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Proposals for Streetscape Mural Project for Bus Shelters due February 6

Artists are sought to enrich Ventura's cultural landscape by painting murals that will be exhibited in new bus shelters across town. The community-based public art project is open to Ventura County professional artists, community organizations, schools, and area residents and proposals are due February 6, 2012.



Phase One artwork by Michael Zelcer

"The Streetscape Mural Project Phase Two" will expand on the success of Phase One, completed in 2007, when Public Art Program installed twelve public murals created by the community in as many bus shelters," said Tobie Roach, Public Arts Projects Project Manager. The artwork will be enjoyed by the 3.2 million area riders who rely on public transportation each year and will help to discourage graffiti in these areas. Featuring environmentally friendly solar power lighting, map and information cases, and

NextBus wireless bus schedule displays, new bus shelters are located throughout the community in downtown, midtown, and westside.



Phase One artwork by Aaron Vroman Benner

Full RFP details are available **online** or contact Public Art Project Manager Tobie Roach at (805) 658-4759 or troach@cityofventura.net.

Call for Artists for Vita Art Center & Bell Arts Factory's "March"



The annual juried exhibition "March" focusing on the strength and achievements of women is once again soliciting submissions from area artists in January and February. Last year over 40 artists exhibited over three galleries.

Visit www.vitaartcenter.com for details.

Spring Arts, Specialty & Fitness Class Enrollment Starts January 9

Get creative and in shape, artistically and physically for the New Year!



Ventura's Barranca Vista "Imagination" Center (BVC) at 7050 E Ralston St, is offering hundreds of January through May sessions of over 80 different classes this spring for all ages with registration beginning January 9.

Over two dozen visual arts classes in painting, cartooning, ceramic jewelry making and calligraphy include a "Spotlight on a Masters Series" (Kandinsky, Matisse and Van Gough) for the very young (4-6 years). Dance classes include ballet, tap, hip hop, ballroom, belly, hula and line dancing from toddlers to adults. Besides guitar and ukulele



lessons, there are offerings in photography, theater and language arts (Chinese, Italian, Spanish, Japanese) including "How to write your life story."

Specialty and fitness classes focus on chess, sewing, Zumba, Pilates, Yoga, Tai Chi, NIA, Aikido and Quigong plus Kickboxing, Body Hoops, Chair Aerobics and even challenging agility classes for your dog! Professionals in their field teach all BVC classes. For more information and to enroll visit www.cityofventura.net/eRecreation or call 805.658.4726, or call the BVC at 805.654.7553.



Click here to receive City of Ventura e-newsletters of your choice including the bimonthly *State of the Arts* and *Volunteer Ventura!* or *My Ventura News* (quarterly) and *Achieving Our Vision* (biweekly).

Experience LIVE in HD Performances of Music, Opera, Ballet and Theater Performances at your local cinema

Click here to print out a flyer for dates, times and locations for the events below.

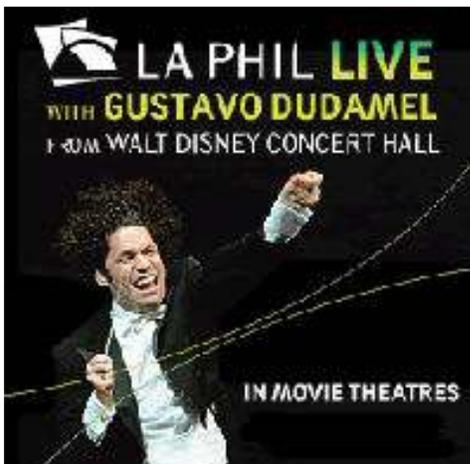
Cinemark Stadium

16-2875 Elba St, Ventura (Hwy 101 exit: Johnson Dr)

Description/tickets

Metropolitan Opera Live in HD series 2011-12
E-newsletter sign up

Other Live in HD music events at Cinemark:



