

Holiday Pops Concert a Great Success

After more than a year of careful local planning and work with potential supporters, the Medina Performing Arts Center was the scene of the delightful Holiday Pops Concert of the Akron Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. On Saturday, December 17, 2011, the mainstage auditorium was filled with almost a sellout audience of patrons eager to enjoy the seasonal music under the direction of Guest Conductor **Carl Tupilow**. The Orchestra and Chorus were fully appreciative of performing in the beautiful facility. The Medina County Arts Foundation, under the leadership of **Jason Stevenson**, was the official sponsoring organization.

Serving on the Medina Holiday Pops Committee were **Linda Hoffman**, Akron Symphony Board Member and Medina resident, who served



as Chair of the Committee; **Phil Walz**, Akron Symphony Orchestra Executive Director; **Vicki Calvin**, PAC Manager; **Keith Holiday**, ASO

Musician and Arts Council member; **Michael Sferro**, PAC Production Manager; **Nancy Sprowls**, Medina County Arts Council Executive Director; and **Jason Stevenson**, Medina County Arts Foundation President.

Arts Council members serving as ushers were **Pat Chaloupek**, Chair; **Ken Chaloupek**, **Lois Flanders**, **Debbie Bock**, **Rick Bock**, **Kathy Becks**, **Carl Becks**, **Barb McGreer**, and **Mike Sprowls**. Additional ushers and reception staff were recruited from AAUW members.

Information about the possibility of another Pops Concert in 2012 is expected to be released soon.

Medina Ice Festival Scheduled for February 17-20

Matt Weiderhold and committees of Main Street Medina are working on plans for the annual Medina Ice Festival presented by Elegant Ice Creations. The festivities will take place on February 17 through February 20, around Public Square in downtown Medina. Free parking is available in many areas within a block of the Square.

Those four days promise to be filled with fun according to Weiderhold. "Olympic Gold Medalist and local resident, **Aaron Costic**, promises another year of surprising and awe-inspiring works of ice art. Kick the weekend off Friday night at 7 p.m. with the popular Fire & Ice Tower on the Square. Watch the tower of ice blocks grow higher and higher, only to be filled with a glow of hot fire."

Beginning Friday around 4 p.m. all sculptures will be in place for viewing (as long as the weather cooperates). Then carving activities by many artists, as well as special events will take place around the Square throughout the weekend. Judges will view the ice sculptures and awards in different categories will be given.

More information can be found by contacting Weiderhold by e-mail at: Info@mainstreetmedina.com

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President's Letter

Happy New Year to all the Friends of the Arts:

The Holiday Season and the many great Holiday programs are now behind us. The long winter months are here so we need to begin to think of all the Arts programs that will be coming up throughout the year. Mark your calendars carefully for the many different arts programs that you will be getting updates on shortly from both the Medina County Arts Council or from the individual arts organizations to which you belong.

These arts organizations need your support now more than in the past as state and national funding continues to be reduced. They need support in donations, ticket sales, and your time and expertise. Your time can be helping with show set up, tear down, assistance with fund raising programs, help with publicity, placing posters, or in other areas where the organizations need help.

Mark your calendars now for the Medina County Arts Council Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner on February 9, at the Coppertop Golf Course banquet room in Valley City. More specific information will be coming in the future about Medina County Arts Week scheduled for July 9 – 14 leading up to the Medina County Art League's Art-in-the Park on July 15, and the Medina County Spotlight Showcase, which will be November 16.

The February Annual Meeting and Dinner is also the time when the Medina County Arts Council elects its new board members and sets up committees for the next year. Are you interested in being more involved in the arts, working on MCAC sponsored programs, or the general planning of the Council? Then place your name in the hat to be a part of this great organization. The Board of Trustees currently meets monthly on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Dan Hostetler - MCAC President

Coming Soon!

