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Cornstock Brings Household Objects to Life



Cornstock Theatre presents Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* July 11-19 at 7:30 p.m. Based on the Academy Award winning animated feature, the stage version includes all of the wonderful songs from the film, plus new songs written especially for the Broadway stage. The story revolves around a prince who must learn to love and be loved in order to break the spell that has transformed him into a beast and his staff into household items.

Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$12 for students 18 and younger. For more information, call 676-2196 or visit www.cornstocktheatre.com.

ArtsPartners Serving the Arts!

- Planning for the 2009 *One State Together In The Arts* Conference has begun. To ensure a fabulous time is had by all attendees, ArtsPartners is looking for volunteers to serve on one of three major committees: **onsite** - to ensure attendees have an all-around pleasant experience at the Hotel Pere Marquette, the conference site; **near site** - to ensure attendees enjoy plenty of arts events, exhibits and cultural activities within walking distance; and **off site** - to ensure attendees discover our cultural amenities during their free time. To volunteer,

email us at admin@artspartners.net or call us at 676.2787.



Planning sessions for the 2009 *One State Together In the Arts* conference have begun. Shown here are three statewide committee members **Jennifer Armstrong, Alex Shapiro and Camille Wilson White.**

- ArtsPartners has organized four sessions of arts education classes at Bradley University's Institute for Learning in Retirement for the fall. Arts representatives from 8 different arts groups will present ½ hour sessions that educate about upcoming performances, volunteer opportunities, and organizational initiatives.

• Last month ArtsPartners held a roundtable discussion for members of the arts community to discuss their interest in a community arts center. Arts representatives talked about how they could use such a facility for rehearsal space, arts performances and artist studios.



ArtsPartners hosted a roundtable discussion at the Contemporary Art Center on June 3 to discuss the arts community's growing need rehearsal/performing space and art studios.

- ArtsPartners will hold a roundtable discussion on **Tuesday, August 5 from 3 - 4:15 PM** at the Contemporary Art Center. **Karen Gast**, Director of K2 Benefits, will talk about group arts insurance. Artists or arts reps interested in attending this seminar can call 676.2787 or email admin@artspartners.net.

ArtsPartners promotes the arts as vital to Central Illinois' economic and cultural development

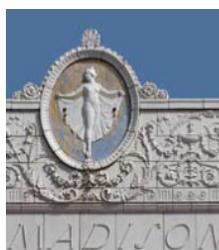
Oral History Project to Visit Peoria

After more than two years of placing requests, Peoria has been selected as a 2008 location for the traveling StoryCorps project.



Founded in 2003, StoryCorps is one of the largest oral history projects of its kind. From September 25th through October 18th, a StoryCorps "MobileBooth" will be stationed in Peoria, with the exact location to be announced. At its MobileBooth, conversations between two people are recorded on a free CD to take home and share. Stories are preserved at the Library of Congress. WCBU is the local sponsoring National Public Radio affiliate station. For more information on StoryCorps, visit www.StoryCorps.net.

New Public Architecture Catalog



ArtsPartners is proud to present our new public architecture catalog, *The Art of Structure, An Architectural Tour of Downtown Peoria*, authored by local historian Dr. Peter Couri. The colorful 50-page booklet was printed by Numero Publishing and is intended to serve as a complementary piece to our public art catalog, *In Plain Sight*. The catalog contains interesting tidbits on

local structures and fantastic photographs by Doug Leunig. The free catalog may be picked up at the ArtsPartners office, Lakeview Museum, Illinois Antique Center, the Riverfront Visitors Center, Peoria City Hall, the Peoria Park District Pavilion, Contemporary Art Center, Illinois Central College Performing Arts Center and the Shoppes at Grande Prairie, to name a few. It can also be downloaded and printed by visiting our website at www.artspartners.net.

Nominees Sought for Advocacy Award

ArtsPartners of Central Illinois, Inc. is now accepting nominations for the 2008 ArtsPartner of the Year Award. Individuals and organizations will be considered for the award based on their outstanding efforts in the areas of advocacy, education, professional service, volunteer service, or funding of the arts. Three letters of support are required with each submission. Nominations must be received by August 29, 2008 to be considered for the award.

For a more complete listing of local arts events, please click on Event Calendar on the ArtsPartners website at www.artspartners.net