**Medina County Arts Council’s**

**ANNUAL FALL FUNDRAISER**

**MEDINA COUNTY VARIETY SHOW**

Putting the Spotlight on a Showcase of Medina County Talent

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Sunday, Nov. 8

**TWO SHOWS!**

2:00 & 7:00

Haddad Theater

Medina

Tickets : $10.

Featuring

**THE REALLY BIG SHOW**

Hosted by

GARY KISER and ANDREW KNODE of “Entertainment Pix”

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**ARE YOU A FAN?**

Variety shows of the 50s, 60s and 70s - from Milton Berle, to Dean Martin and Carol Burnett - combined comedy, sketches, music and banter that audiences of all ages loved and launched successful entertainment careers. Sit back and enjoy a couple of hours of fun as “Medina County Variety Show” provides that same format while supporting the Medina County Arts Council’s Annual Fundraiser. Proceeds from our fundraiser support arts programs in Medina County in many ways, including grants to county arts organizations.

Local Armstrong TV personalities and hosts, Andrew Knode and Gary Kiser, will take audience-goers on a fun ride, intertwining humorous sketches with home-grown comedy and musical talent. Fun for the entire family!

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GROWING OUR ENDOWMENT FUND

The time has come for MCAC to complete the goal we set in 2014 - to bring the total principal invested in our Endowment Fund to $20,000. We have purposely allowed interest income to be saved in the account to grow the fund, which is invested under the Akron Community Foundation. Then, in the future, we can tap into it yearly to help with our operating costs as they grow. We are currently at an amount about $18,250. We need to expand our services to our Medina County communities. Within the next few months of 2015, please consider giving a personal contribution to the Medina County Arts Council Endowment Fund. Since MCAC is a 501 (c) (3), your contribution should be tax deductible. Call 330-242-4452 to have a form mailed to you.

Many hands make light work!

Volunteers play a very important role for, and with, the Medina County Arts Council. There are many moving parts within our organization, and most don’t require any special talent or knowledge, just a little time and a willingness to help. Our volunteers are all busy people, fitting even small jobs into full work-family-community schedules. You can help in a number of ways since every little bit is much appreciated and needed.

If you love the arts as we do, have a few hours a month to spare for these important volunteer jobs, and want to learn more about volunteering with the Arts Council, please check out our website or contact us: medinacountyculturalarts@gmail.com

Brass Band Plans Exciting Fall Season

The Brass Band of the Western Reserve (BBWR) will open its third season in the Medina Performing Arts Center on October 10 with “Curtain Up!” The program will include arrangements of “Shenandoah” and “Glory, Glory, Hallelujah” as well as featuring some of the band’s talented soloists. The band’s music director, Dr. Keith M. Wilkinson, will be in England leading the William Davis Band in a special concert the week before this concert here, but he promises he has scheduled his flights so that he’s back in Ohio in good time for his appearance with BBWR at the Medina Concert! Additional concerts in Medina in 2015 are scheduled for Saturday, November 28, and Friday, December 18, 2015.

ARTS CALENDAR

**Two 2015 Grants Help Fund Arts Week Festival**

Arts Week programming this past July included programs in Medina, Brunswick, Sharon Center, and Mill Stream Park in Livermore Township. A $1,000 grant from the Medina County Community Fund of the Akron Community Foundation and a $922 “Arts Access Grant” from the Ohio Arts Council were awarded to the Medina County Arts Council to help support our lunchtime and evening programs and concerts in the annual Arts Week Festival celebration.

All the programs were free to the public and use of the parks from Monday through Friday was provided by arrangement with local park committees and governments. An organ concert was also held at St. Matthew’s Church in Medina on Saturday. The Arts Week Festival, supported and promoted for over 20 years by The Medina County Arts Council, focuses on leading up to Sunday’s Art-in-the-Park, the well-known event sponsored by The Medina County Art League on the third Sunday of every July.

**Let’s All Celebrate National Arts and Humanities Month - October 2015**

The Medina County Arts Council and its members and member organizations will once again join thousands of arts organizations, businesses and communities across the nation in celebrating National Arts and Humanities Month throughout October of 2015. National Arts and Humanities Month gives the public a chance to recognize the values the arts give to our daily life. Those values include not only personal enjoyment, but also cultural, educational, and civic engagement values. Please join the Arts Council in honoring the efforts of artists, historians, teachers, and cultural groups who are working to make the arts and humanities a part of everyone’s life. Plan something special in arts organizations you belong to and in your personal and family life.

**Grant Applications Due for 2016-2017**

Applications for next season’s 2016-2017 Medina County Arts Council grants must be received by February 28, 2016. Application forms and guidelines will be available by December 1, 2015, and may be printed out from the Website: www.medinacountyarts.org. All grants will be reviewed in March by a committee of trustees and voted on by the Board in April. Those submitting applications will be notified by May 15 if they have been awarded a grant. Guidelines for submitting applications are also posted on the website. The requesting nonprofit organization must have 501(c) status. Profits from any event or special project of the requesting organization must be used to promote the arts.

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**ARTS NEWSLETTER**

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Observations from the Ticket Table

Rain or shine, September’s annual “Walk with Spirits of the Past” event is eagerly anticipated and well attended! The Walk centers around six Medina County residents-of-the-past telling their true stories at various outdoor locations around our historic square for all to hear. This year’s fascinating and diverse stories included Civil War activists to the history of moving picture shows on the Square.

