

## **EAC Liaison Reports - MAY 2013**

### **Name of organization: Art Encounter**

Mission statement:

Date founded: 1978

Founder: Joanna Pinsky, Ellen Kammerling

President/Contact person: Joanna Pinsky, Founder and Artistic Director

EAC liaison: Anne

Address: 927 Noyes St

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Email:

Website: artencounter.org

Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/ArtEncounter>

Monthly news update:

Current projects and issues: Whether or not to move office out of the Noyes Cultural Arts Center

Upcoming dates and events: Information and registration online, Wednesday tours of private

collections: 1-3:30 pm, Art Tour of Bronzeville by bus June 19th, Upcoming travel: The Berkshires August 2013, South Africa fall 2013

### **Name of organization: Changing Worlds / Ten Thousand Ripples**

Mission statement: Changing Worlds' mission is to foster inclusive communities through oral history, writing and art programs that improve student learning, affirm identity and enhance cross-cultural understanding. Ten Thousand Ripples is a multi-platform public art project that launched in fall 2012. The project involves the installation of 100 Buddha sculptures, which serve as symbols of peace and solidarity, in 10 neighborhoods around the city of Chicago, including Evanston. The mission of Ten Thousand Ripples is to highlight public art and its role to create community responses to peace, contemporary social issues and the use of public space in neighborhoods.

Date founded: 1996 (Changing Worlds); 2012 (Ten Thousand Ripples)

Founders: Kay Berkson (Changing Worlds); Indira Johnson (Ten Thousand Ripples)

Contact people: Indira Johnson, Arts and Peace Consultant, Changing Worlds (primary contact); Mark Rodriguez, Executive Director, Changing Worlds;

EAC liaison: Heidi

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Phone: (312) 421-8040

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Websites: [www.changingworlds.org](http://www.changingworlds.org); [www.tenthousandripples.com](http://www.tenthousandripples.com)

Twitter: @ChangingWorlds1; @tenthousandripp

Monthly news update: "Bridging Differences" on May 19 –Members came together to bridge differences at Evanston's Twiggs Park, culminating in a drumming circle led by John Yost. Even the Police and the Park Ranger joined in the celebration.

Upcoming dates and events: Indira will be co-presenting at the **Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** Cultural Connections lunch program at Howard Street Gallery, from noon to 1 p.m.

**Name of organization: Dance Center Evanston/Evanston Dance Ensemble**

Mission statement: Mission statement: Founded in 1997, the mission of the Evanston Dance Ensemble is to deepen the exposure to, and appreciation of, dance for highly talented and committed young performers and diverse audiences in the greater Chicago area.

Date founded: 1997

Founder:

President/Contact person: Bea Rashid, DCE Director and EDE co-Artistic Director; Christina Ernst, EDE co-Artistic Director

EAC liaison: Rina

Address: 1934 Dempster St, Evanston, IL 60202

Phone: 847 328-6683

Email:

Website: <http://www.evanstondanceensemble.org/>

Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Evanston-Dance-Ensemble-Fan-Page/180372105390>

Current projects and issues:

Upcoming dates and events: DCE has their end of year's recitals June 1st and 2nd at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie.

Monthly news update: EDE has just FINISHED it's 2012-13 season (Lion, Witch and Wardrobe followed by The Best of EDE, volume one). Jump for Joy (our outreach program working with children with physical or cognitive challenges) is the only thing happening right now. They just held auditions for next year's company.

Beginning next fall, they have a full season of performances planned for 2013/14 season, including an outdoor project, "OnSite" an outdoor project to commemorate Evanston 150, will take place in outdoor locations around the Evanston downtown area in October and November of 2013. In the spring "The Big Night" which is a full length evening of dance held for one weekend in March of 2014.

They have several community performances planned as well: Backstage Evanston, Evanston Symphony Holiday Concert, and several performances by our second company ede2 in January and February.

Evanston Dance Ensemble was established in 1996, and has received an Evanston Arts Council grant for several of those years.

**Name of organization: Evanston Art Center**

Mission statement: The Evanston Art Center is dedicated to fostering the appreciation and expression of the arts among diverse audiences. The Art Center offers extensive and innovative instruction in broad areas of artistic endeavor through classes, exhibitions, interactive arts activities, and community outreach initiatives.

Date founded: The Art Center was established in 1929 by a group of civic and cultural leaders from the Evanston community.

