

# ACCOLADES

## For The Arts

Springfield Area Arts Council

September 2017

## Illinois demonstrates its national leadership in arts education

In the spring, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) adopted Illinois' State Plan for implementing the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Our State Plan includes the arts as one of only five indicators of K-12 school quality — an important incentive for schools to provide arts education to more students.

All 50 states must submit their ESSA State Plans to the U.S. Department of Education for review, and the Department is currently reviewing the Illinois plan. To date, only a handful of states have submitted plans

that include the arts as a distinct indicator of school quality. Thanks to your advocacy, Illinois is one of those leading states.

So, what's next?

ISBE has committed to a four-year timeline, if not shorter, for crafting the arts indicator's specific measure and to giving it weight. The Alliance looks forward to working with our partners on this process and to playing a leading role in putting our State Plan into action.

—from *Arts Alliance Illinois*

## Arts In Education Week

**Save the Date:**  
**September 10-16, 2017!**



Whether you are a student, educator, parent or principal, you can find a way to celebrate the arts in

education during National Arts in Education Week! The arts are an essential part of a complete education, no matter if it happens in the home, school, or community. Students of all ages - from kindergarten to college to creative aging programs - benefit from artistic learning, innovative thinking, and creativity. Celebrating National Arts in Education Week is a way to recognize this impact and share the message with friends, family, and communities.

National Arts in Education Week is a national celebration recognizing the transformative power of the

arts in education. Designated by Congress in 2010 through House Resolution 275, the celebration is designated to bring attention to this cause for elected officials and educational decision-makers across the country and to support equitable access to the arts for all students.

—from *ingenuity*, August 1, 2017



Cowboy Randy at Wilcox Elementary School



Richard Landry at Enos Elementary School



Switchback at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School



Sean Newman at Grant Middle School

**Springfield Area  
Arts Council  
in partnership with  
Illinois Arts Council Agency**

## Poetry Out Loud 2018

**Sponsored and Administered by  
National Endowment for the Arts  
and  
Poetry Foundation**

**Central Illinois Regional Contest:  
February 21st  
Illinois State Contest:  
March 9th**

**Hoogland Center for the Arts**



2017 Illinois winners:  
Amber Price (runner-up),  
Mariah Brooks (champion)  
Photographer:  
William Richards  
Collage by Jim Edwards

## Accolades for the Arts

*Accolades for the Arts* is published by the Springfield Area Arts Council. Your comments and suggestions are welcome. Call the Arts Council office at (217) 753-3519.

# Susan Cook House Educational Trust grants \$7,500 to SAAC

Because the Susan Cook House Educational Trust granted \$5,000 to the Penny Wollan-Kriel Arts in Education program in Summer 2016, the Arts Council was able to place artists in fourteen schools during the 2016-17 school year. The number of people benefiting from this effort is impressive: 3,343 students in 13 grade levels; 418 teachers; 21 parents; 10 volunteers; and 12 artists. [A \$5,000 grant award divided by 3,804 people involved equals a 1.3 cents per person cost.]

The Susan Cook House Educational Trust has funded Arts in Education for eleven and of the past fifteen years. That important relationship continues for the 2017-18 program year with the recently-received \$7,500 award.

The Arts Council is grateful for that continued support and shares with you the obituary of SUSAN COOK HOUSE from the *Illinois State Journal* (Springfield, IL; May 20, 1968).

## Susan Cook House

*Birth: 1886, Springfield, Illinois*

*Death: May 19, 1968, Springfield, Illinois*

*Mrs. Susan Cook House, 81, of the Leland Hotel died Sunday at Memorial Hospital.*

*Born in Springfield the daughter of John Cranmer and Mabel Jones Cook, she was preceded in death by her husband, Henry B. House, who was the organizer of the old Springfield Theater Guild.*

*Mrs. Cook was a member and former president of Progress Circle of King's Daughters and was an honorary member of Child and Family Services.*

*Her paternal grandfather, Captain John Cook, was the son of Daniel Pope Cook who served as secretary of state and congressman from Illinois and whom after Cook County was named.*

*The paternal grandmother, Julia Edwards Cook, was the daughter of Ninian Edwards, first governor of the Illinois territory.*

*She is survived by several cousins.*

*Services will be held at First Presbyterian Church where she was a lifelong member. Burial will be in Oak Ridge Cemetery.*

# SAAC Summer Music Series wraps up

Artist on the Plaza 2017 moved to the Old State Capitol lawn beneath the shade of tents. Along with shelter from the sun provided by the Old State Capitol staff, Springfield Vintage supplied picnic blankets for extra seating and sodas and water for refreshment completely free of charge. Perhaps you joined us on a Tuesday or Thursday from noon to one to enjoy the best that summer had to offer – cool drinks, cool music, and cool breezes.

