

AREA ARTS UPDATE

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SOLAS—COMING MARCH 1

North Metro Arts Alliance proudly presents Solas in concert March 1, 2008 at 7:30 pm. Solas has been proclaimed as the most influential and exciting Celtic band to ever emerge from the United States. The Boston Herald trumpeted the band as the "first truly great Irish Band from America," and the Irish Echo called them "the most exciting Irish band in the World."

Solas blends the best of undiluted true Irish music with a contemporary sensibility to deliver the most fiery and passionate Celtic music heard anywhere on earth. Their unbridled virtuosity and personal warmth and charisma leaves audiences spellbound. Solas appears at all the major folk and Celtic

festivals from Philadelphia to Edinburgh to London to Telluride and has released 9 CDs, the latest being 'Reunion: A Decade of Solas.'

Come hear the best Irish band in the world at Pinnacle Events Center, 1001 W. 84th Ave. Sat. March 1.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and students (with a valid ID) and are available through Tickets-West and King Soopers.

We are also offering a limited number of VIP tickets for this event! VIP tickets are



Solas: The Best Irish Band in the US

\$50 each and include a reserved section of seating as well as a Meet & Greet with the band to be held after the concert at the Doubletree Hotel. If you already have a season pass to our concerts, you can upgrade to the VIP ticket for this event for \$30. Please call Vicky at (303) 429-1999 to order your upgraded tickets.

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Visit Our Website nmarts.net for more info on:

- Stars on Parade—coming Fall 2008
- 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.

DECEMBER 1, 2007—COLORADO CHILDREN'S CHORALE—HOLIDAY CONCERT

375 folks turned out at the Pinnacle Event Center the Evening of December 1st to enjoy the clear voices and energetic performance of the Colorado Children's Chorale.

In what has become something of a Westminster Holiday tradition, the Colorado Children's Chorale treats our community to traditional tunes of the season as well as amusing and entertaining choreography.

This is a "must see" event and you will not want to miss it next year.

A big thanks to the folks at the Colorado Children's Chorale for being a part of our Holiday Traditions here in the North Metro area.

FIRST EVER - ADAMS COUNTY HONOR BAND/ CHOIR/ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL! FEB. 23RD 7:30PM

As one of our newest projects—North Metro Arts Alliance is pleased to announce the Adams County Honor Band/Choir/Orchestra Festival. This two day event will be held February 22nd & 23rd. The Festival will feature students selected from High Schools all across Adams County. Students will rehearse all day Friday and Saturday—with their culminating performance a FREE Concert—Saturday evening at 7:30 pm at Ranum High School.

Orchestra students will be directed by Dr. Russell Guyver, Professor of Orchestras at the University of Northern Colorado. Choir students will be directed by Ms. Alexa Doebele, doctoral candidate and graduate teaching assistant at the University of Colorado/Boulder. Band students will be directed by Dr. Richard Mayne, Band Director at the University of Northern Colorado.

The evening performance is FREE—but donations will be accepted.

North Metro Arts Alliance is extremely grateful to Ranum High School and Adams County School District 50 for providing the facilities for this event and to Mr. Greg Haan—Band Director at Prairie View High School for coordinating all the details of this event. Thanks also go to the Adams County Scientific and Cultural Facilities District for providing partial funding.

COLORADO VISIONS—CALL FOR ENTRIES

Colorado Visions

A juried exhibit of fine art by Colorado Artists

Westminster City Hall
4800 W 92nd Ave.
April 14th—May 30th, 2008

North Metro Arts Alliance is now accepting slides and entry forms through March 7th, 2008 for the juried exhibit of original, 2 and 3 dimensional, fine art

(no computer art) by Colorado Artists. Entry fee is \$30 for 3 slides.

Cash awards plus purchase awards. The show judge is well-known Colorado artist, Chuck Ceraso.

Chuck Ceraso to judge Colorado Visions Exhibit to be on display April 14th—May 30th, 2008 at Westminster City Hall

For prospectus, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

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PAINTING WORKSHOP WITH CHUCK CERASO

“Unraveling the Mysteries of Light and Color”

May 8th & 9th, 2008

Sponsored by: North Metro Arts Alliance
Chuck Ceraso will come to Westminster on May 8-9, 2008 to teach a 2-day Painting Workshop.

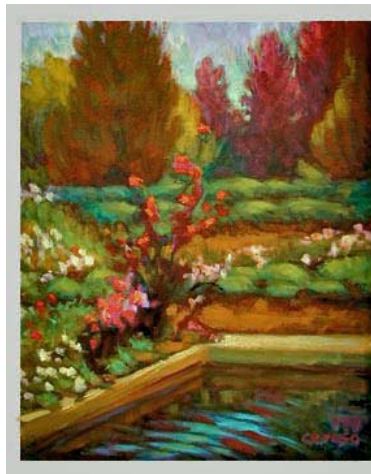
Participation will be limited to 20 students on a first come, first serve basis. The fee for the 2-day workshop is \$100 for members of the North Metro Arts Alliance and \$125 for non-members. The workshop will be held at the West View Recreation Center in Westminster.