It’s always an adventure to walk the “Walk”; however a generous local church and library became home to the “Spirits” this year when unrelenting rain fell. Upbeat attendees brought high spirits, umbrellas and rain gear, while children happily jumped in puddles. Thank you to nearby St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran and the Medina County Library for providing shelter and comfort for Friday and Saturday attendees and performers. The Spirits also spoke to a well-attended audience at Miss Molly’s Tea Room on Sunday where a delicious Tea, complete with appetizers, finger sandwiches and dessert, was served.

See you next year – rain or shine! – Karen Poltrone

Organ Concert

July’s Arts Week Festival culminated with a well-attended organ concert at St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church on N. Broadway in Medina. There were musical gifts for everyone to enjoy.

Medina County organists (l to r) JoAnne Zurell, Christopher Eby, Barto Stamper, and Angela Vorosky each showcased their talent with many solemn selections from Foschini to Beethoven and settings by Paul Manz to multiple, energetic, toe-tapping pieces from composers such as Leroy Anderson and Zez Confrey.

Attendees stayed afterwards to meet the talented artists and share their thanks.

Children’s programs organized for Arts Week were also presented by artists and entertainers at lunchtime at the Gazebo on Medina Square, and in Brunswick at either the Library or the Rec Center. Presenters included: Michele Colmer, Kelley Lohr, Debbie Hercsek, Jane McGargee, Nolan Wiley, and Kelly Parks and the Medina Centre for Dance Art staff. These performances were designed to provide both entertainment and learning in the arts for children.
Outreach Activities

Since our summer newsletter, our Outreach has been at locations around the county, including the Medina County Fair where Arts Council information was readily available at the MCCVB booth.

On August 22, we were at the International Festival on the Medina Square. Council Trustees Linda Ingram, Ann Cole, Suzanne Swain, and Sue Becks greeted the public and distributed information about the Spirits of the Past history walk and the Arts Council’s upcoming fall fundraiser, as well as answering questions about the Arts Council and its programs. Look for us at future events around the county!

Children’s Art Classes

Two popular arts education programs for children returned this past summer. In July, the Medina County Arts Council presented “Drawing & Cartooning” at the Medina Library, taught by professional artist Jan Gill.

Also in July, Buckeye Community Theatre offered “Behind the Curtain: Special Effects in Theatre” at the Buckeye Elementary School.

According to committee chair Jill Morton, “The Arts Council has offered summer classes for years, giving children an opportunity to discover their creative side. The three-day “Drawing & Cartooning” class gave students the chance to learn cartooning as well as realistic drawing techniques. Buckeye Community Theatre’s week-long camp gave students a taste of how a theatre production crew works, and was taught by theatre director Amanda Clements Zisk.”

The classes were produced in cooperation with the Medina County District Library and the Buckeye Elementary School.

Summer Art Exhibits

This summer, the Arts Council sponsored two exhibits at the Medina Library’s Third Floor Gallery.

Beyond the Classroom: Visual Art Teachers of Medina County School displays the personal artwork of the professionals who develop the creativity of our local young artists. Participating teachers include Kelly Harrison (Willow Middle School), Ryan Kerns (Buckeye Local Schools), Kelly Porter-Santamaria (Buckeye Local Schools), and Patricia Wine (Highland High School).

A second exhibit featured the Black & White Photography of William Beuther, who shared photographs from his travels around the country and world.

Support the Arts in Medina County and BECOME AN ARTS COUNCIL MEMBER TODAY!

Membership is an important part of our success. We’re always working to make things happen for you!

Check type of Annual Membership/Contribution:

[ ] Individual, $20. [ ] Family, $30. [ ] Organization, $40.

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Enclosed is an extra contribution to be applied to the Medina County Arts Council Endowment Fund: $_____.

The Medina County Arts Council is fully recognized by the IRS as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, and contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law.

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: $_____

Enclosed is my check payable to Medina County Arts Council, Inc.

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The Medina County Arts Council has been growing and thriving for over 30 years. Join us and become part of an organization that shares your passion for art— and love for community.

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Holiday Pops Concert in Medina
SET FOR DECEMBER 12, 2015

Mike Sferro, President of the Medina County Arts Foundation, reports that “The organization has just solidified a date and signed a contract with the Akron Symphony Orchestra for our annual Holiday Pops Concert at the Medina Performing Arts Center.” The Concert will be Saturday, December 12, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are actually available now at the Akron Symphony Box Office by calling 330.535.8131. More information about the event will be available in coming weeks, but choice seats are able to be purchased now. They are $25 and $15, as in the past years.

DEC. 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13
Medina Co. Show Biz Co.
Snow Queen
Haddad Theater, (Co. Admin. Bldg.)
144 N. Broadway, Medina
Fri. & Sat.- 7:30 p.m., Sun.- 2 p.m.
Tickets: $12- Adults, $10- students & seniors

DEC. 6
Medina Chorus
Winter Concert
3:00 p.m.
Medina Presbyterian Church
5020 Burgundy Bay, Medina

DEC. 12
Medina County Arts Foundation
Holiday Pops Concert
7:30 p.m.
330-535-8131
Medina Performing Arts Center

DEC. 18
Brass Band of the Western Reserve
A Celebration of Christmas
7 p.m.
Medina Performing Arts Center
bbwesternreserve.org