

AREA ARTS UPDATE

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FRONT RANGE CULTURAL FAIR

The first ever Front Range Cultural Fair was held on the campus of Front Range Community College June 22-24th, 2007. It was an exciting weekend of art and music in spite of Friday night's high winds and extreme heat throughout the weekend.

There were 38 artist booths plus a large tent of high school and college student artwork. Exhibitors included art, jewelry, pottery as well as workshops and community information booths.

Music performances were ongoing throughout the weekend. Highlights were a "kick-off" concert on Friday night with Southern Exposure—Colorado's own premier bluegrass band. Satur-

day afternoon Tobatana brought the marimba sounds of African rhythms to the stage.

Saturday night featured FACE—an a cappella vocal rock band. Many thanks to NMAA Board member Kevin Garry for arranging all of the musicians that entertained that weekend. Kevin is the head of the music department at FRCC.

The Front Range Cultural Arts Fair was a collaborative effort with Front Range Community College, the North Metro Arts Alliance and the Paletteers Art Club. Partial funding for the event was provided by a grant from the Scientific Cultural Facilities District (S.C.F.D.). It



Southern Exposure performs Friday night at the Front Range Cultural Fair.

is hoped that the Fair will become an annual event. Plans for 2008 are already forming. If you would like to become involved in planning next year's event please contact the NMAA office at 303-429-1999. It is a great opportunity to become involved in the art community.

PREMIER CONCERT SEASON TO KICK-OFF WITH INTERNATIONAL GUITAR FESTIVAL

SAVE THE DATE—
Saturday, October 13th at 7:00 pm!

Our 2007—2008 Premier Concert series begins with four (4) featured guitarists and music ranging from Classical to Pop, from Jazz to

Latin and Flamenco to Brazilian. Featuring artists Daniel Ward, Francisco Marquez and the Ginga Trio as well as Wendy Woo and international re-knownn Jeff Linsky. The evening promises to be one you won't want to miss.

Francisco Marquez—born in Sao Paulo, Brazil, but spent much of his youth in Maryland. Along w/guitar, Francisco plays cavaquinho, pandeiro & other Brazilian percussion instruments. He plays regularly with Ginga Trio as well as (cont. pg 2)

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Visit Our Website nmarts.net for more info on:

- Free Concerts in City Parks in the Summer
- Art Collection displayed throughout City & Community Buildings
- School Grants for Cultural Assemblies
- Free Concerts at the MAC once a month
- An Evening Concert Series from Oct.—Apr.

2007 COLORADO VISIONS FINE ART EXHIBIT

The North Metro Arts Alliance was proud to present the 10th Annual Colorado Visions Fine Art Exhibit at Westminster City Hall from April 2nd to May 18th, 2007. This year's exhibit was judged and juried by Colorado Artist, Mark Silvers.

100 pieces of original artwork were exhibited. A gala reception was held on April 5th. After a welcome by city council member, Chris Dittman—awards were presented by NMAA President Becky Silver. Award winners were:

Honorable Mention:

- "Fancy Feast" - Mark Jacobs
- "Honest Illusion" - Sharon Whitehurst
- "The Dressing Room" - Elizabeth Line
- "Streamside" - Caryl Murchison

Merit Awards:

- "Shoenberg Silos" - Gene Youngmann
- "Daisy Blues" - Letitia Hess
- "Monarch with Apple Blossoms" - Margaret Hodd

Judges Award:

"Bedazzled" - Betty Grace Gibson

Best of Show:

"Malaga Bus Stop" - La Donna Urban



"Shoenberg Silos" watercolor by Gene Youngmann

This year, NMAA was able to purchase 5 paintings from the exhibit to add to our public art collection. We gratefully thank the SCFD for the grant that made this possible. (see story on pg. 3).

This year's purchased art works are:

- "Venetian Memory" - Bill Taber
- "Fantasy on an Evening Primrose" - Nancy Myer
- "Yesterday's Truck" - Lillian Montoya
- "Paciencia" - Marie Huggins
- "Layers of Transitions" - Betty Grace Gibson

A highlight of the show was the watercolors of historic Westminster buildings by Westminster artist Gene Youngmann. The City of Westminster was able to purchase two of Gene's paintings. They will be part of the Cities collection to help preserve memories of our historic sites.

NMAA PUBLIC ART COLLECTION

Ten years ago the NMAA (at the time known as the Westminster Community Artist Series) began purchasing art work for display in public buildings. This was the beginning of the NMAA Public Art Collection. The collection now contains 70 original paintings. These pieces of art are on display in public buildings in Adams County, the

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City of Westminster, Hyland Hills Park & Recreation Centers and the City of Federal Heights. A few of the specific locations where you see these paintings are the College Hill Library, the City of Westminster Recreation Centers and the Adams County Justice Center. Next time you happen to be in one of

these buildings, look around. Our pictures are identified by a donation plaque mounted on the frame of the artwork. If you know of a public building where you would like to see art work placed, please contact us at (303) 429-1999. We have several pieces not currently on display—and we try to rotate our pieces in order to give everyone a chance to see something different at each visit.

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several other Brazilian ensembles such as Kid Akimbo, Samba Song, and Beco do Choro.