LA Phil:
Dudamel conducts Mahler 8 Symphony of a Thousand:
Feb 18: 2 pm

The Goat Rodeo Sessions LIVE featuring Yo-Yo Ma:
Jan 31: TBA pm

Chemical Brothers LIVE: Feb 1: 7:30 pm

Kevin Smith "Jay & Silent Bob Get Old" Feb 2: 6:30 pm

LA Phil E-newsletter sign up



Roxy Stadium

11-5001 Verdugo Way, Camarillo
(Hwy 101 exit: Santa Rosa Rd)

Description/tickets
Click here for flyer (pdf)

Ballet & Opera in Cinema series 2012

E-newsletter sign up

**AMC Promenade**

16-21801 Oxnard St, Woodland Hills

(Hwy 101 exit: Topanga Cyn Blvd)

Description/tickets

National Theatre Live from London

Travelling Light: Feb 9: 7 pm

The Comedy of Errors: Mar 1: 7 pm

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Stoops to Conquer: Mar 29: 7 pm

National Theatre Live E-newsletter sign up

Artists Union Gallery Tuesday Poetry Series Jan-March

Poets and lovers of poetry are welcome to join host Friday Lubina to hear featured poets and participate during the open mic that follows each session of the "Tuesday Poetry Series" at 7:30 pm at the Artists Union Gallery, 330 S. California St.

- January 10 Steve Aguilar
- January 17 Andre Levi
- January 24 G Murray Thomas
- January 31 Sam Harley
- February 7 Linda Back McKay
- February 14 Cary Waterhouse
- February 21 Doris Vernon
- February 28 Bruce Schmidt
- March 6 Perie Longo
- March 13 Carol V Davis
- March 27 Joyce LaMer



Also at the Artists Union Gallery is the ever popular annual "The Erotic Reading" on February 25 at 7:30 pm with hosts Marsha de la O and Friday Lubina. Mark your calendars and visit www.venturaartistsunion.org/ for coming gallery events and readings. Email ptagga@aol.com to be added to Phil Taggart's monthly literary events distribution list for readings in Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties.

**Art Show by Kildee, Richardson and Brimer
at Fox Fine Jewelry January 17-March 19**



By Maggie Kildee

Maggie Kildee - mother, public school teacher, and former Chairman of the Board of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors - now shapes clay into expressionistic women "after spending her life shaping lives and county policies."

Steve Richardson grew up surfing and fishing in southern California, and this influence is apparent in his work. He also teaches art, with a focus on people with autism.



By Steve Richardson



By Rich Brimer

Rich Brimer also loves the ocean, its shorelines, and the power of its beauty. He enjoys painting his oils in 'plein air', and often adds more depth later in his studio.

Fox Fine Jewelry is located at 210 East Main Street, in Historic Downtown Ventura, across the street from the Mission. (805) 652-1800. Hours are Mondays-Thursdays, 10:30 am-6 pm, and Fridays and Saturdays 10:30 am - 8 pm. For information on the show, contact Debbie Fox at (805) 652-1800.

Government Center hosts FOTM "Celebrating Artists: An Intimate Look" January 20 - February 28

The Ventura County Arts Council presents ***Celebrating Artists: An Intimate Look - Focus on the Masters (FOTM) Portraits by Donna Granata*** at the Ventura County Government Center, Atrium Gallery in the Hall of Administration, 800 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura. This photographic exhibition - the largest exhibition ever mounted by one individual at the Ventura County Government Center - will span all three floors of the Hall of Administration and can be viewed from January 20 through February 28. The public is invited to attend an artist's reception Thursday, February 2, 5:30 to 7 pm as well as a free Lunchtime Gallery Walkabout with the artist anytime on Thursday, February 16, 11 am-1 pm. The walkabout will feature short inspiring stories of the artists documented as well as "behind the scenes" anecdotes highlighting the challenges and rewards of creating the portraits and documenting the lives of the artists.