Registration for Spring Art Class

Point, Click, Capture
Photography Class with Bill Beuther
for students in grades 3-6

Children are invited to discover the natural world with a digital camera in this photography class on May 12, at Wolfe Creek Environmental Center. The fee for the class is \$20. Students will learn to take better and more interesting photos using a digital camera. Instruction will include basic camera techniques, composition and individual guidance. Students must bring their own digital camera to class and know the basics of how to take a photo.

Following the regular class, we will offer an optional 30 minute post workshop on advanced techniques in nature photography and introduction to DSLR cameras. Register by May 4 by contacting The Medina County Arts Council at 330-725-6443 or download a registration form from www.medinacountyartscouncil.org.

Buckeye Community Youth Theatre Presents *Peter Pan*

Buckeye Community Youth Theatre is pleased to present *Peter Pan*, a musical play by David Barrett and based on the original story by J.M. Barrie. Over thirty children have been cast as actors, ranging from ages 6 to 18. The story is family friendly and the music is upbeat and fun, so it promises to be a production that the entire family will enjoy.

For more information go to www.buckeyecommunitytheatre.com or email or call **Sue Becks** at airbecks@msn.com or 330-725-7530. The show is directed by **Amanda Clements** and the music will be directed by **Alice Frawley**. The producer is **Sue Becks**. Show dates are: Saturday, March 24, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday March 25, at 2 p.m. The show will be produced in the Elementary School at 3180 Columbia Road, Medina.

Members of the crew include **Clare Borrelli, Howie Hall, Allen Redmon, Jack Kelm, Shawn Skeabeck, Jim Carrick, Norma Jesse, Kathy Elias, Krista Hartley, Caralyn Doerge** and more. This production is brought to you with the support of the Medina County Arts Council and the Buckeye Local School District. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and youth ages 3-13. Tickets will be available at both Medina Buehler's locations beginning February 27, or sold at the door. For groups of 20 or more call Sue Becks for a group rate.

Looking Ahead...

Looking ahead in the next year, be sure to take note that July 15, 2012, is the date set for the Medina County Art League's annual Art-in-the Park. This fine art show will be presented on Public Square in Medina, featuring 130 national artists working in mediums such as painting, photography, jewelry, wood, and much more. The event will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. - rain or shine. Admission and parking are free. Visit www.medi-naartleague.com or contact getinfo@medi-naartleague.com for information.



Medina County Arts Calendar

February

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

World Tour of Music

The Maidens Four
Broadway Hall, 144 N. Broadway,
Medina.
8 p.m. Call (330) 722-5502 for
information.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Medina County Arts Council
Awards Dinner and Annual Meeting
Coppertop in Valley City, Rt. 303
6:30 p.m. social hour. 7 p.m. din-
ner.

Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner Set for February 9

Medina County Arts Council members will celebrate our 29th anniversary at our Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner on Thursday evening, February 9. Honored at the dinner will be the recipients of our 2011 Awards for Service to the Arts. Receiving the Organizational Award will be **Brunswick Art Works**, and the Individual Award will be presented to **Jay Wardeska**, Brunswick High School music teacher.

The dinner will be held at the Coppertop Golf Club Restaurant in Valley City beginning with a social "hour" at 6:30 p.m. A cash bar will be available, followed by the dinner which will be served starting at 7 p.m. Following the dinner, there will be musical entertainment and a brief business meeting in which new trustees will be elected and the awards will be presented.

Brunswick Art Works will be recognized for the organization's development of arts activities and projects in Brunswick including monthly poetry readings and monthly "Meet the Artist" programs. Jay Wardeska will be recognized for his work with establishing The Brunswick Community Band, giving over 100 local musicians the opportunity to enjoy the art of performing. He has also worked to bring guest bands to perform in Brunswick.

During the meeting, **Dan Hostetler**, Arts Council President, will recognize our trustees and 2011 committees and give a report on the past year's activities as well as plans for the future. The Finance Committee will present the financial report, and trustees will be elected for the 2012 to 2014 term of office.

