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ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUNCES WORKSHOPS AND GRANT PROGRAM DEADLINES

Terrebonne Parish Arts Funding Program Decentralized Arts Funding Program

HOUMA - The Houma Regional Arts Council, in cooperation with the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, announces the April 17, 2012 application deadline to apply for funding through the Terrebonne Parish Arts Funding Program.

The Terrebonne Parish Arts Funding Program is a service for funding art and cultural activities occurring in Terrebonne Parish. The program is supported by the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and is administered by the Houma Regional Arts Council.

Any non-profit organization in Terrebonne Parish presenting an arts project may apply for funding. Applicants may be awarded up to \$1,500 to support open-to-the-public art programs. Organizations are not required to make a cash or in-kind match to the amount awarded. Projects previously funded by the program include K-12 school-based artist residencies, opera and puppet performances, child and adult visual art workshops and theatrical productions.

Two workshops will be available to organizations interested in applying for funds. They will be held on Wednesday, March 21 at 6:00 pm and Saturday, March 24 at 1:00 pm. Both workshops will be held at the Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum, 7910 Park Avenue, Houma, LA.

Staff from the Houma Regional Arts Council will be available up to the deadline to answer any questions and for technical assistance. If you would like to have a one-on-one consultation please contact the Houma Regional Arts Council to set up an appointment to discuss your application and project ideas.

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Decentralized Arts Funding Program

HOUMA – The Houma Regional Arts Council announces the June 29, 2012 application deadline to apply for funding through the Decentralized Arts Funding Program.

The Decentralized Arts Funding Program (DAF) is a service for funding arts and cultural activities occurring in Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist and Terrebonne parishes. The program is supported by the Louisiana Division of the Arts and is administered by the Houma Regional Arts Council. The grant supports activities that occur between October 2012 through September 2013.

Any non-profit or government organization in the six-parish region presenting an arts or cultural project may apply for funding. Applicants may be awarded up to \$7,000 to support open-to-the-public arts programs. Organizations are not required to make a cash or in-kind match to the amount awarded. Projects previously funded by the DAF program include K-12 school-based artist residencies, music and dance performances, child and adult visual art workshops, theatrical productions and arts and cultural-based festivals.

The Houma Regional Arts Council will host grant writing workshops in each of its six parishes during the month of March. More workshops will be scheduled in May. All workshops will cover the DAF guidelines and application process, as well as idea and project development. There will also be two Saturday workshops for those unable to attend a weekday workshop. The workshops are:

Assumption Parish

Thursday, March 22, 2012, 5:00pm
Assumption Parish Library
293 Napoleon Avenue, Napoleonville

Lafourche Parish

Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 5:00pm
Ellender Memorial Library
Nicholls State University campus, Thibodaux

St. Charles Parish

Thursday, March 22, 2012, 5:00pm
Saturday, April 21, 2012, 1:00pm
East Regional Library
160 West Campus Drive, Destrehan

St. James Parish

Friday, March 23, 2012, 3:00pm
St. James Parish Library
2593 Louisiana Hwy 20, Vacherie

St. John the Baptist Parish

Friday, March 23, 2012, 4:30pm
St. John the Baptist Library
2979 Hwy 18, Edgard

Terrebonne Parish

Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 5pm
Saturday, March 24, 2012, 12:00pm
Bayou Terrebonne Waterlife Museum
7910 Park Avenue, Houma

Staff from the Houma Regional Arts Council will be available to answer any questions and for technical assistance through the deadline. If you would like to have a one-on-one consultation please contact the Houma Regional Arts Council to set up an appointment to discuss your application and ideas. Staff will be readily available to assist applicants up to the deadline.

Guidelines and applications for both programs are available online at www.houmaterrebonne.org, or by contacting Rusty Bouvier at (985) 873-6367 or grants@houmaterrebonne.org.

The Houma Regional Arts Council was founded in 1984 and its mission is to promote and provide arts and cultural events through a partnership of public and private funding based on the needs of individual communities. The Arts Council serves Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, and Terrebonne Parishes and distributes over \$250,000 annually to nonprofit organizations in the region to support arts and cultural endeavors for public benefit. Programs of the Houma Regional Arts Council are supported in part by a grant from the Louisiana Division of the Arts, Office of Cultural Development, Department of Culture, Recreation & Tourism, in cooperation with the Louisiana State Arts Council. Funding has also been provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. Please visit www.houmaterrebonne.org for more information.

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