Portrait of Virginia Kron
by Donna Granata

Donna Granata has been photographing artists who have lived or worked within Ventura County for the past two decades for her large-scale FOTM Portrait Series. The exhibit also includes rare objects from the FOTM archives demonstrating the importance of the FOTM Resource Library and the amount of in-depth documentation involved with each artist photographed. Founded by Granata in 1994, FOTM is a highly respected non-profit educational program documenting contemporary artists of our time. Many of the artists featured in the portrait exhibition are exhibiting in the J. Paul Getty Museum's extensive Southern California initiative Pacific Standard Time. These artists include Beatrice Wood, Otto Heino, John White, Connie Jenkins, Linda Vallejo, Jack Reilly, Wayne Healy, George Yepes and Roland Reiss among many others.

Additional sponsors are needed: visit www.FocusOnTheMasters.com or call 805.653.2501.
For exhibit information visit www.VenturaCountyArtsCouncil.org or call 805.658.2213.

Museum of Ventura County January-February Exhibits and Events

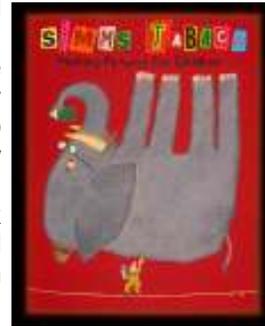


Reception for Spring Exhibits will be held on Saturday, February 25, 5-7 pm, General public \$5, Museum members free. RSVP: 805.653.0323 x 7. The Museum of Ventura County is located at 100 East Main Street in downtown Ventura. Hours are 11 am-5 pm Tuesday through Sunday. Admission is \$4 adults, \$3 seniors, \$1 children 6-17, members and children under 6 are free.

Visit: www.venturamuseum.org or call 805-653-0323.

Original Children's Book Illustrations by Simms Taback thru February 12 .

Step into the brightly colored world of children's book author, illustrator, and Caldecott Medal recipient during the retrospective "Simms Taback: Making Pictures For Children" through February 12, 2012. Taback books are acclaimed for their humorous asides and exquisite designs, inspired by outsider and naïve art. He illustrated "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly," adapting a familiar folk tale into a new kind of visual story by using die cuts to allow readers to see inside the old lady's stomach each time she swallowed animals of ever-growing size. Over the years, Taback has written and illustrated almost 50 books for children, and was selected twice for a New York Times Best Illustrated Book Award. Taback now lives in Ventura.



Animalia: Works by Albert Stewart, Modern Master

Animals were a recurring theme for Albert Stewart, one of America's foremost sculptors. Stewart's well known sculptures are on the Department of Labor building in Washington, D.C., and the Los Angeles County Courthouse, and can also be seen at our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church in Ventura. He headed the sculpture program at Scripps College for 25 years before his death in 1965. The works on exhibit in the museum's sculpture gallery are from the collection of his daughter, Patricia Jump of Ventura.

Expanding the Collection: Gifts from the Collectors Council

A selection of works purchased in the last three years with contributions from the museum's Collectors Council, including Art/Life magazines, as well as pieces by John Nava, Susan Petty, Michele Chapin, and Cheryl Ann Thomas.

George Stuart Historical Figures ®

One quarter life-size sculptural figures by artist and historian George Stuart illustrate the life and times various eras.

- Queen Victoria: Torn Between Independence & Etiquette - history's longest ruling female ruler, and Britain's longest reigning monarch. Through Feb 5.

- Renaissance and Reformation - the era's powerful men and women.
Feb 7- May 20



Music Before Columbus: The Collection of Luis Perez

In Sculpture Gallery: musical instruments created by Ventura artist and musician Luis Perez, inspired by Pre-Columbian cultures. February 25 - May 27



Thread of Life

The exhibition of Mexican textiles from Centro Textil Biidaüü in Tenochtitlan del Valle, Oaxaca also includes the work of Ventura County weaver Portirio Gutierrez. Feb 25 - May 27

Looking Back: 25 Years of Art Life Magazine

Meet Art/Life publisher Joe Cardella and artists who contributed over the years to his collectible magazine. Enjoy behind the scenes anecdotes and flip through specially selected issues. The Museum of Ventura County is the only museum in the United States with a complete set of this unique assemblage of artists' work. Free admission. Sat. Jan 28, 4-6 pm



Family Performance: Peter & the Wolf

Bring your children to enjoy this beloved tale about friendship and growing up, a wonderful way to introduce them to theater and classical music. Performed by The Pushcart Players, an award-winning theater and arts-in-education company from New York. Best for children 4 and up.

