Arts & Culture Commission

Staff Report

May Report 2022

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Welcome Marc-Anthony Macon

A native of rural Ohio, Marc-Anthony Macon earned a Rhetoric/Theatrical writing degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and studied Musical Theatre at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. Macon is the author of eighteen stage plays, and a collection of short absurdist dramatic pieces, *Under the Oyster Bar.* He has written, workshopped, moderated, and consulted for a number of media outlets and companies, including Frontiers Magazine, P[r]etty Queer, MTV Networks, Nickelodeon & Teen Nick, The-N, Noggin, and Baby First TV. He has studied traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony for nearly a decade under Professor Emeritus Kimiko Gunji, and studies Shodo calligraphy under Professor Emeritus Shozo Sato, with whom he is currently editing two books on Zen philosophy and aesthetics. His art work has been exhibited domestically and abroad in such venues as Café Brut (2016), Art Museum Versi (Selling Fast, 2017 & Who Is the Outsider, 2020-2021), and Art Space Brut (Danger and Humor, 2018). An outspoken advocate for outsiders, misfits, the underserved and marginalized, Macon endeavors to celebrate and empower what makes each of us unique.

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Attention Urbana Teens!
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CITY OF URBANA

THE CITY OF URBANA IS NOW HIRING A PART-TIME:

Program Specialist

URBANA ARTS AND CULTURE

We're hiring! The City of Urbana is hiring a part-time Program Specialist who will assist the Arts and Culture Coordinator with the administration and coordination of the Urbana Arts and Culture Program!

For more information and to submit an application, visit: https://www.urbanaillinois.us/jobs

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Illinois ARTS council
AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

- $4,500 award for Summer 2022
- Will fund up to three high school student or recent graduates
- Priority will go to a USD #116 student; open to Champaign County
- Students will assist with marketing, event planning and management, research projects, and ongoing initiatives

ARTS GRANTS

Urbana Arts Grants support local artists and creative projects. We fund festivals, exhibits, productions, and projects spanning visual art, music, performance, environmental arts, poetry/spoken word, dance, and new media.

VIRTUAL
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SNEAK PEEK
With Musical Performances
Courtesy of RBTV Media
A celebration of 2022 Urbana Arts Grants Awardees and a sneak peek of what's to come for our Urbana arts & culture scene.
Tune in at Urbana Arts and Culture's Facebook (@urbanapublicarts) / Fri. March 11th, 2022 5pm-6:30pm
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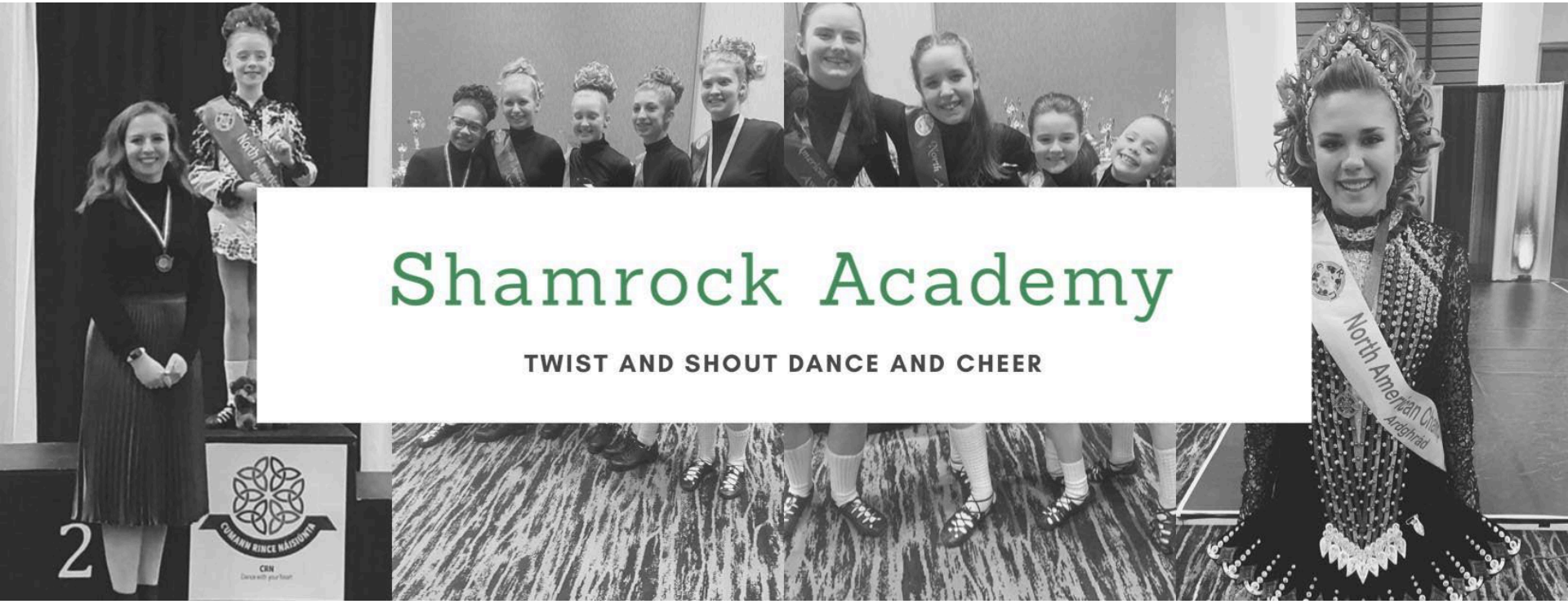