Wendy Woo returns to NMAA's Guitar Fest. Woo displays a blend of soul, vibrancy and wild child attitude. Her energetic personality, musical skills and songwriting have made her a media and fan favorite.

Daniel Ward holds a performance degree in classical guitar and is trained in

Jazz, Flamenco and most world music. For over 20 years, he has performed Jazz and all types of Pop music.

With his masterful technique, endless repertoire and a remarkable gift for improvisation, internationally acclaimed guitarist Jeff Linsky has been sharing his beautiful music with audiences around the world for over three decades. He has performed for everyone from the U.S. President & the Dalai Lama.



2007—2008 PREMIER CONCERT SERIES

October 13th, 7:00 pm (Saturday)

Pinnacle Event Center 1001 W 84th Ave

International Guitar Festival—Featuring Jeff Linsky, Daniel Ward, Francisco Marquez & the Ginga Trio and Wendy Woo. (see article on pgs 1 & 2)

December 1st 7:00 pm (Saturday)

Pinnacle Event Center 1001 W 84th Ave

Colorado Children's Chorale—once again helps bring in the Spirit of the Season with their annual Christmas Concert. For three decades the Colorado Children's Chorale has charmed audiences around the world. They have certainly charmed Westminster & we look forward to hearing



them as a part of our annual Christmas traditions.

Feb. 16th or 23rd, 2008 7:00 pm—TBD (Saturday)

Pinnacle Event Center 1001 W 84th Ave

Solas—"The World's Best Irish Band" - Philadelphia Enquirer.

Since its birth in 1996, Solas has been loudly proclaimed as the most popular, influential and perhaps the best Celtic band to emerge from the United States.

"Solas may be the Best Celtic Band in the World"
- Boston Globe

They present music from the rich musical tradition of Ireland with unbridled energy and spellbinding virtuosity.

Late March / Early April 2008

Ranum High School 2401 West 80th Ave

North Metro High School Honor Choir—plans are being made to feature some of the brightest and best of our own talent from our area High Schools. Students will be selected from Adams County High Schools to come together in an evening performance with a guest conductor.

More information on 2008 events will be available later, so check the Web site for more details.

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SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES AT THE MAC!

All concerts begin at 3:00 pm at the Mature Adult Center—3295 W 72nd Ave., Westminster.

Sunday, September 9th

MAXINE & COMPANY

Excitement follows Maxine & Company no matter where they play! Mixing an eclectic (and electric!) blend of all styles of music, this is one band that really cooks: We'll take you back to the oldies, or we'll have you doing the Electric Slide, and boogieing to Latin rhythms, country two-step, and rancheras and

cumbias. Funky stuff? We got that too! Any way you like your music, there's bound to be a party happening'!

Sunday, October 14th

TRAIN 45 with Charlie Provenza

Train 45 is an exciting bluegrass / country group featuring former National mandolin champ and six time Telluride mandolin contest winner, Charlie Provenza, and guitarist Billy Byrd, from O Brother Where Are't Thou? From Bluegrass to Country to fresh acoustic renditions of classic rock songs, their

upbeat and energetic musical styles will keep you entertained.

Sunday, November 18th

DANNY WEIN

Thousand of audience members have been delighted by Danny's singing talent and uncanny ability to capture the personality, flavor, tone, humor and vocal talent of Frank Sinatra.

Sunday, December 16 Don't miss!

THE ORIGINAL DICKENS CAROLOERS

Animated quartet in Victorian Costumes

SCHOOL CONCERTS—PARTNERS WITH CURRICULUM

In 2006, the North Metro Arts Alliance began a new program of providing concerts in our neighborhood school. Adams County School District 50 is one of our major sponsors and partners so the program was implemented with them. Teachers can request funding for a concert or assembly for their school as long as the request has a cultural component and will augment curriculum in some manner.

Once NMAA has approved a request, we work with the school to schedule the event. The NMAA feels that by providing concerts and assemblies in schools during school hours—we are reaching more of our communities' youth.

Over 67% of School District 50 students are on Free and Re-



duced lunch program and many living at or below poverty level. This project brings cultural opportunities to students whose families would not normally be able to access such opportunities.

If you know of a school that might be interested, please have them call 303-429-1999.

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THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN NMAA

You can become a member of NMAA!

Support the arts in the North Metro area by becoming a member of the North Metro Arts Alliance! We are a non-profit organization and while we partner with many local organizations including the City of Westminster, Hyland Hills Park and Rec. District and Adams County School District 50—we are self governing by our own representative Board of Directors.

Our mission is *to serve the Westminster and North-Metro communities in the areas of performance and visual arts, including cultural entertainment. Ultimately, NMAA strives to enrich awareness, education and access to the arts for North Metro residents throughout the calendar year.*

We invite you to become a member of the North Metro Arts Alliance. At all

levels of membership, you will be able to purchase unlimited tickets to our premier concert series at the reduced Senior/Student rate. You will automatically receive future issues of this newsletter. Best of all, you will help our organization to grow and we will be able to bring more cultural opportunities to the north metro community.

2007 Board of Directors:

Becky Silver—Pres.	Betty Grace Gibson
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