Saturday, February 4, 3 pm. General public: \$15 adults, \$10 children. Museum members: \$10 adults, \$5 children. Admission to all museum galleries included in ticket price. RSVP: 805.653.0323 x 7

Yiddish Theater: A Love Story

Enter the funny, larger-than-life world of Yiddish Theater through this documentary film about the woman who has kept the oldest running Yiddish Theater in America alive. Holocaust survivor Zypora Spaisman charms with her passion and dedication to art, life and Yiddish. Shot in real time during a critical week in which the theater faces a possible closure. Followed by Q & A with the filmmaker Ravit Markus. Thursday, February 9, 6:30 pm. General public: \$10. Museum members: \$5. RSVP: 805.653.0323 x 7



FREE Admission FAMILY DAYS:

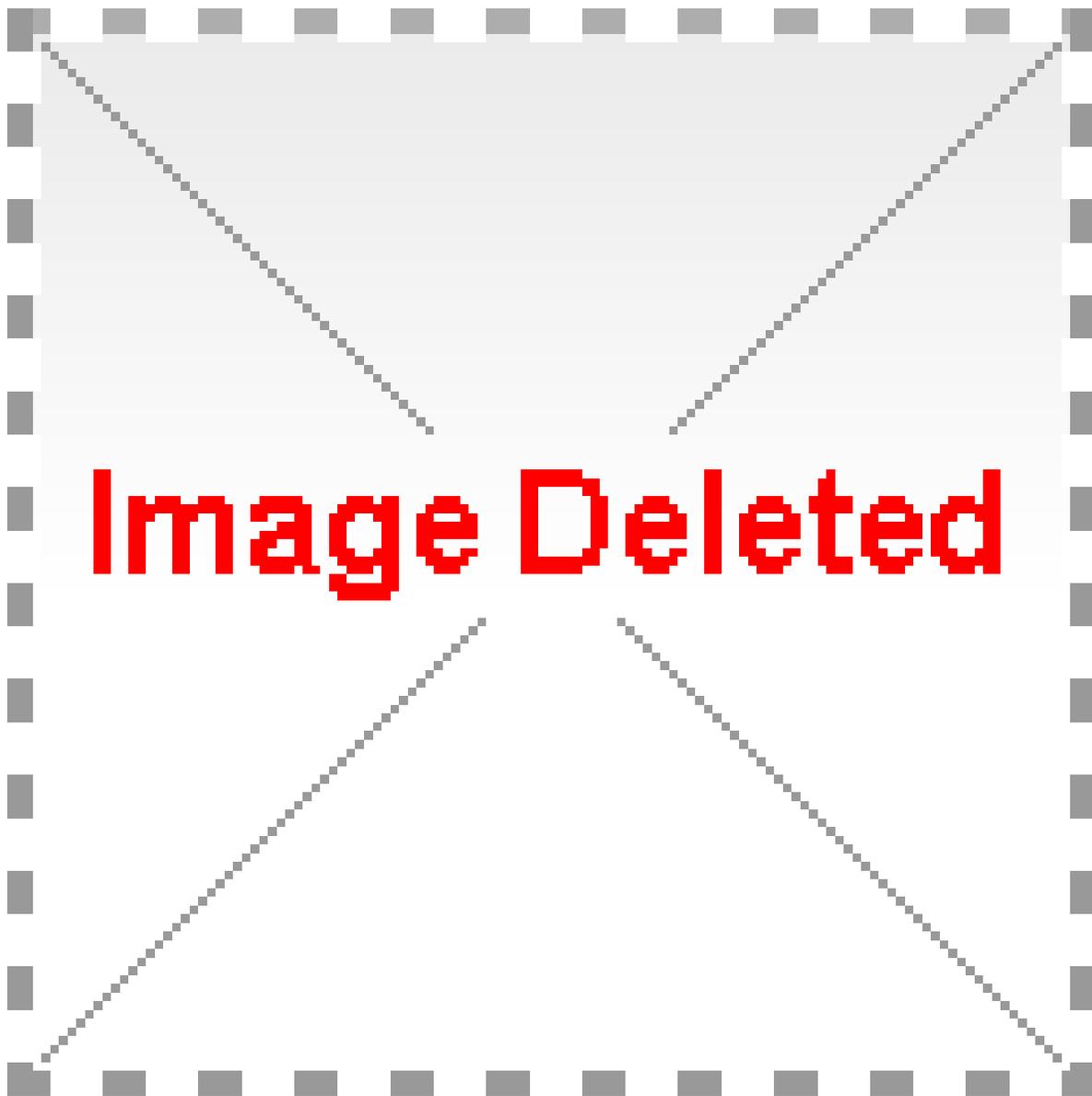
The third Sundays of the month:
January 15 & February 19 (museum hours are 11 am-5 pm).