Shamrock Academy

TWIST AND SHOUT DANCE AND CHEER

20th

BONEYARD ARTS FESTIVAL

BONEYARD INFO NIGHT

MARCH 4TH | 5:30-7:30PM

PARK
40NORTH
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL
BONEYARD
ARTS FESTIVAL
APRIL 1-3, 2022
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URBANA POETRY WALK

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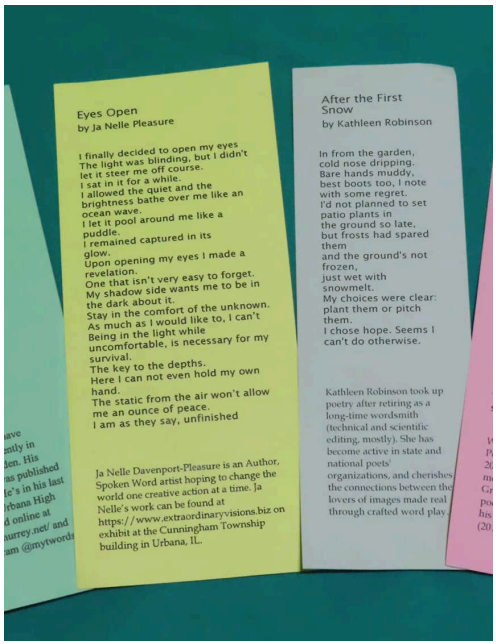
40 NORTH | CHAMPAIGN COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL
BONEYARD arts festival


Eyes Open
by Ja Nelle Pleasure

I finally decided to open my eyes
The light was blinding, but I didn't
let it steer me off course.
I sat in it for a while.
I allowed the quiet and the
brightness bathe over me like an
ocean wave.
I let it pool around me like a
puddle.
I remained captured in its
glow.
Upon opening my eyes I made a
revelation.
One that isn't very easy to forget.
My shadow side wants me to be in
the dark about it.
Stay in the comfort of the unknown.
As much as I would like to, I can't
Being in the light while
uncomfortable, is necessary for my
survival.
The key to the depths.
Here I can not even hold my own
hand.
The static from the air won't allow
me an ounce of peace.
I am as they say, unfinished

Ja Nelle Davenport-Pleasure is an Author, Spoken Word artist hoping to change the world one creative action at a time. Ja Nelle's work can be found at https://www.extraordinaryvisions.biz on exhibit at the Cunningham Township building in Urbana, IL.

After the First Snow
by Kathleen Robinson

In from the garden,
cold nose dripping.
Bare hands muddy,
best boots too, I note
with some regret.
I'd not planned to set
patio plants in
the ground so late,
but frosts had spared
them
and the ground's not
frozen,
just wet with
snowmelt.
My choices were clear:
plant them or pitch
them.
I chose hope. Seems I
can't do otherwise.

Kathleen Robinson took up poetry after retiring as a long-time wordsmith (technical and scientific editing, mostly). She has become active in state and national poets' organizations, and cherishes the connections between the lovers of images made real through crafted word play

ROSE BOWL

URBANA, ILLINOIS

After Market@The Rose Bowl Tavern

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH

AFTER ENJOYING SATURDAY MORNING
HEAD OVER TO THE ROSE BOWL TAVERN

Paint & Plant

A Maternal Mental Health Event

Sponsored in part by an Urbana Arts and Culture Grant

Hosted by:

BIPOC for Better Birth

a 501(c)3 non-profit fiscally sponsored by the UC Independent Media center

&

Urbana Park District

May is Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month.

Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) for Better Birth and the **Urbana Park District** would like to honor this time by offering BIPOC people in postpartum a space to reflect on their mental health through sharing stories and creating art with others.

