

## *Return of Creole Stomp*

After last year's sold-out performance, Dennis Stroughmatt & Creole Stomp returns to the American Legion in Robinson, on Saturday, March 15, 2008.

Since the forming of Creole Stomp in 2002, Dennis and his band have carried the torch of French Creole music and culture across North America performing a blend of music from the state of Louisiana and old upper Louisiana.

Their unique sound and mix of ancient and modern Mississippi River valley musical tradition positions them as the only band to encompass French Creole and Folk Music from the entirety of the old Louisiana Territory.

Music and dancing begin at 7:30. There will be a cash bar, but no dinner will be served this year. Tickets are \$15, and will be available at the door and at Your Flower Basket – East Main Street, Robinson; Quality Housing – West Main Street, Robinson; or call 618-546-5288 or any CCA board member.



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## *2008 Children's and Young People's Art Exhibit*

Lincoln Trail College, in cooperation with CCA, will host the 2008 Children's and Young People's Art Exhibit.

The art exhibit is open to all mediums except computer aided pieces and craft kits. Artists should be residents of Crawford County, and age 18 or younger. Art should have been produced within the past year. Artwork should be delivered to LTC's Eagleton Learning Resource Center (the library), in the College Center, between March 25-27, where it will be displayed from March 31-April 3. Artwork will be released on Friday, April 4, 2008.

The public is invited to a reception for the artists and their families on Thursday, April 3, 2008 to be held in the Eagleton Learning Resource Center, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Contact Vicky Bell, 544-8657, ext.1427, for more information.

## *Consider Yourself... Part Of The Audience*

The LTC Theater Department is excitedly working to present the beloved musical, "Oliver", April 4, 5, 6, 11, and 12 in the LTC Zwermann Theater.

The musical features the talents of 23 young boys and girls and a group of 10 young pickpockets, as well as characters and people of London in the 1850s.

Tickets go on sale March 17. For more information, call the Performing Arts Office at (618) 544-8657, ext. 1433.

## *Funding Cuts Carry Over to Proposed '09 Budget*

CCA has received the following email from Illinois Arts Council Chairman Shirley Madigan:

*Dear Illinois Arts Council Applicant,*

*On February 20, 2008, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced his Fiscal Year 2009 Budget plan for the State of Illinois.*

*The Illinois Arts Council's Fiscal Year 2009 budget has been proposed at essentially the same level as current Fiscal Year 2008. This means the program funds reduced by last year's amendatory veto were not restored.*

*This budget announcement marks the beginning of the legislative budget process. We understand the impact this information may have on your organizations and communities. Please be assured the Illinois Arts Council will continue do all we can to support the arts in our state.*

*Sincerely,  
Shirley R. Madigan*



*Presents its 20<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Art Show*

*Fife Opera House, Main Street Palestine, Illinois  
Artists' Reception Saturday, March 29  
Show runs March 30 thru April 13*

## *National Arts Advocacy Day*

Join the Illinois Arts Alliance as they lead a delegation of arts advocates to Washington, D.C. for National Arts Advocacy Day on Monday, March, 31 and Tuesday, April 1.

The 21st annual Arts Advocacy Day is the only national event that brings together a broad cross section of America's cultural and civic organizations, along with hundreds of grassroots advocates from across the country, to underscore the importance of developing strong public policies and appropriating increased public funding for the arts.

LEARN how to lobby congress.

NETWORK with other attendees from your state and across the country.

BE HEARD by your members of Congress when you visit them to make the case for the arts and arts education.

For more information, contact Julie at 312-855-3105 ext 11 or [julie@artsalliance.org](mailto:julie@artsalliance.org)

## Area Events/Activities

### **Saturday, March 15, 2008**

10am~3pm, Palestine Art Center  
"Drawing Rustic Wood and Metal"

Artist: David Dooley

Subject: Wooden Crate with Pig.

*This workshop will provide you with a unique mixed media technique for capturing difficult wood and rustic metal surfaces. Cost \$80.*

### **Show Boat**

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre,  
Indianapolis

March 27 – May 11

(317) 872-9664

### **CCA Art Show**

Fife Opera House

125 S. Main St., Palestine

March 30 – April 13

### **Manheim Steamroller**

The Rosebud Theatre, Effingham

April 15

217-540-2787

### **Jersey Boys**

Fabulous Fox Theatre, St. Louis

April 23 – May 18

800-293-5949