Ventura Film Society Moves to 420 East Santa Clara Street for 2012

The opening night film of the VFS 2012 season will screen on Tuesday, February 7 at the Century Downtown Theaters. Our regularly scheduled screenings will take place on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7:15 pm, starting February 21 through December 4, 2012, at our new screening venue, VFS @ 420 EAST-420 E. Santa Clara at Oak Streets in Downtown Ventura. Please visit www.venturafilmsociety.com for the season 4 line up.



Ventura Music Week February 15-19



Visit www.venturamusicweek.com

**Give a Children's Celebration of the Arts
Classroom Workshop to Your School**

The City of Ventura Office of Cultural Affairs is proud to be celebrating twenty-one years of sponsoring the Children's Celebration of the Arts (CCA) program offered to elementary school classrooms from April 9 through June 1, 2012. Since its inception, CCA has reached approximately 107,000 elementary school students. During this exceptional educational outreach program, professional artists visit the classroom during the school day and conduct a variety of arts workshops highlighting the art forms of world cultures.

Workshops focus on cross-cultural experiences so that children become aware of and recognize the importance of the world's many rich and diverse indigenous cultures. New workshops this year



include Italian Mosaics and Totem Poles of the Pacific Northwest in addition to already stellar offerings. The program continues to grow in diversity and excellence, allowing the child to travel to Africa with a lesson on cave painting or the language of drums, learning how the intricate patterns of chiyogami paper mirror the Japanese kimono, understanding the sacredness of mandalas and medicine shields.

These first come first served workshops are \$40 for an hour to an hour and fifteen minutes. Parents, friends, family and anyone with an interest in keeping the arts in the classroom are encouraged to purchase a gift certificate for a child's classroom at the Barranca Vista Center Office, 7050 Ralston St., good for the 2012 session. Contact Kathryn Dippong Lawson at 654-7552 or email at kdippong@cityofventura.net. The gift of the arts has no season ~ it is a gift that lasts a lifetime.

Apply Now for Kids Swap Meet -- Saturday, May 12, 9 am-1 pm

New extended hours: 9 am to 1 pm

Kids are encouraged to clean out their closets of gently used, toys, books and games. It's a great place to shop for cared for second hand items. Get a **\$5 early bird discount** off the \$15 fee by applying **HERE** by March 1. Questions about the Swap meet can be directed to Kathryn Dippong-Lawson at 805-644-6542 or kdippong@cityofventura.net.

The Swap Meet "by kids for kids" begins the Family Festival in the Park on Saturday, May 12.