The impressionists showed us how light changes the appearance of color in a

much more powerful way than just making it lighter. Chuck Ceraso has studied this way of seeing color with Henry Henshe, who was a protégé of Charles Hawthorne who painted with Monet.

This workshop will open the artist to a level of color seeing and painting that is a bit rare among artists. Ceraso will demonstrate this approach as well as work with each par-

ticipant individually as they do a color study in the medium of their choice. Whatever style of painting one does, this is an invaluable process to the development of one’s skillfulness with the visual language.



For more information on Chuck, you can go to his website www.chuckceraso.com

For a registration form to the workshop, contact Becky Silver (303) 466-2512 or go to our website NMARTS.net

SCIENTIFIC & CULTURAL FACILITIES DISTRICT WHAT IS IT? ...CONTINUED

In 1988, voters in the Denver metro area created the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) to provide a consistent source of unrestricted funding to scientific and cultural organizations. Since then, the SCFD has funded over 300 organizations via the 0.1% retail sales and use tax (one penny on every \$ 10).

As directed by statute, SCFD recipient organizations are currently divided into three "tiers."

- Tier I includes regional organizations: the Denver Art Museum, the Denver Botanic Gardens, the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, the Denver Zoo, and the Denver Center for the

Performing Arts. It receives 65.5% of the funding or \$25M.

- Tier II currently includes 25 regional organizations. The 2007 qualifying threshold for organizations to Tier II is up from \$977,827.15 in 2006 to a first time level of \$1,295,000. Tier II receives 21% or \$8.4M.

- Tier III has over 280 local organizations such as small theatres, orchestras,

art centers and natural history, cultural history and community groups. Tier III organizations apply for funding to the county cultural councils via a grant process. This tier receives 13.5% or \$5.4M which is divided between all participating counties. (The North Metro Arts Alliance is a tier III organization.

In sum, the SCFD helps make Colorado a great place to live, work and play. The district is a jewel that not only supports business and diversifies our economy, it is a remarkable form of self-investment that pays incredible dividends for Colorado.

(from the SCFD website: SCFD.org)



More than 14 million people attended metro area scientific and cultural activities in 2005.

SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES AT THE MAC!

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

Sunday, February 17th

ALBERT GALLI COMBO

The Albert Galli Combo is one of Denver's finest bands featuring a variety of Swing, Big Band and Dixieland style jazz. Delighting audiences in the Denver area since 1988, they have been featured at the Cherry Creek Arts Festival, Estes Park, Central City, Boulder Jazz festivals, and many more events.

Sunday, March 16th

WICK SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE / BOB TURNER

The Wick School of Dance is one of the largest Irish Dance Schools in Colorado and has thrilled audiences across the state for over 20 years with rousing performances of traditional Irish Dance.

Bob Turner is a natural live performer whose repertoire includes country, folk, pop, contemporary and light rock which he calls "Colorado Music."

Sunday, April 20th

MOLLY KAUFMANN

Versatile, dynamic, Molly performs and sings ragtime, boogie-woogie, blues, ballads, country, show tunes and hits from every decade of the 20th Century.

Sunday, May 18th

THE O'BRIEN FAMILY

The O'Brien Family's blend of fiddle tunes, old-time country, gospel, Western and original music has earned them the reputation as "The Family that Entertains Families".

NEW FACES AT NORTH METRO ARTS ALLIANCE

NEW BOARD MEMBER—CHRIS DITTMAN.

With the election results in this past November, we had to say goodbye to one of our City of Westminster reps—JoAnn Price.

We welcome however—the new City Rep—Councilman Chris Dittman. Chris has served on our Board in years past and we are glad to have him and his experience back. We know he will be a valuable asset to our Board of Directors.

NORTH METRO ARTS ALLIANCE HIRES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

After 2 1/2 years of working with an all volunteer Board of Directors and limited administrative staff support, NMAA has hired Vicky Marshall to be Executive Director for the organization.

While Vicky's degree was in Music Education and she has a long his-



tory of involvement with various aspects of the Arts—she comes to us from her position as Audit Analyst at the National Potato Promotion Board.

Vicky will be responsible for all administrative functions as well as fundraising and promotion of the NMAA.

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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.

2007–2008 Board of Directors:

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| Becky Silver—Pres. | Betty Grace Gibson |
| Joan Smith - V. Pres. | Pam Gonzoles |
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| Emil Rinaldi—Sec. | Kevin Massey |
| Peggy Bocard | Chris Dittman |
| Rev. Robert Dallenbach | Monte Quintana |
| Sam Dixon | Don VanArsdale |
| Kevin Garry | Bryan Watkins |

\$25—Individual membership
\$35—Group (family, business, etc.)
\$50—Patron (= one season pass)
\$100—249—Benefactor (= two season passes)

Corporate Level Sponsorships:

Bronze \$250—\$999
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