Join us in painting flowerpots, planting seeds, and holding space for everyone to share their stories.

Scan to Register!

When: Sunday, May 1st between 2:00-5:00 PM

Where: Phillips Recreation Center
505 W Stoughton St.
Urbana, IL 61801

This event is cosponsored by the Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center.
The UCIMC is supported in part by the Illinois Arts Council.

Registration can also be found at https://www.ucimc.org/bipocforbetterbirth

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

TRANSCENDING THE DISTANCE THROUGH ART: A COMMUNITY EXHIBIT

Champaign County Bailout Coalition is accepting submissions of paintings, drawings, doodles, poetry, cards, or sculptures that were exchanged between those incarcerated and their families throughout the pandemic.

Accepted submissions will be compensated.

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Please fill out our submissions form bit.ly/CCBCART

BONEYARD
CREEK CROSSING
RACE & GRIGGS STS.

BONEYARD
ARTS FESTIVAL
SAT.APRIL 2/4PM-7PM

URBANA culture fest

LIVE MUSIC / ART / COMMUNITY
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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BONEYARD
CREEK CROSSING
COIN DE RACE ET DE GRIGGS DANS URBANA

BONEYARD ARTS FESTIVAL
SAM. 2 AVRIL, 16H-19H
SI PLUIE : IMC- 202 S. BROADWAY

URBANA fête de la culture

MUSIQUE LIVE / ART / FOOD TRUCKS
MUSIQUE PAR DJ SLIM, LOS TEXANO'Z, BLOCO GAVIÃO, & MHONDORO RHYTHM SUCCESS - GRATUIT ET OUVERT AU PUBLIC

BONEYARD CREEK
CROSSING ENTRE LAS
CALLES RACE Y GRIGGS.
URBANA CENTRO

BONEYARD ARTS FESTIVAL
SÁB.ABRIL 4PM-7PM
*EN CASO DE LLUVIA
IMC 202 S. BROADWAY

URBANA fiesta de la cultura

MÚSICA EN VIVO / ARTE / CAMIONES DE COMIDA
MUSICA POR DJ SLIM, LOS TEXANO'Z, BLOCO GAVIÃO, & MHONDORO RHYTHM SUCCESS - GRATIS Y ABIERTO AL PÚBLICO

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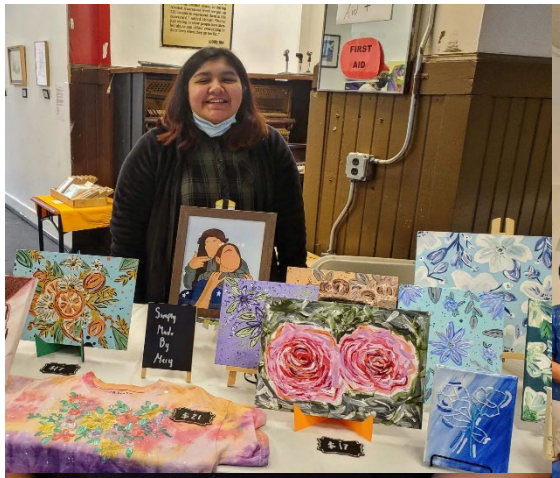
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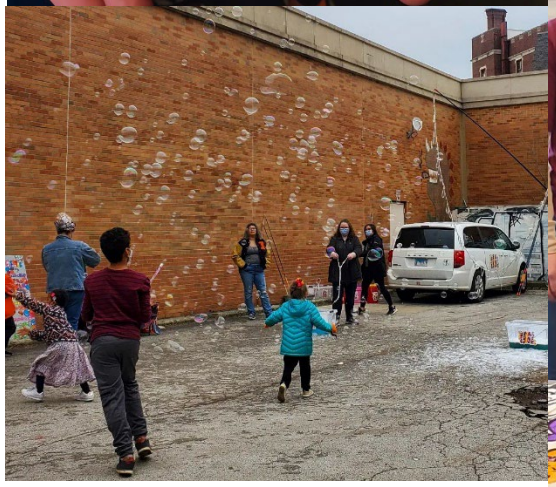
EXIT
BLOCO GAVIÃO

WELCOME
NEW AMERICAN WELCOME CENTER
AT THE YMCA OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

DESIGN A BONE!
boneyardarts2022.nikyreynolds.com



a boneyard meet the artist

carol alison

presents **ramble.on.**

A Solo Exhibition

The Urbana Free Library
210 W. Green St. Urbana, IL 61801
Saturday, April 2nd 10am-11am

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Artist of the Corridor is sponsored by UAC and The Urbana Free Library

i like art
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a boneyard meet the artists