VENTURA MUSIC FESTIVAL NEWS

Spanish Harlem Orchestra performs February 18

Spanish Harlem Orchestra led by musical director Oscar Hernández performs its unique brand of New York Salsa for Ventura Music Festival's annual Latin Jazz Concert - held annually on Valentine's Day weekend - on Saturday, February 18, 8 pm, at Ventura High School Auditorium, 2 North Catalina Street. The orchestra brings a big sound to the festival's February jazz series that consistently presents the top artists in Latin music. For concert tickets or info call: 805.648.3146 or visit www.venturamusicfestival.org

18th Ventura Music Festival Lineup May 3-12

Ventura's ten day music festival is popular on the south coast for hosting an exciting variety of top classical and jazz artists each spring. 2012 marks the 18th year for the acclaimed local event, with this season's numerous concerts scheduled for early May.



The Festival Brass Quintet, a perennial favorite of festival audiences, starts the concert season with an afternoon of lively entertainment in Nona's Courtyard Café. The ambience of an authentic English High Tea and distinctive sounds of the Quintet make for an elegant and memorable experience. The two afternoon concerts bookend the concert series, but seating is limited, so order tickets early. Friday, May 4 & Friday, May 11 at 2 pm

Alexander Schimpf, winner of 2011's Cleveland Piano Competition is the featured pianist of the 2012 season. The Festival is known for bringing young stars of classical piano to Ventura and audiences have come to expect fantastic performances from these winners of the biggest international competitions. Mr. Schimpf, known for his "expressive power and passion", will be no exception. Saturday, May 5, 8 pm



Tiempo Libre & Alfredo Rodriguez Five years ago, Ventura Music Festival introduced an outdoor jazz show to the season. Tiempo Libre, a Cuban jazz sensation, visits Ventura for the first time this May. Opening the afternoon concert for the Grammy-nominated Tiempo Libre is exciting newcomer, Alfredo Rodriguez. Alfredo has been dazzling jazz audiences since he was discovered by Quincy Jones a few years ago. Ventura College Green is the perfect place to enjoy an outdoor performance; bring beach chairs and a few friends! Sunday, May 6, 2 pm

Emerson String Quartet has won nine Grammy® Awards, including two for Best Classical Album (an unprecedented honor for a chamber music group). Critically acclaimed for both touring and recording, the Quartet performs in the music capitals of the world, from Vienna to New York and London. Be sure to experience these internationally noted classical musicians on this rare visit to Ventura." Tuesday, May 8



Pablo Sáinz Villegas known as "the soul of the Spanish guitar" captured the Gold Medal at the inaugural Christopher Parkening International Guitar Competition (2006). This charismatic young artist has appeared as soloist with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, among others. Don't miss an evening with Mr. Villegas, an exciting newcomer who has already established himself as a leading classical guitarist. Friday, May 11

Nicole Cabell, extraordinary opera singer and native Venturan, returns to close the 2012 season with the Ventura Music Festival Orchestra. Nicole's debut solo album, "Soprano" was named "editor's Choice" by Gramophone Magazine. Ms. Cabell is an amazing vocalist, sure to touch hearts with another spectacular performance, here in Ventura where her story began. Saturday, May 12

Monica Furmanski & Misako Inaoka Receive Gerd Koch & Carole Milton Grants

On December 3, the Ventura County Arts Council hosted a celebration of the cultural richness of Ventura County at a reception to fete six finalists and announce the two winners of the Gerd Koch & Carole Milton Grants for Professional Visual Artists of Ventura County-Monica Furmanski and Misako Inaoka. Each winners received a check for \$3,000 funded by the sale of the artwork of Koch and Milton, plus some additional donations. Gerd Koch has been a driving force in VenturaCounty's



Left to right the finalists are:
Catherine Day Barroca, Monica Furmanski, Colin Fraser Gray,
Misako Inaoka, Julia Pinkham and Carol Henry. Grantees were
Monica Furmanski and Misako Inaoka.

visual arts community since moving here in the early 1950's. He was recently recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Ventura County Arts Council's Art Stars Awards celebration.