The Springfield Area Arts Council has been bringing music to the many patrons of the Old Capitol Farmers' Market every Saturday from 10:00 AM to noon for the past four months. There is nothing like shopping fresh local produce, baked treats, and artisan goods to the tune of local performers. It provides an auditory aspect that brings the farmers' market experience full circle.

Chairs are placed around the performance space so you can sit and enjoy your food from one of the many vendors while listening to melodic guitar strums or rhythmic percussion. The area is family friendly with enough room for children to express their enjoyment through dance, and they can even participate when bands provide instruments for their tiny bandmates. Market season lasts until the end of October. You'll find the performers in the shade just west of the intersection of Fourth and Adams.

## ARTIST ON THE PLAZA

### Sponsors

Arlington's  
Augie's Front Burner  
Bank of Springfield  
Daisy Jane's  
Dalliance Spa and Salon  
Alderman Joe McMenamin  
Maid-Rite  
Myers Commercial Real Estate  
Obed and Isaac's  
Paul O'Shea  
Oxtoby Family Limited  
RSM US LLP  
Scott and Scott, PC  
Security Bank  
Springfield Downtown Parking  
Uptown Looks  
Visit Springfield  
Wm. Van's Coffee  
WindSolarUSA  
Wyndham City Center

### In-kind Sponsors

City of Springfield  
George Dinges  
Old State Capitol  
Prairie Archives  
Robbie's Restaurant  
Uptown Garages  
Vintage Springfield

### Performers

Mike Anderson  
Ben Bedford  
Alec James Bergschneider  
Michael Butler  
Dennis Darling  
Rick Dunham  
Five Star Brass  
Ed Gehlbach  
Monica Hay  
Tom Irwin  
Julie Jules and Company  
Lady Carole and Her Knights  
Lowder and Manning  
Mark McKnight  
Mary Bryant Home Singers  
Messengers for Christ  
Matt Mifflin  
Mark Mills  
Virgil Rhodes  
Route 66 Quartet  
Saint Andrew's Society Dancers  
Springfield Area Youth Jazz Band  
Square of the Roots  
Phil Steinberg  
David Tell  
Frank Trompeter  
Becca Young



Dancing to the music

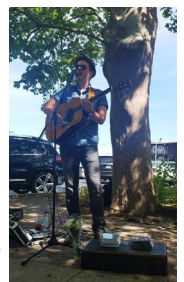
## MUSIC AT THE MARKET

### Market Partners

Downtown Springfield, Inc.  
HSHS St. John's Hospital  
Illinois Stewardship Alliance

### Performers

Mike Anderson  
Ben Bedford  
Amy Benton  
Alec James Bergschneider  
Dennis Darling  
Rick Dunham  
The Good Companions  
Monica Hay  
Andrew Heathwaite  
Tom Irwin  
Julie Jules and Company  
Last Acre  
Mark McKnight  
Lowder and Manning  
Matt Mifflin  
Mark Mills  
Hannah Mobley  
Virgil Rhodes  
Samba Llamas  
Square of the Roots  
Carla Sloan  
Phil Steinberg  
David Tell  
Micah Walk



Micah Walk performs

# SAAC Awards Community Grants to Ten Local Non-profit Agencies

The Springfield Area Arts Council recently awarded grants to ten community organizations as part of its annual Community Arts Access program. The funds are provided to the Arts Council by the Illinois Arts Council Agency with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Local funding provides grants of up to \$ 750.00 to non-profit organizations in Sangamon and Menard counties. The grant recipients for funding in fiscal year 2017 are the Boys and Girls Club of Central Illinois, the Hoogland Center for the Arts, the Illinois Central Blues Club, the Illinois Symphony Orchestra, the James Weldon Johnson Study Guild, the Land of Lincoln Barbershop Chorus, the Sangamon Valley Youth Symphony, Scholastic Art Awards Mid-Central Region, the Springfield Ballet Company, and the Vachel Lindsay Association. This year's awards reflect the local desire to provide access to the arts for diverse audiences of all ages and are in keeping with the SAAC mission of enriching the community through the arts. Several proposals included cooperative projects to

ensure that underserved portions of the community receive benefit from cultural access that might not be provided at home or in local schools.

Competitive awards for fiscal year 2018 will be made, pending the availability of funds through the Illinois Arts Council Agency. Applicants must be non-profit organizations in the Arts Council's designated service area of Sangamon and Menard counties. Those organizations that have not applied previously for program funding must contact Jon Austin at 217-753-3519 to discuss the proposed project and eligibility. Application materials may be downloaded from the SAAC website after September 1 by visiting [www.springfieldartsco.org](http://www.springfieldartsco.org). Proposals are due either via hand delivery to the SAAC office on the lower level of the Hoogland Center for the Arts before 5:00 p.m. or postmark on Friday, October 13, 2017. Recommendations for funding are made by a panel of local arts activists to the Arts Council's Board of Directors for their action. Pending an award, projects must be completed between December 1, 2017, and July 31, 2018.

