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## Art & Around

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### Funding needed to keep 'Art Beat' on the air

DETROIT - For the past two years, the locally-produced PBS show, "Art Beat," has played a significant role in telling the story of one of Metro Detroit's coolest assets: the artists who are creating visual art throughout the Motor City. From freeways to breezeways, host Rob Maniscalco has wandered the city finding and extolling the variety of talent that defines the city. Not only has the show been entertaining and educational, with demonstrations of techniques and processes, it has also given wide exposure to artists who might not otherwise have had the opportunity to present themselves and their work to a mass audience.

In fact, "Art Beat" has achieved the highest Neilson ratings of any locally produced show in Channel 56's history!

So it's disappointing that no single funder has stepped forth to underwrite the upcoming third season of the show! Without \$25,000 in underwriting, "Art Beat" will not make the fall lineup.

So if you'd like to see this important program continue, please send a generous check made out to "Detroit Public Television," and note that it is to "Support Art Beat" to:

Attn: Jeff Forster, "Support Art Beat," Detroit Public Television, 7441 Second Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202.

The new season is starting soon, and production must begin if it is to make the fall schedule. Let's see if we can make a difference!

For more information, [www.maniscalcogallery.com](http://www.maniscalcogallery.com).

### Local Poet & Visual Artist Carol Morris to Perform at A2AC

ANN ARBOR - The Ann Arbor Art Center's Gallery Shop will feature a performance by local poet and visual artist Carol Morris on Saturday, July 16 at 8 p.m.

Morris will perform tracks from her debut Silk Rhino Records release of "Atomic Picnic," a spoken word CD with musical accompaniment.

There will be a special appearance by renowned keyboardist Montana Hnizda with sound engineered by Laurence Miller.

Morris will also show "Man/Woman," a short DVD based on her early collages.

San Francisco critic Tom Gladysz says of her work, "Carol Morris is a gifted poet, and the pieces on 'Atomic Picnic' are funny, desperate, contemplative fragments, shored against the ruin of Midwest life."

There will be a display of Miller's visual arts and CDs and DVDs for sale.

Admission is free and open to the public; refreshments will be provided by D'Orio Catering of Ann Arbor.

*For more information about the Art Center, call 734-994-8004, stop by the Art Center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor or visit the Art Center on the web at [www.annarborartcenter.org](http://www.annarborartcenter.org).*

## **BBAC looking for submissions**

**BIRMINGHAM** - The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center invites artists to submit artworks for sale at its highly popular Holiday Shop. Known for the excellent quality of unique artistic gifts, this year's Holiday Shop will be from Dec. 2 through 17. Holiday Shop is free and open to the public.

Submissions must be original works by artists age 18 and over. No commercial kits, prefabricated models, hobby crafts or greenware.

Artists may submit by mail or in person. All entries must include the artist's name, phone number, price, and medium.

Applications are available by calling the BBAC at 248-644-0866, ext. 108.

To enter by mail, entries must be postmarked by Aug. 11. Mail four labeled slides to: Holiday Shop Jury, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, MI 48009.

To enter in person, drop off three samples of the artwork at the BBAC, on Aug. 12, 13 or 14, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

There is a \$15 non-refundable application fee. Check (payable to Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center), money order, Visa or Mastercard accepted.

The Holiday Shop has been in existence more than 25 years and annually attracts thousands of shopping enthusiasts.

## **Support the Troops: Care package collection at the Michigan & State Theaters**

**ANN ARBOR** - Throughout the month of July, the Michigan and State Theaters, in conjunction with AnySoldier.com, will be collecting care package items for U.S. soldiers. These items will be distributed to soldiers who do not otherwise receive mail. Drop boxes will be in the lobbies of both theaters and accessible from 6:30-10:30 p.m. weekdays and 3:30-10:30 p.m. weekends.

Frequently requested items include: Letters (these are the most requested item of all!); phone cards; T-shirts (brown for Army, green for Marines, black or brown for Air Force and white for the Navy); sunscreen; Beanie Babies; books & magazines; hygiene products; and dry snacks (cookies, crackers, beef jerky).

Please do not contribute home cooked food, chocolate or large packages.

The State Theater is located at 233 S. State Street at Liberty in Ann Arbor. The 24-hour info line is 734-761-8667 and the website can be accessed by clicking on the State Theater icon on the Michigan Theater homepage at [www.michtheater.org](http://www.michtheater.org).

The Michigan Theater is Ann Arbor's historic center for fine film and performing arts located in downtown Ann Arbor at 603 East Liberty Street. The theater's 24-hour information line is (734) 668-TIME and the website is [www.michtheater.org](http://www.michtheater.org).

*For further information about this project, please visit [www.anysoldier.com](http://www.anysoldier.com).*

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