Jason Mack & DREAAM

present **DREAAM Big!: A Glass Art Exhibition**

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Saturday, April 2nd 10am-11am

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BONEYARD arts festival

URBANA YOUTH POET LAUREATE

AN INAUGURATION CELEBRATION

CITY OF URBANA YOUTH POET LAUREATE, DANYLA NASH

FRI. MAR. 25 - 7PM-8:30PM, LINCOLN SQUARE MALL

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Inscribing Memory
A SOLO EXHIBITION
TAMAR SEGEV
A BONEYARD ARTS FESTIVAL EXHIBIT
ON DISPLAY
APRIL 2022
CITY OF URBANA - MAIN LOBBY
400 S. VINE ST. URBANA
CITY OF URBANA

Community Painting of the

READING IS MAGIC MURAL

THE URBANA FREE LIBRARY,
URBANA ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAM,
& CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE
READING IS MAGIC MURAL
BY LANGSTON ALLSTON
UNVEILING CELEBRATION
SPONSORED IN PART BY AN URBANA ARTS AND CULTURE GRANT
FRI. APR. 22. 2022 | 11:30AM
CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP
205 E. GREEN ST. URBANA
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THE URBANA FREE LIBRARY
PAID FOR BY THE URBANA ART & CULTURE GRANT & THE URBANA FREE

2022

ART PROJECT

ENACTING HOPE AND TOGETHERNESS

Leal Elementary School

MURAL OPENING

May 7 - 3 pm

312 West Oregon Street
Urbana, IL 61801

Project Leading Artist Patricia Leon Q.

URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116

Illinois Global Institute
Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

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congrats!

QUIET MEND 3

2022 SELECTED UTILITY BOX MURAL

Unveiling and Celebration

Thurs. May 12th at 4pm

AT THE LAKE HOUSE AT CRYSTAL LAKE PARK

SELECTED ARTIST

LISA KESLER

Quiet Mend 3 is now displayed on a utility box at the Lake House at Crystal Lake Park in Urbana!

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IMAGE CREDIT: Portrait provided by the artist.

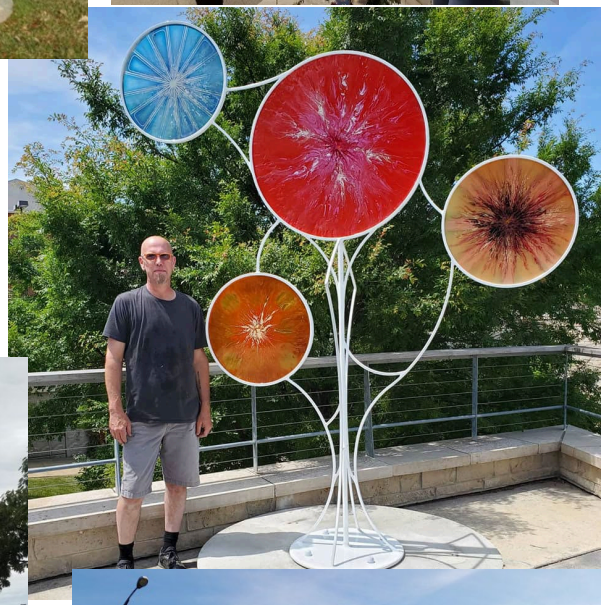
Forthcoming Murals and Public Art
May-July 2022

- Lisa Kesler - 25 O'Clock Brewing Company
- Rafael Blanco – Urbana Adult Education Center
- EKAH – Broadway Food Hall
- Christopher Morris – Utility Box Mural
- Kinsey Fitzgerald – Rose Bowl Tavern

Improvements/Sculpture Renewals

- Peek Between the Trees by
- Ice Pops by Craig Gray
- Races by Bobby Joe Scribner
- What Is the Good? By Greg Stallmeyer

Additionally: Disability-Aware Cities and AARP (applied)



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ROB SCHWIMMER

INTERACTIVE THEREMIN PERFORMANCE

FRI. APRIL 29. - 5:30PM-6:30PM | URBANA-CHAMPAIGN INDEPENDENT MEDIA CENTER - 202 S. BROADWAY AVE. URBANA, IL

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL AGENCY

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NO ADMISSION FEE

HAKEN
continuum

young artist's studio

POEMS ACROSS URBANA

LED BY Ja Nelle Davenport-Pleasure

For children ages 5 to 11 (7 and under with a caregiver)

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ARTrepreneurship:
Making the Cut
• Anna Gutsch
• Mariah Madison
• Rachel Lauren Storm
• Kelly White

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