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October is National Arts and Humanities Month!

October 4, 2011- President Barack Obama has declared October National Arts and Humanities Month through Presidential Proclamation. Within the proclamation, President Obama states:

"Like Rockwell's painting, art in all its forms often challenges us to consider new perspectives and to rethink how we see the world. This image still moves us with its simple poignancy, capturing a moment in American history that changed us forever. This is the power of the arts and humanities - they speak to our condition

Dear Amy,

School is now in full swing, and things are hopping at the Tri-State Community School for the Arts. September was a very busy month. Teachers and staff have been making appearances at the Chamber of Commerce Expo, The Cumberland Kiwanis Club, Frostburg State University, The New Embassy Theatre, the Utica NY Music and Arts Festival, Bishop Walsh, and Windsor Hall. Classes have begun- we've got Fun with Paint, Meisner Mondays, Music Movers, and four different Rock School groups going on throughout the week.

October promises to be just as exciting. Students are preparing for All-State Chorus auditions, and *The Odd Couple* at the New Embassy Theatre. We've got two free workshops this month: *Make Your Own Story*, and *Portray a Princess*. We've also got the Square 1 Art fundraiser going on right now- whether you love to sing, act, write, or draw, we've got something this month for you!

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER! Although we are mid-semester, we can still get new students into classes or private lessons, so call (301) 876-1562 or visit www.tristatearts.com for more information!

Student Spotlight on...

Matthew Clark

I am proud to say that Matthew Clark has been a student of mine since he was about 5 years old. When I moved to Ohio, Matthew continued to study piano under the fantastic Mrs. Betty Hadidian, but came back to work with me about two years ago.

A sophomore at Mountain Ridge, Matthew is an honor student who receives mostly A's (although he did get two B's last year). A fantastic pianist, Matthew also plays saxophone in the school band and enjoys playing the guitar with instructor Jody Mosser. In addition to music, Matthew is also a wonderful artist- in the eighth grade, Matthew's portrait of a lion was chosen to be permanently displayed near the Mount

and affirm our desire for something more and something better.

Great works of literature, theater, dance, fine art, and music reach us through a universal language that unites us regardless of background, gender, race, or creed."

National Arts and Humanities Month (NAHM) is a coast-to-coast collective recognition of the importance of culture in America. It is designed to encourage all Americans to explore new facets of the arts and humanities in their lives, and to begin a lifelong habit of active participation in the arts and humanities.

For more information on how you can participate, visit: <http://www.artsusa.org/>

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Savage School office.

A student at Kick Master's Karate, Matthew is a second degree junior Black Belt. He's also involved in several sports at Mountain Ridge including: the JV Soccer team, the Bowling Team, and the Tennis Team. He also participates in the Envirathon and acts as a Peer Counselor. He loves reading, art, running, and the thrill of competition.



Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Meisner Monday students Matt Armentrout, Sue Schulton, and Mary Ann Taylor on their fabulous auditions for the New Embassy Theatre's production of *The Odd Couple*. All three were cast for the female version. Be sure to check them out this November!

Thank you!

Allegany Arts Council

For your support of our programming!

Since 1975, the Allegany Arts Council (AAC) has been the official "umbrella" organization for the arts in Allegany County. The Arts Council is headquartered in the heart of Downtown Cumberland at 9

N. Centre Street (just off the Baltimore Street pedestrian mall), and is one of several anchors in the City's vibrant Arts & Entertainment District. The office is staffed Monday through Friday from 9AM-5PM, and Saturdays from 11AM-4PM. Now through November 13, the Allegany Arts Council is also open on Sundays from 11AM-4PM.



At this same location, the Allegany Arts Council also maintains a professional exhibition space, The Saville Gallery, that features the artwork of local, regional and national artists. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9AM-5PM, and Saturdays from 11AM-4PM. From mid-May to mid-November, the Saville Gallery is also open on Sundays

from 11AM-4PM, and during most Friday After Five events. In addition to rotating art exhibits, the Saville Gallery is also the host site for the first Art-o-Mat® machine in the State of Maryland!

In FY'11, the Allegany Arts Council also awarded over \$32,000 in General Operating Grants and Special Project Grants to a wide range of non-profit organizations working throughout Allegany County. These grants

help to support general operating expenses and/or to assist grantees in developing and producing their own arts programming.

Programming sponsored by the Allegany Arts Council is made possible, in part, by a Community Arts Development Grant from the Maryland State Arts Council and the annual financial support of Allegany County, the City of Cumberland and the City of Frostburg. Membership dues and community philanthropy are also vital to our continued success. The Allegany Arts Council also appreciates the work done by Maryland Citizens for the Arts to advocate for continued State funding of the arts. Membership in the Allegany Arts Council is open to everyone--you don't have to be an artist to join! You don't even have to live in Allegany County! So, if you're not already a member, please follow [this link](#) to our Membership page to learn more about joining our organization. You're also welcome to download the current issue of The Arts Connection, our bi-monthly newsletter, to get a better sense for the vibrant and growing arts community here in Western Maryland. For questions or additional information about the Allegany Arts Council, please email arts@allconet.org, or call 301-777-ARTS (2787).