A distinguished panel of artists and arts professionals reviewed 52 applications to select six finalists: Catherine Day Barroca, Monica Furmanski, Colin Fraser Gray, Carol Henry, Misako Inaoka, and Julia Pinkham. The panel consisted of internationally recognized painters Gary Lang and Connie Jenkins, CSUN Professor Emeritus and internationally recognized artist Tom McMillin, and Visual Arts Coordinator/Curator of Collections, Santa Barbara County Arts Commission Rita Ferri.

In addition to recognizing two currently active professional artists, the grant program's mission is to celebrate the maturing of art and culture in Ventura County and to memorialize the contributions and impact of individuals who were early leaders in the Ventura County visual arts community. Among those recognized posthumously was Michele DePuy Leavitt, the first SCIART Exhibits Director, and Executive Director of the Regional Art Museum Task Force in east Ventura County at her passing in 2010. Also singled out for their ongoing contributions to the growth of the arts in our county were Handel Evans, CSUCI President Emeritus; Donna Granata, Founder of Focus on the Masters; Frank Schillo, President, Regional Art Museum Task Force; Patty Post, revered arts educator and artist; and arts philanthropists Peter and Lanie Cannon, major contributors to the Koch-Milton Grants Fund.

The Koch Milton Grant for Professional Visual Artists of Ventura County will be sending out another call for applications in 2012. For more information call the Ventura County Arts Council at (805) 658-2213 or info@venturacountyartscouncil.org.

4th of July Street Fair Applications Available Feb 1



Guidelines and applications for food vendors, arts & crafters, community group performers and commercial & non-profit organizations are available between February 1 until early April for the City of Ventura's 37th annual Fourth of July Street Fair by calling (805) 654-7749 or by downloading them at www.venturastreetfair.com.

USEFUL ARTS LINKS

Have ongoing events, an arts e-newsletter or website you'd like State of the Arts to list?

Email Georgeanne Lees at glees@cityofventura.net with your entries for future issues.

First Fridays

Each month on First Fridays, 5-9 pm, visual fine art spaces in downtown and midtown Ventura offer art, demonstrations and performances. www.s232036650.onlinehome.us



Rubicon Theatre

Playing soon: "Ted Neeley and His Little Big Band," January 21 - 29, 2012 plus subscribe to the new 2011-12 season at www.rubicontheatre.org

Poetry & Art at the Artists Union Gallery

Art exhibits and Tuesday/Saturday night poetry series at www.venturaartistsunion.org or send an email to ptagga@aol.com with a request to be put on the distribution e-list for Phil Taggart's periodic email calendar of poetry readings in Ventura, the county and beyond.



Get ArtSmart

Office of Cultural Affairs monthly video magazine on the arts. View schedule at www.capstv.org/schedules.htm and view shows at www.capstv.org

Bell Arts Factory

Gallery, studios and community room at 432 N. Ventura Ave. with youth arts, exhibits and calendar at www.bellartsfactory.com.



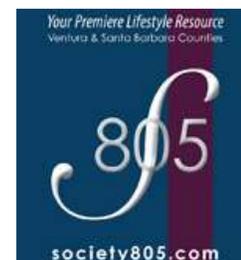
WAV/ Working Artists Ventura



State-of-the-art community at 175 S. Ventura Ave. offers affordable living and working space for 77 artists from 21 countries who are painters, sculptors, dancers, musicians, writers, actors and filmmakers with Theater/Gallery space for concerts, exhibits and special events. Studio guide (PDF), blog and calendar at www.wavartists.com.

Society805.com

The Society805.com online magazine launched an Arts & Culture section this fall featuring coverage and reviews of art and culture in Ventura and has developed a significant Los Angeles readership to choose what they want to see in Ventura. For more info contact www.Society805.com or (805) 641-1533 or EricReeL@society805.com



All American Ballet School & Company



Ballet teaching center for all ages and levels at 1932 Eastman Ave # 105, Ventura, is led by founder Clarissa Boeriu. For more info contact www.aaballet.org or (805) 650-6316

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