The Awards Dinner Committee members are **Judith Parish**, Chair; **Cindy Allman**, and **James Gilder**. The dinner is open to the public as well as Arts Council members, but advance reservations must be received by February 2, so they should be mailed by January 29. Reservations are \$26 per person. Call 330-725-6443 for information or to request that a reservation form be mailed to you.

Reservations are required.
Phone 330-725-6443 before Febru-
ary 2.

March

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

MARCH 16, 17, 18, 23, 24

Medina Show Biz Company presents
the musical

Children of Eden

Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.

Sundays at 2 p.m.

Broadway Hall, 144 N. Broadway,
Medina

Directed by Andrew Knode

MARCH 24 AND 25

Peter Pan

Buckeye Community Youth Theatre
presentation.

Buckeye Elementary School
3180 Columbia Road - School
Campus

Amanda Clements, Director

Call 330-725-7530 for information.

April

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Medina Community Band Concert
Sousa Style Concert
Medina High School, Middle Stage.
2 p.m.

Children of Eden set for Medina

Medina Show Biz will open their Spring musical on Friday March 16, on the stage in the Delorre and Lily Jean Haddad Theatre in Broadway Hall in Medina at 7:30 p.m. Shows will also be performed on Saturday, March 17, Friday, March 23, and Saturday, March 24 - all at 7:30 p.m. A Sunday afternoon show will begin at 2 p.m. Auditions have been held, the show has been cast, and rehearsals will soon be underway. **Andrew Knode** is the director. Tickets go on sale soon.

Children of Eden is loosely based on the Book of Genesis and tells the story from the Creation until right after the Flood. The show examines the age-old conflict between parents and children. Act I tells the story of Adam and Eve, Cain, and Abel, and Act II deals with Noah and the Flood. The book is by John Caird and the music and lyrics are by Stephen Schwartz.





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PROGRAMS IN THE ARTS

ORMACO plans *Hair* Party Bus, plus Celtic Sounds

ORMACO (Ohio Regional Music Arts and Cultural Outreach) celebrates the New Year with two upbeat events to cure the winter blues. Hop on the ever-popular Party Bus on January 29, at 11 a.m. at Buehler's River Styx and head to Cleveland's Playhouse Square to enjoy the National Touring Production of the 1960s musical, *Hair*. Enjoy a boxed meal, flowing wine and a trivia quiz en route. After the show, enjoy more wine, chocolates and other goodies as we return to Medina. Reserve now as seating is limited. Prices range from \$56 to \$76 and are all-inclusive.

The Maidens Four return to Medina's DeLorre and Lily Jean Haddad Broadway Hall Auditorium on February 4, at 8 p.m. as *The World Tour of Music* series continues. High action, pulse peddling Celtic music will ignite the state as these four sisters whirl into the Celtic and folk spheres. You are sure to be energized with this world-class musical experience. Tickets are \$18 and are available online at www.ormaco.org, at all Medina County Buehler's stores before the concert, or by calling 330-722-2541.

- Tom Sigel

Brunswick ACT Sets Dates for July Show

Brunswick Alumni Community Theatre has scheduled its summer production for July 20, 21, 27, and 28. It will be produced in the Brunswick High School PAC on the mainstage. According to **Ken Chamers**, ACT Secretary, their Board has not yet selected the show to be produced or scheduled auditions. Watch for announcements on their website at: www.brunswickact.org.

Looking for Singers !!

The Medina Chorus will begin rehearsals for its Spring Concert on Monday, February 6, and Monday evenings thereafter from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. All rehearsals will be held at the Medina Presbyterian Church, 5020 Burgundy Bay Road in Medina.

Signups will be 1/2 hour prior to the start of rehearsals through Monday, February 27. The Spring Concert is tentatively scheduled for Saturday May 5, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the same location.

The cost for music is \$40 per person, \$65 for a couple, and a maximum of \$80 for a family. No auditions are necessary. If you have any questions, you may contact **David Shepley**, Secretary at 330-225-8335, or **Kurt Sauer**, Director at 330-225-0049. You may also visit the Chorus website at www.medinachorus.com for more information.