recitation contest for high school students—on behalf of the Illinois Arts Council Agency, the Poetry Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Arts. Adult Prom, the Art of Wine, and Amp Up the Arts are its other fund-raisers.

Additional information on SAAC's programs as well as ways in which the public can support, participate, or volunteer for these activities throughout the year may be obtained by visiting the SAAC web site at [www.springfieldartsco.org](http://www.springfieldartsco.org). Like us on Facebook as well.