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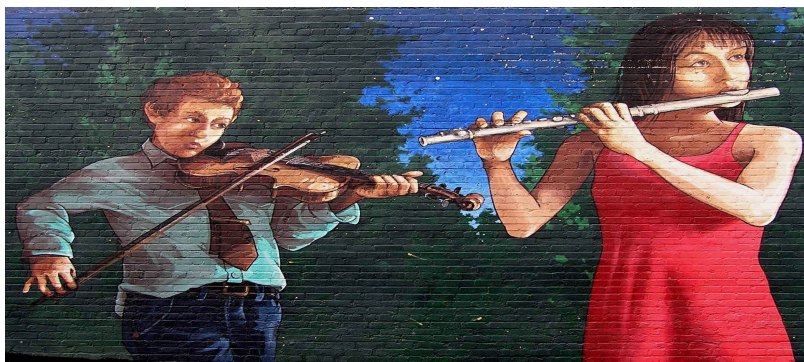


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2012 Piedmont Laureate Selected

Dramatist Ian Finley Selected as 2012 Piedmont Laureate

Raleigh dramatist **Ian Finley**, Director of Education for Burning Coal Theatre Company in Raleigh, has been selected as the region's 2012 Piedmont Laureate. Mr. Finley will be introduced as the region's new laureate at the **State of Arts and Culture in Wake County** meeting on **Thursday, January 12, 2012** at the **North Carolina Museum of Art's East Building auditorium**. The meeting, sponsored by the **United Arts Council of Raleigh & Wake County**, begins at **8 am** and is **free and open to the public**.

Mr. Finley will present public readings and workshops, participate in selected public functions and create at least one original activity to expand appreciation of the work of dramatists in literature. He will be paid an honorarium of \$6,500 and serve for one year.

Ian Finley studied theatre at the University of Utah and received an MFA in Dramatic Writing from the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University. His work during that period focused on drama as a means of dialogue. Most notable was *The Nature of the Nautilus*, commissioned for a group of deaf actors to perform in sign language, which dealt with the controversy of cochlear implants (surgically implanted devices that provide a sense of sound to the deaf and hard of hearing). Following productions at the University of Utah and the Kennedy Center American College Theater gathering in Hayward, California, *The Nature of the Nautilus* was awarded the 2002 Jean Kennedy Smith Award for a play dealing with themes of disability.



Mr. Finley moved to Raleigh seven years ago, after graduate school. Working primarily with Burning Coal Theatre Company, he has brought more than 70 different stories from the area's history to life onstage through collaborations with Historic Oakwood Cemetery, the Mordecai House, Raleigh City Museum, the Town of Cary and other North Carolina organizations, focusing on his realization that relevant, effective drama is necessarily connected to place. His historical plays, combining multiple stories within a tapestry structure and often performed in actual locations relevant to the narrative, are a unique addition to the area's cultural life.

The Piedmont Laureate Program, co-sponsored by the Alamance County Arts Council, the City of Raleigh Arts Commission, the Durham Arts Council, the Orange County Arts Commission, and United Arts of Raleigh & Wake County, promotes awareness and heightens appreciation for excellence in the literary arts throughout the Piedmont region. The program focuses on a different literary form each year (poetry in 2009,

novels in 2010, creative non-fiction in 2011 and dramatist/screenwriter in 2012.)

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2012 DRAMATIST/SCREENWRITER

To schedule Ian Finley for your event or for a school presentation in Orange County, please contact the Orange County Arts Commission at arts@co.orange.nc.us or 919/968-2011. For more information about the Piedmont Laureate Program, please click on the website link below.

[PIEDMONT LAUREATE WEBSITE »](#)

www.piedmontlaureate.com

CowParade North Carolina 2012 Artist Deadline Extended

Calling all artists! The deadline for artists to submit designs to **CowParade North Carolina 2012** has been extended to **Tuesday, February 15, 2012.**

CowParade North Carolina 2012 invites interested artists of all types - painters, sculptors, craftsmen, architects, and other creative and artistic individuals - to become part of Triangle history and submit a design(s) for consideration in this unique exhibition.

CowParade is the world's largest public art exhibit. This amazing event, which is "mooving" into the Triangle in the summer of 2012, is conservatively estimated to draw nearly 500,000 visitors.

CowParade 2012 North Carolina is sponsored by North Carolina Children's Hospitals. Proceeds from this event and auction will benefit **North Carolina Children's Hospitals.**

For more information on CowParade North Carolina 2012, or to **download the artist application**, please click on the website link below.

