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It IS TIME to join!

From the president...

We at the Meridian Council for the Arts are proud to offer a new membership package to EVERYONE who is interested in the arts!

The Meridian Council for the Arts is excited to offer you this invitation to be a part of our thriving arts community through one of our many membership levels.

Your support is vital to our organization and the arts community, and it is now easier than ever to discover the arts in Meridian for the first time or all over again.

A gift of \$25 or more now makes you a member of MCA! As a member, you will enjoy many exciting benefits, including discounted tickets, invitations to special events and access to the arts like never before.

Take a look at the membership levels and sign up today. We are revamping our website and you will soon be able to apply on-line. Until that time, send in your membership check to: MCA, P.O. Box 1405, Meridian, MS 39302.

You can also benefit from our [Refer a Friend](#) program! For every person who you refer that becomes a member of MCA, you will receive a special gift selected only for this program. All members will be invited to our inaugural membership party, so join today and refer a friend. We will see you both there!

Thank you, again, for all that you do for the arts in Meridian. It is your support that makes a difference.

—Debbie Martin

Previous level benefits plus: Piece of art commissioned exclusively for members at this level. Named event: Threefoot Festival presented by...

Sucarnochee Revue Special Continues!

This live taping of the favorite radio program features local and regional music talents from all venues. The Sucarnochee Revue Radio Program is featured on 59 public, commercial, and internet radio stations from Alaska to Australia. Come out Sept. 4 and see what everyone is talking about! Program begins at 7 p.m. at the Temple Theater. Information: Jack White: 205-652-6680.

Riley Center opens season with SOLD OUT performance

The Riley Center opens its 2009-2010 season Sept. 6 with a sold out performance by B.B. King, but there are more chances coming to enjoy a variety of arts performances in this unique theatre.

Grammy Award-winning artist Nancy Griffith graces the stage on Friday, Sept. 11. During three decades this singer-guitarist has released 19 albums and collaborated with some of the most talented names in the music industry, including Emmylou Harris, Willie Nelson and Bob Dylan. September comes to a close with a special focus on the young and young at heart. "Charlott'es Web," E.B. White's beloved children's novel will be brought to life on stage, Friday,

Spotlight On: Carey Smith

Now entering his 29th year as director of bands and music instructor at Meridian Community College, Carey Smith is widely known for his work — both as a musician and a composer.

Smith has worked and performed with countless named performers and clinicians in the jazz idiom during his career. As the Meridian Symphony Orchestra's Composer-in-Residence, he will join forces with the orchestra during the 2009-10, as the orchestra performs a movement for each traditional concert of his "Elements" Symphony – a work in progress that will have its world premiere next season for the MSO 50th Anniversary. This work "defines the theme for the season," Carey said. "One movement will be played at each concert (Air, Water, Fire and Earth) and the full work will kick-off next year's season."

His trio, Carey Smith and Friends, "are working feverishly to complete a new" jazz CD of all original material, which should be released in early 2010. His "2nd Suite for Jazz Quartet and Orchestra" had its world premiere in Albany, Ga., with their symphony in 2006 and was performed by the Meridian Symphony in February 2009.

Smith has worked and performed with dozens of name performers and clinicians in the jazz idiom during his career. One of the many highlights of his career was having his MCC Jazz Band perform a concert in March 1991 at Carnegie Hall in conjunction with the Count Basie Orchestra. It was the 100-year anniversary of the prestigious facility's opening.

Children's classic coming to MCC stage

Meridian Community Arts and Letter Series brings to the stage a children's classic, "Alice in Wonderland," Sept. 17 in the McCain Theatre on campus. Two showings at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. For more information, call 601-484-8696 or www.mcc.cc.ms.us.

MSO opens season Sept. 19

Meridian Symphony Orchestra kicks off its 2009-2010 season at the Riley Center with a concert featuring bassoonist Jon Wenberg. Originally from rural Wisconsin, Wenberg has been a resident of Mississippi since 1993. He has is the principal bassoonist for Mississippi Symphony

Sept. 25 by Theatreworks USA. India Arie will kick off the month of October with a performance on Oct. 1. Her debut album, "Acoustic Soul," sold more than 8 million copies and earned her top industry honors, including a Grammy and Best R&B Album. This year her latest album, "Testimony: Vol. 2, Love & Politics," received critical acclaim and commercial success as well. For more information regarding the new season, contact the Riley Center box office at 601-696-2200 or www.msurileycenter.com.

Orchestra, as well as Meridian Symphony Orchestra and has performed with some of the most renowned orchestras in the United States, including those in Chicago, New York, Cincinnati and San Francisco. Other performances include Carey Smith and R. Strauss. For more information, call the Riley Center box office at 601-696-2200 or www.meridiansymphonyorchestra.com.

South Pacific hits MLT's stage

Meridian Little Theatre will open its 77th season with Rodgers and Hammerstein's, "South Pacific," Oct. 1-7. Currently on the New York stage, this Tony Award-winning classic is a crowd favorite with such well-known and beloved songs as "Some Enchanting Evening" and "Bali H'ai." For more information, call the box office at 601-482-6371 or www.meridianlittletheatre.com.

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