



Fine Artscape

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION'S FRIENDS AND FAMILY
FROM THE DESK OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER LINDA M. WISE

Fall session at The Fine Arts Association recently concluded and we've entered our "spring" session with lots of snow on the ground. However, many artistic happenings presented by FAA faculty both inside our building and in the surrounding communities keep us warm and engaged in the arts.

Our large variety of classes and lessons this fall included the Starz Show Choir for children ages 8-14. This group performed several times both on and off-site and possesses enough energy to bring a smile to everyone's faces. We also offered several new visual art workshops that brought parents and children together in the classroom.

Fall theatre presentations included a hilarious production of Neil Simon's, *The Odd Couple*; the Magical Theater's touring production of *Aesop's Fables* which performed for children from area schools as well as the public; and our spectacular holiday production of *Annie* which became our second largest grossing production at The Fine Arts Association!



Ashleigh Nagy and Harper are Annie and Sandy in FAA's 2010 holiday production of "Annie."

The balance of the 2010-2011 Performance Season promises to offer something for everyone. The Yarnell Youth Production of Disney's *Aladdin, Jr.* (opening on Feb. 11th) promises to delight children of all ages. The 15th Annual One Act Festival, *Modern Twist*, presents thought provoking one act plays and runs from April 1st – 16th. Meredith Wilson's famous, *The Music Man*, sponsored by Conn-Selmer, Inc. completes the theatre season beginning on June 3rd – 19th bringing River City to life in the Corning Auditorium.

I hope that you will join us for one or all of these exciting productions. FAA's working partnership with Lakeland Community College continues through PAL (Partnership for Arts Learning). We presented a professional development training session for music teachers from the Willoughby-Eastlake district that featured FAA music therapist, Ellen Shetler, and staff from the Lake County Board of DD. The session focused on the integration of special needs students into music classes.

Our Theatre for Healthy Living™ program, under the direction of James Mango, FAA's Roger and Ann Clapp Director of Performance, entered its second year with a production of *The Code* at Painesville Harvey High School. The play focused on the school's new dress code and how the students reacted. This program of original social issue plays tailored to each school expanded to include four area high schools and is made possible through support from Lake Health and grants from The Martha Holden Jennings Foundation and The Hershey Foundation. Three productions in the spring will take place at Willoughby North and South High Schools as well as Perry High School.



Bob Young and Bob Reichard portray Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in the classic parody "Who's On First."

Our off-site education program continues to grow with FAA teachers traveling to four counties teaching arts education programming at schools, senior living centers and nursing homes. These partnerships bring the arts to the people as evidenced by our many programs presented at Breckenridge Village. Music lessons, visual arts classes and theatre classes are taught by FAA faculty members at Breckenridge's facility. FAA theatre teacher, David Malinowski, recently concluded a theatre class there with a USO show that performed to over 200 people. The performance which contained a production of the classic "Who's On First" Abbott and Costello routine along with many World War II era songs garnered rave reviews from those in attendance.

The annual family friendly Cabin Fever Concert took place in January with over 15 faculty and staff members performing in Corning Auditorium to an appreciative audience. This year's concert, organized by FAA flute instructor Judy Elias, featured a student vocal scholarship winner as well as a comedic rendition of "Beethoven's Wig" complete with wigs. After the concert, children had the opportunity to Meet the Instruments with the assistance of faculty members.

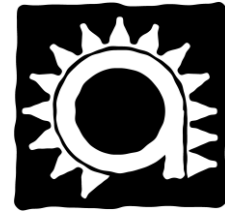
The Fine Arts Association touches the lives of over 60,000 people annually. Many call our facility their "home away from home" as they create, experience and appreciate the arts. We hope that you call FAA "home" also. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely yours,



Linda M. Wise

Chief Executive Officer



**fine arts
association**

**Spring
Class Session**

Began January 31, 2011
However, you can still enroll!
Check our website for more info
www.fineartsassociation.org

Disney's
Aladdin, Jr.

Feb. 11th – 27th
On stage in our Corning Auditorium
call 440-951-7500 for tickets

The Fine Arts
Association Community

Choir

Under the direction of Phyllis Speirs
Presents Mozart's "Requiem"
April 3, 2011 • 3:00pm
Painesville United Methodist Church

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Annual Benefit Event –
**Night of the Arts- Strike
Up the Band**
Friday, May 20, 2011
at LaMalfa
Mentor, Ohio

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