[CowParade North Carolina »](#)

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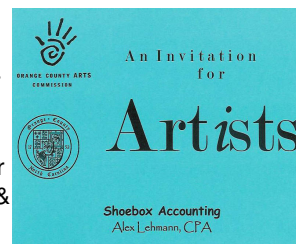


Next Artists' Salon February 3, 2012

The next **Artists' Salon**, sponsored by the **Orange County Arts Commission**, will be held on **Friday, February 3, 2012** from **6:30-9 pm** in the **West End Theatre** at **The ArtsCenter in Carrboro.**

Salons are free, for artists of all kinds - performing, visual, literary, whatever! Come to meet, network and build a better arts environment for all artists. Light refreshments will be served.

February's topic will be **"Shoebbox Accounting"**. Our guest presenter is **Alex Lehmann, CPA**, Tax Manager at McMillan, Pate & Company, L.L.P.



The purpose of the salon is to bring together artists of all disciplines in a casual setting to share ideas, concerns and information. Salons can serve as a place to get feedback from peers as well as to share all the problems and pleasures of being an artist.

The Orange County Arts Commission would like to thank The ArtsCenter for the use of their space for this quarterly series.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the Orange County Arts Commission at 919/968-2011 or email us at arts@co.orange.nc.us

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Invitation to Artists, Galleries, Businesses, Venues and Attractions!

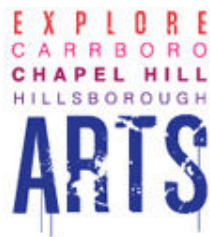
ExploreChapelHillARTS.com is an arts, culture, sports and entertainment website devoted to helping you find and promote what's happening in your area. The site is operated by the **EverWondr Network**, and is provided as a free service to the community by the **Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau** & the **Orange County Arts Commission**.

It's easy to participate! You can post, promote and showcase your events & artist galleries FOR FREE!

As a registered user, you are able to post event listings, search event listings, upload a portfolio of your art in the Gallery, share stories in the community blog, post pictures from your iPhone and share content with your friends - all for FREE.

As a registered user, you have the ability to post content, images, video, audio and feedback throughout the site. You can upload content from your iPhone and access discounts and coupons in the Offers areas. You can also buy and sell art through the Art Market section (for a nominal fee).

Because ExploreChapelHillARTS.com is part of the EverWondr Network, traffic is driven from dozens of Arts Councils, Chambers of Commerce, and Convention & Visitor Bureaus.



This gives local users one-stop access to events happening in Orange County, and throughout the region.

To register as a new user for FREE online at www.ExploreChapelHillARTS.com: At the top right of your screen, click on the "Register" tab. You'll see a new browser window. Complete the information, including your preferred email address. (Be sure to use a working email address that you check frequently.) Use a password that is at least seven characters long. Click "Submit" to save when done. The system will send an email to the email account you just entered. You will need to receive, open and click-on emails from ExploreChapelHillARTS.com before you can post information to the site. Access your email account and open the email from ExploreChapelHillARTS.com. Click "Activate" to confirm your email address. (Be sure to check your Spam and Junk folders if the email is not in your inbox.) You will automatically be logged into the site. On your next visit to the site, you can use your email address and password to "Sign In." You will not need to register again. Simply visit www.ExploreChapelHillARTS.com and click the "Sign In" tab at the top right of your screen.

Once registered, you can begin uploading your events and galleries (for artists and organizations of all arts disciplines)!

For help retrieving your login information (or for help at any time), contact Help@EverWondr.com.

A detailed and comprehensive ExploreChapelHillARTS.com User's Guide can be downloaded from the Orange County Arts Commission's website at the link below:

[DOWNLOAD USERS GUIDE HERE »](http://www.artsorange.org/UsingExploreChapelHill.comREV.pdf)
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We Are the Orange County Arts Commission

The *Orange Arts* e-newsletter is an online publication of the Orange County Arts Commission (OCAC), the countywide arts agency working to promote the artistic and cultural development of Orange County.

The Board of County Commissioners appoints the fifteen members of this advisory board. The OCAC is physically located at the Chapel Hill/Orange County Visitors Bureau within the Economic Development Commission. The OCAC sponsors programs to promote the artistic and cultural growth of Orange County, advises the Board of County Commissioners on matters involving the arts, and acts as the granting panel for two annual funding programs available to artists and nonprofit groups sponsoring arts projects in Orange County.

Funding comes primarily from Orange County and the North Carolina Arts Council.

If you are an artist, or a citizen interested in the arts, contact the Orange County Arts Commission office and inquire about Board positions and other Volunteer opportunities.





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