October Events

Remember- Symphony Saturdays- a hands-on opportunity for children in grades 1-5 to learn more about the instruments of classical music by working with professional musicians from the Maryland Symphony Orchestra- taking place at the Allegany Arts Council. For more information, or to register your child, call the Allegany Arts Council at: (301) 777-ARTS (2787)

Wednesday, October 12-



is the deadline to submit your artwork for the Square 1 Art fundraiser. Completed pieces will be shipped to Square 1 Art, and we will receive take home packets on October 28. This is a great opportunity for students to see their own designs on many great products. For more information, visit [Square 1 Art](#).

Saturday, October 15

10am-12 noon-

Make Your Own Story workshop

A free Make Your Own Story workshop will be held at the Tri-State Community School for the Arts, 115 Baltimore St.

The drop-in session will focus on storytelling for young students and includes opportunities for youngsters to verbally tell stories or tell a story through pictures as well as write a story down. Geared toward elementary school children up to age 16, the workshop will also be relevant for pre-kindergarten and pre-reading/writing students.

Story prompts, pencils, crayons, collage materials and other things to make a story will be available for children to create their own story. No registration is necessary. The workshop will be taught by the school's creative writing instructor, Tiffany A. Turbin Santos, who has years of experience in working with children of all ages in a variety of settings. Currently, she is studying poetry for a master of fine arts degree at Carlow University in Pittsburgh and has had work published in several undergraduate literary journals and the Backbone Mountain Review, a regional literary journal. She also teaches developmental writing at Potomac State College of West Virginia University. For more information, visit her website: www.cranberryjade.com.

Saturday, October 22

5pm-8pm-

Portray a Princess workshop with Shea-Mikal Green, and **Create Your Own Trick-or-Treat Bag** with Justine Clites.

Have you always wanted to be a princess just like Belle, Snow White, or Cinderella? Come play in this interactive and enchanting class focused on development, movement, and creative expression as your favorite princess! Dress up is encouraged- get your Halloween costumes ready!

Back by popular demand, Justine Clites will be on hand with bags, construction paper, colored pencils, crayons, markers, pipe cleaners, and other things to create your own trick-or-treat bag for Halloween.

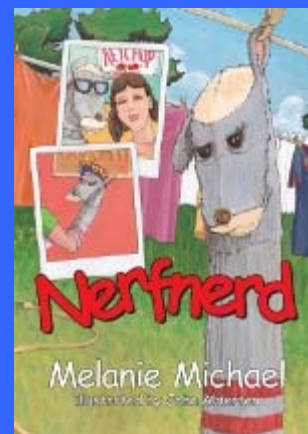
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Coming in November-

[Nerfnerd](#)

Join local children's author Melanie Michael for a FREE reading and sock-puppet workshop sponsored by Tri-State Community School for the Arts on November 05, 2011 from 11:00am until 12:30pm and held in the Community Room at the Allegany Arts Council, 9 N. Centre Street, Cumberland. The workshop is recommended for ages 14 and younger.

The workshop will feature a short reading by the author followed by a sock-puppet building workshop. All materials have been provided for by the School, the Arts Council, and the author. Melanie Michael is the author of *Nerfnerd*, a book about an insignificant, gray mouse sock-puppet who believes he leads a decidedly pitiful life. But when he's tossed into the clothes hamper to remove a rather large ketchup stain, he finds his life is far from pitiful and is considerably richer than the other characters' he encounters. The author lives in Cumberland with her daughter, Millena, and two poodles, Butters and Margarine. She has been writing children's books and poems since she was a child. She also enjoys singing, playing with her daughter and cottage gardening.



The Tri-State Community School for the Arts is a not-for-profit school offering a variety of classes and lessons in all mediums and for all ages taught by professional artists. Scholarships are available on a need-basis. For more information, or to register, visit us online at www.tristatearts.com or call: (301) 876-1562. Tri-State Community School for the Arts: Nurturing the creative spirit in our community.

Muralists in the Making with Rebekah Tuthill Taylor- 5 sessions beginning November 5th and meeting on Saturdays 3:00-5:00pm

For kids grade 6-12. Learn to paint as a team and transform a plain white wall into a brilliant work of art! Students will create a mural for a large wall inside the Tri-State Community School for the Arts. We will study the process from start to finish: creating a design, transferring the design to the wall, lay-in, and detail brushwork. Students will submit their ideas for the mural and a winning design will be chosen by vote.

New Website!

If you went looking for our website a couple of weeks ago, you might have noticed that it was down for a few days. We've recently switched hosts in order to upgrade our site. Our [event page](#) has changed to an interactive blog, and our newsletter program has also changed to a more streamlined look.

We are still updating the current teacher list, and the Community Partnership page- these should be completed before the end of October, so please keep checking back.

A HUGE thank you to Mary Patton at [Nuovo Fatali Design](#) for her beautiful work!

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