Founder: Alice C. Riley

President/Contact person: Nora Diedrich, Exec. Director

EAC liaison: Rina

Address: 2603 Sheridan Rd #3, Evanston, IL 60201

Phone: 847 475-5300

Email:

Website: <http://www.evanstonartcenter.org/>

Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/EvanstonArtCenter>

Monthly news update:

Current projects and issues:

Upcoming dates and events: Evanston's 150th Birthday Party Candle, Date: Sat, 07/27/2013 - 1:00pm - 4:00pm, Happy Birthday Evanston! Our city celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2013. After being around for over a century a big birthday bash is hardly extravagant. So in honor of this momentous occasion, the Evanston Art Center will throw a lawn party for the city on Saturday, July 27 from 1 to 4 p.m.

**Name of organization: Evanston School District 65 arts teachers**

Mission statement:

Date founded:

Founder:

President/Contact person:

EAC liaison: Fran

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Website:

Social Media:

Monthly news update:

Current projects and issues:

Upcoming dates and events: "Seed by Seed"

District 65 and 202's grade school and high school art students individual interpretations of the Seed by Seed concept originally exhibited at ETHS. A closing reception will be held at Noyes

2nd floor hall gallery. They did a great job. Also if any members of the Art's Council are available to assist at the reception it would be appreciated. Thank you.

Noyes Cultural Arts Center  
2nd Floor Gallery Hallway  
927 Noyes St  
Evanston, IL 60201

Closing Reception 3 pm to 5 pm

**Name of organization: ETHS Dept. of Fine Arts**

Mission statement: The mission of the ETHS Fine Arts Department is to inspire in students a lifelong involvement in and appreciation of the arts, through production, presentation, and performance experiences. The Fine Arts courses further the artistic development of every student through aesthetic and intellectual experiences that foster creativity and self-expression.

Date founded:

Founder:

President/Contact person: Vernon Clark, Chair

EAC liaison: Manuel

Address:

Phone: 847 424-7235

Email:

Website: [http://www.eths.k12.il.us/academics/fine\\_arts/default.aspx](http://www.eths.k12.il.us/academics/fine_arts/default.aspx)

Social Media:

Monthly news update:

Current projects and issues:

Upcoming dates and events:

Choral Concert

When: Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm

Location: Auditorium

Band Concert

When: Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm

Location: Auditorium

Orchestra Concert

When: Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

Location: Auditorium

Final Spring Play

When: June 6-8 at 7:30pm

Location: Upstairs Theatre

**Name of organization: Howard Street Gallery**

Mission statement:

Date founded:

Founder:

President/Contact person: Tony Arriola, owner

EAC liaison: Beca

Address: 747 Howard, Evanston, IL.

Phone: 312 788-8749

Email:

Website:

Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/HowardStreetGallery>

Monthly news update:

Current projects and issues:

Upcoming dates and events: The Ed Paschke Foundation. Ed Paschke used to teach at Northwestern University. We do not have a physical space for his work and are currently working to have a fundraiser next year to support a museum space for his work on the Northwest side of Chicago.

May 29 Cultural Connections Lunch Presentation: Howard Street Gallery, which opened in 2012, exhibits street art and outsider art, and also sells clothing by Chicagoland artists, art supplies, and some of the finest sprays for large-scale muralists. Co-owner Tony Arriola says the focus of the gallery is to bring a positive message to the community through art.

**Name of organization: Mitchell Museum of the American Indian**

Mission statement: The Mitchell Museum's mission is to promote and share a deeper understanding of Native American Indian peoples through the collection, preservation and interpretation of traditional and contemporary art and material culture.

Date founded: 1977

Founder: 1977 through a gift to Kendall College of approximately 3,000 Native American objects by John Mayo and his wife Betty Seabury Mitchell.

President/Contact person: Kathleen McDonald, Exec. Director

EAC liaison: Rina

Address: 3001 Central Street, Evanston, IL 60201

Phone: 847 475-1030

Email:

Website: <http://www.mitchellmuseum.org/>

Social Media:

Monthly news update:

Current projects and issues: Current exhibitions: "New Treasures of our Collection, fighting for their homeland: War of 1812. and "Another view of American Indian Fine Art"

Upcoming dates and events:

**Name of organization: Mudlark Theatre**

Mission statement: Mudlark Theater Company is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit children's theater company dedicated to providing professional-level theatrical training to children 6 to 18 years of age, and to collaborating with children to produce great theater. Each year, we stage a full season of theatrical productions with casts of 18 to 30 children, performed at various venues in Evanston. Through our work, we aim to demonstrate to audiences the unique power of children's theater and the substantial contribution it can make to the public discourse.

Date founded:

Founder: Amy Eaton

President/Contact person: Michael Miro, Artistic Director

EAC liaison: Beca

Address: 1417 Hinman, Evanston, Illinois 60201

Phone: 773 512-4187

Email:

Website: <http://www.mudlarktheater.org/>

Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mudlark-Theater-Company/160144180689232>

Monthly news update:

Current projects and issues:

Upcoming dates and events: We actually still have seats for this weekend's production of THE TRIAL. It opened this past weekend and drew an incredible response!