# Ford Foundation President Delivers Nancy Hanks Lecture

**"Art is not a privilege. Art is the soul of our civilization; the beating heart of our humanity; a miracle to which we all should bear witness, over and over again,"** declared Darren Walker as he began his lecture on the heels of a special performance by Anna Deavere Smith at the 30th Annual Nancy Hanks Lecture on Arts and Public Policy. The lecture was presented by Americans for the Arts at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in a packed Concert Hall of 2,000 people on March 20, 2017. After an introduction by Thelma Golden, Director and Chief Curator of The Studio Museum, Darren made the case for creativity in all aspects of the economy and personal life. He further addressed the need for public funding in the arts during his remarks, stating **"We must invest in our ambition, in**

**our aspiration; in that American spirit of ingenuity and sense of imagination that has always propelled this great nation forward. This is no time for a poverty of imagination in our country."**



Ford Foundation President Darren Walker delivers the 30th Annual Nancy Hanks Lecture on Arts and Public Policy at the Kennedy Center on the eve of Arts Advocacy Day. View the lecture at [AmericansForTheArts.org/Hanks](http://AmericansForTheArts.org/Hanks)

# Save The Date

**A fund-raising concert for the Springfield Area Arts Council**

## *Stories and Songs*

with Amy Benton, Sally Barris, and Tom Irwin

Saturday, January 20, 2018  
7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Club Room,  
Hoogland Center for the Arts  
\$20.00

Cash bar available



## **Song-writing Workshop**

### *Get inspired and unstuck*

with Sally Barris

Saturday, January 20, 2018  
11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Club Room,  
Hoogland Center for the Arts  
\$40.00

Attendees should bring a song they've written and a sack lunch.

# ***\$8.33 really helps!***

The Springfield Area Arts Council provides individual artists and local arts organizations the resources they need to keep the Springfield area a vibrant art community.

*A donation of \$8.33 will help us enrich the community through the arts.*

## **Why \$8.33? It doesn't seem like very much.**

As it happens, \$8.33 a month turns into \$100 a year. You can make a real difference for our community, without feeling like you're giving much at all.

If you've never given to SAAC (or any arts organization) before, now is the perfect time to give. It's easy, and it's inexpensive; however, the reward to over 5,000 students, 500 artists, and the entire community is immeasurable. Thank you for giving!

Visit our website [www.springfieldartsco.org](http://www.springfieldartsco.org) or [www.833ToTheSAAC.org](http://www.833ToTheSAAC.org) to donate today.



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## Intern's summer with SAAC

by Ka'Dia Dhatnubia

When I applied for the internship at the Springfield Area Arts Council, I honestly had never heard of the organization and had never stepped foot in the Hoogland Center for the Arts prior to my interview. Little did I know how acquainted I would get over the next few months with not only the Arts Council but also with the city of Springfield itself. I work in what I believe to be an ideal environment, where time outside interacting with people and time behind a computer are evenly balanced. I am treated with respect and my opinions are valued. My time is honored and the hours are flexible enough to accommodate my having two other jobs along with caring for four younger siblings.

I have become familiar with people downtown I likely would not have known otherwise. I have learned my way around by being tasked with deliveries to local businesses or dropping mail off at the post office. Twice a week performances at Artist on the Plaza afforded me the opportunity to sharpen my public speaking and social

skills. Saturday performances at the Farmers' Market challenged me to think on the spot and make quick decisions about how best to handle problems. All of these different aspects make me appreciative of this unique experience that I am sure will help me down the road.

After the internship, I will attend the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia. I plan to study fashion marketing and management. The goal for this field of study is to put me in the right environment to become a stylist at a magazine or luxury brand, which could lead to my traveling around the world as a brand ambassador.



Ka'Dia Dhatnubia hanging Artist on the Plaza posters she designed at Maid-Rite, a season sponsor

## Uptown Friday Night

Now in its 22nd year, Uptown Friday Night is the Arts Council's free performance series, taking place from 5:30 to 7:30 on Friday evenings. Join us at Robbie's Restaurant on Old State Capitol Plaza South and start the weekend with outstanding jazz and blues, excellent food and drinks, and great company – all while supporting the Springfield Area Arts Council.

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Closed
- 8 Lowder & Manning
- 15 Frankly Speaking
- 22 Michael Taylor Trio
- 29 Samba Llamas

## SAAC Mission

The Springfield Area Arts Council enriches the community by promoting and supporting all art forms and providing creative opportunities to participate in and enjoy the arts.