The Trial

Performed at the Piccolo Theatre, 600 Main St.

May 23-26th; 7pm

Description:

Josef K. wakes one morning to learn that he is under arrest, yet no one will tell him what he's done wrong, reveal the identity of his accusers, or even bother to put him in jail. Can he get to the bottom of this bureaucratic nightmare before his time is up?

Tickets available:

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/376629>

**Name of organization: The Musical Offering**

Mission statement: The Musical Offering is a musical home for beginners to bloom and for more experienced musicians to explore their craft. We are proud of our process-oriented teaching philosophy, professional and friendly faculty, investments in local schools, and partnerships with arts organizations equally committed to making music more accessible to all.

Date founded: 1999

Founders: Rick Ferguson & Kirsten Hedegaard

President/Contact person: Rick Ferguson, Founder & Artistic Director

EAC liaison: Heidi

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Phone: (847) 866-6260

Email: [mail@themusicaloffering.org](mailto:mail@themusicaloffering.org)

Website: [www.themusicaloffering.org](http://www.themusicaloffering.org)

Twitter: @RickattheMO

Monthly news update: TMO wrapped up its "Music on Madison" series on May 10 with a performance by the Renovo String Orchestra.

Current projects and issues: 2013 Summer Music Camps run from June 17-21 and June 24-28 for ages 5-8; July 8-12 and July 15-19 for ages 9-17

Upcoming dates and events: Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – free All-School recitals; time TBA

**Name of organization: Perspective Group and Photo Gallery**

Mission statement: Perspective Group and Photography Gallery is a not-for-profit, community-oriented cooperative whose purpose is to promote photography as fine art. In addition to ongoing group and featured artists exhibitions, the gallery offers outreach activities such as workshops, youth classes and critiques. In addition, the gallery sponsors an annual, international, juried photography exhibition, and an annual high school students show.

Date founded:

Founder:

President/Contact person: The gallery's current board of directors is: Bill Bridges, Christopher Schneberger, Donna Spencer, and Bob Tanner.

EAC liaison: Fran

Address: 1310 ½ Chicago Ave.

Phone: 224 200-1155

Email:

Website: <http://www.perspectivegallery.org/>

Social Media:

Monthly news update:

Current projects and issues:

Upcoming dates and events: May: High School Show, June: Bill Bridges and Anthony Iacuzzi

2013 Featured Artist Receptions

Receptions are held on the first Saturday of each month from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Featured Artist Gallery Talks

Featured Artist Gallery Talks are posted on a month by month basis. There is no Talk scheduled for May, 2013.

**Name of organization: RHINO Poetry**

Mission statement: The Poetry Forum/RHINO Poetry is a non-profit literary organization, primarily devoted to the publication of *RHINO Poetry*, an annual high-quality journal featuring well-crafted, diverse poetry, flash fiction, and translations. We also foster a community of writers by presenting the *RHINO Reads!* poetry reading series and our Poetry Forum workshop series, awarding three cash prizes to poets each year.

Date founded: 1976

Founding members: Helen Degen Cohen, Suzanne Brabant, Lowell B. Komie & Elizabeth Peterson

President/Contact person: Ralph Hamilton, Editor (rhamilto9@aol.com)

EAC liaison: Heidi

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Website: www.rhinopoetry.org

Twitter: @rhinopoetry

Monthly news update: RHINO conducted its May Poetry Forum Workshop on Sunday, May 19 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Evanston Public Library, led by poet Hannah Gamble. Workshops are typically held the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

Current projects and issues:

Upcoming dates and events: TBA

**Name of organization: YEA! Festival (Young Evanston Artists)**

*Mission statement:* The first annual Yea! Festival was held in 1987. The inspiration came from Harvey Pranian, an art and antiques dealer on Chicago Avenue at Dempster in Evanston.

In light of his awareness of making a living from the community around him, Harvey decided that the businesses in the area should be giving something back to the community. Gathering a few of the business owners together, he got the green light and set up a meeting with the District 65 art teachers. The response was overwhelming and enthusiastic, and the seeds were planted for what has become YEA! Day.

Date founded: 1987

Founder:

President/Contact person: Harvey Pranian, Founder

EAC liaison: Fran

Address: Young Evanston Artists Foundation, 1555 Sherman Avenue, Suite 302, Evanston, Illinois 60201

Phone: 847 866-6766

Email:

Website: <http://www.yeaevanston.org/>

Social Media: <https://www.facebook.com/YoungEvanstonArtists>

Monthly news update:

Current projects and issues:

Upcoming dates and events: "YEA Day", Young Evanston Artists Annual Event, May 18, 2013  
Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm