Thara Memory
RACC’s Individual Artist Fellowship Winner 2005

The Regional Arts & Culture Council is proud to honor one of Portland’s finest musicians and educators, Thara Memory, with the 2005-06 Performing Arts Fellowship Grant. This Fellowship is considered among the most prestigious in the Northwest and carries a cash award of $20,000.

Known locally and nationally as an exceptionally talented jazz performer, who has played with such greats as Branford Marsalis, Roy Hargrove, and Regina Carter, Thara Memory has generously shared his gifts as a musician, composer, arranger and teacher with young musicians and community music groups throughout the tri-county in the last 35 years. Thara follows in the wake of other great artists and seeks to “pass the torch” to those coming up.

Thara started his trumpet studies back in the 60s with William Butler Fielder of Rutgers University and continued under the guidance of Eddie Harris and Leroy Vinegar. His performing career has taken him to the major jazz venues in the country, but his commitment to Portland and all forms of musicianship has always been strong. Since his youth he has felt that a well-rounded musician should know both jazz and classical forms. Besides receiving a degree in music from Marylhurst University, Thara has composed and conducted for the Pacific Crest Sinfoniette and the Diminuendo Wind Orchestra. He created his first symphonic composition, Middle Passage, while serving as the Associate Conductor of the Marylhurst Symphony Orchestra.

His greatest accomplishment and most passionate dedication has been to inspire a love of music among the youth of the region. Early on he directed the Cultural Recreation Band and more recently he has created one of the best high school bands in the country at the Beaverton Arts and Communications Magnet Academy, which have won awards at the Clackamas Community College Jazz Festival, the Monterey Jazz Festival, and the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. As a highly respected jazz musician, he has been able to bring many world-renowned musicians to his local classes and workshops, offering young musicians a chance to learn from some of today’s great American artists.

With the Fellowship funds, Thara plans to dedicate more time and energy to these jazz clinics and workshops which he wants to offer to high school bands and particularly minority youth. Thara will continue his conducting work with not-for-profit community orchestras, including the Pacific Crest Preparatory Sinfonietta, an off shoot of Pacific Crest Sinfonietta.

Last Spring we asked arts organizations and grant panelists to help us help them. As part of on-going efforts to improve services to our constituents, RACC commissioned an independent evaluation survey to learn how grant applicants and review panelists respond to our grant guidelines, application, and panel and award processes.

We will be sharing our findings with constituents over the next few months, including an indepth article to be published in January’s Art Notes. Overall, I am happy to report that RACC received high marks for our process, and the grants staff was recognized repeatedly for being extremely helpful and supportive. We also received some very constructive feedback about the panel process and on-line application that will help us improve our grants program in the future.

As we continue to serve an ever-expanding arts community, it is vital that our grants program be available to a diverse range of artists and arts organizations in terms of discipline, experience level, ethnicity, age, and geographic distribution. According to the survey most of our constituents recognize and appreciate the changes that have been made to our grants program over the last three years, and we look forward to making some additional modifications that will make the process even more accessible and fair for everyone who applies.

We can’t promise to make it perfect for everyone, but we will continue to do the very best we can. Please stay tuned for more information and, as always, let us hear from you.

From the Executive Director

Eloise Damrosch
Regional Arts & Culture Council

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**AROUND TOWN**

All events funded in part by the Regional Arts & Culture Council

**Continuing**-12/23  Paper Towers: The Creation of a Book by Sara Horowitz, Reed College Library, Caseworks 8, 503.771.1112

**Continuing**-3/19/06  Hesse: A Princely German Collection, Portland Art Museum, 503.226.2811, www.focm.org

11/1  English Concert with Andrew Manze, Friends of Chamber Music, 503.224.9842, www.focm.org

11/2  McDuffie-Kirshbaum-Dutton Trio, Chamber Music Northwest, 503.204.6400, www.cmnw.org

11/4  Written in a Letter, Nomadic Theatre Co., James John Elementary School, 503.338.3441 (more performances in December at other Portland Public Schools)


11/4-12  32nd NW Film & Video Festival, NW Film Center, www.nwfilm.org, 503.221.1156


11/5-12  Ferdinand the Bull, Oregon Children’s Theatre, 503.228.9571, www.octc.org

11/5-12  Tosca, Portland Opera, 503.241.1407, www.portlandopera.org

11/6-22  To Shine At Last: A Musical Myth of Descent, Rebirth & Union, by Peter & Kristina Armetta, 503.362.0419


11/19/18/06  Good Bird/Bad Bird, Contemporary Craft Museum & Gallery, 503.223.2654, www.contemporarycrafts.org


11/29/12/24 This Wonderful Life, Portland Center Stage, 503.248.8309, www.pcs.org

11/29-12/30  Frajada Strands, a film by Anna Fidler, Pulliam Deffenbaugh Gallery, 503.228.6665

12/3-1/06  Biglittlethings, Imago, 503.231.9581, www.imagetheatre.com


For more: www.racc.org/resources/events

**AT RACC**

11/8  Portland’s Second MetLife Arts Forum will be presented by RACC and NW/BCA at the Governor Hotel, 614 SW 11th Ave. Small groups will re-address some of the main themes that emerged from the July 28 Forum and begin to build collaborative solutions for the issues facing the local creative community. For more information, contact Sara Gummere at 503.823.5424 or email sgummere@racc.org. To download recaps of the July forum and participate in the ongoing ArtsForum blog, visit http://artsforum.motointeractive.com/.

**Second Year for RACC’s Workplace Giving.** On October 18, the RACC Board and several corporate leaders helped celebrate the launch of the 2nd annual workplace giving campaign for arts and culture at a reception hosted by Washington Trust Bank at the Portland Art Museum. Already more than 20 companies are signed on to give employees the opportunity to make contributions to local arts and culture organizations through the convenience of payroll deduction. For more information, visit www.racfund.org.

**RACC’s Jeff Hawthorne Elected to National United Arts Fund Council.** RACC Director of Community Affairs, Jeff Hawthorne, has just been elected to a three year term on Americans for the Arts United Arts Fund Council, which advises the Board of Americans for the Arts about the development of programs, publications, and services that are designed to meet the needs of the nation’s more than 70 united arts funds. In the last two years, Jeff has developed the RAC Fund, the first workplace giving program for the arts in Oregon. For more information on this program visit www.racfund.org.

**RACC Grant Updates:**

- Notification Letters for FY 2005-06 Project and Professional Development Cycle 2 Grants will be mailed mid-December.
- FY 2005-06 General Support Guidelines and Application forms available online mid-January, 2006. The anticipated deadline for the General Support grants is 3/13/06. First-time applicants must consult with RACC grants staff regarding eligibility and criteria at least 30 days prior to proposal deadline.

**Public Art Opportunities (RFQs at www.racc.org):**

- **Public Art Mural Program.** Guidelines and application for creating murals in the City of Portland are now available at RACC website. Next Deadline: 11/23/05.
- **Portland Building Installation Space 2006-07.** RACC is seeking to purchase or commission two-dimensional artworks. Applications are due by 12/5/05. RACC invites artists/teams enrolled in college/university level art programs in Oregon to submit proposals for temporary installations in the lobby of the Portland Building, 1120 SW Fifth Avenue. Five professional artists/teams will be selected for one-month installations from July 2006 - June 2007. $750 honorarium. Deadline: 12/5/05.
- **Portland Building Installation Space 2006-07 Student Program.** RACC invites art students/teams enrolled in college/university level art programs in Oregon to submit proposals for temporary installations in the lobby of the Portland Building, 1120 SW Fifth Avenue. Three art students/teams will be selected for one-month installations from July 2006 - June 2007. $250 honorarium. Deadline: 12/5/05.
- **RACC is seeking to purchase or commission two-dimensional artworks** with family related themes for the Multnomah County Family Services Unit in the Department of Community Justice. $25,000 available for the purchase and framing of artwork. Watch www.racc.org for details.

**RACC Public Art emailing list:** All public art opportunities managed by RACC are posted on the RACC website and emailed to an electronic mailing list. To subscribe to the RACC Public Art Email list: go to www.racc.org/subscribe/pa. If you lack access to a computer, call 503.823.3111 for hard copies of prospectuses.

For updates: www.racc.org/resources/RACCOpportunities
**NEA’s American Masterpieces** sponsoring performances, exhibitions, tours, and educational programs that will reach all 50 states. Upcoming deadlines for FY 2006 are for funding in the choral music and visual arts. Visit Choral Music: www.arts.gov/grants/apply/AMChoral.html. **Deadline:** 11/7/05.

**Visual Arts Touring:** www.arts.gov/grants/apply/AMVAT.html. **Deadline:** 11/14/05.

**Asia Pacific Performance Exchange Program 2006.** APPEx is a six-week intensive international artists’ residency program (July-August 2006, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA) that promotes cross-cultural dialogue and interdisciplinary exploration, developing rigorous art making strategies that reflect the nuances of cultural differences. Visit www.wac.ucla.edu/cip/appex/index.htm. **Deadline:** 11/10/05.

**Conservation Assessment Funding (CAP)** sponsored by Heritage Preservation and the Institute of Museum and Library Services provides assessments by professional conservators for small to mid-sized museums to assess the condition of their collections and recommend improvements. Visit www.heritage-preservation.org or contact Kate Marks at kmarks@heritage-preservation.org or 202.233.0831. **Postmarked Deadline:** 12/1/05.

**Puffin Foundation** funds emerging artists in the fields of art, music, theater, dance, photography, and literature whose works, due to their genre and/or social philosophy, might have difficulty being aired. Grants $1,000–$2,500. Contact: FF, 20 E Oakdene Ave., Teaneck, NJ 07666 or 201.836.8923 or www.wsworkshop.org. **Deadline:** 11/15/05.

**NEA Literature Fellowships: Translation Projects.** For talented, published translators, the funds support projects for the specific translation of prose, poetry, or drama from other languages into English. Grants $10,000–$20,000. Visit www.arts.gov/grants/apply/LitTranslation or call 202.682.5034. **Postmarked Deadline:** 1/9/06.

**Aaron Copland Fund for Music** provides grants up to $20,000 to support the production and release of recordings of contemporary American music and help develop audiences for the genre. Contact: Anna Smith, American Music Center, 30 West 26th Street, Suite 1001, New York, NY 10001-2011; 212.366.5260, ext. 29; anna@amc.net; www.amc.net/resources/grants/recording.html. **Deadline:** 1/9/06.

**3rd Annual Something Red Art Walk Show and Sale** at Salem businesses, 11/23-12/31. Artwork must feature the color Red and be by Oregon artists. Send #10 SASE to: Artists In Action, Something Red, PO Box 2684, Salem, OR 97308. See www.artistsinaction.com, aia@artistsinaction.com. **Deadline:** 11/12/05.

**Beaverton (OR) Visual Arts Showcase 2006 Call to Artists** (2/5-19). Regional artists are encouraged to apply in Photography, Mixed Media/Fine Craft (includes book arts, ceramics, fibers, metals and wood), Prints/Drawings/Pastels, Oils/Acryllics, Sculpture, and Watercolors. Call 503.526.2288 or visit www.beavertonoregon.gov/departments/arts. **Postmarked Deadline:** 11/18/05.

**NEA Jazz Masters Fellowships** are the highest honors that our nation bestows upon jazz musicians, given in recognition that this magnificent art form, so profoundly based in American culture, is one of America’s greatest gifts to the world. Each award is $25,000. NEA Jazz Masters Fellowships are not open to application. **To nominate** a candidate visit www.arts.gov/education/jazz/Award.html. **Nomination Postmarked Deadline:** 1/31/06.

**NEH Challenge Grants** designed to help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for humanities activities that explore significant themes and events in American history, thereby advancing knowledge of the founding principles of the United States in their full historical and institutional context. Eligible are universities, museums, libraries, research institutions, historical societies, public television/radio stations, and other nonprofit entities. Visit www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/wtpchallenge.html or contact NEH’s Office of Challenge Grants at 202.606.8309. **Deadline:** 2/1/05.

**Meyer Memorial Trust General Purpose Grants** support organizations and programs in arts and humanities, education, health, social welfare, and a variety of other fields in Oregon and Clark County, Washington. For details visit www.mmt.org/grants_programs/gpg/guidelines. Applications ongoing. **For more:** www.racc.org/resources/grants

**Monica Huggett,** longtime Artistic Director of Portland Baroque Orchestra, joins Dutch flutist Wilbert Hazelzet in their thrilling interpretation of J. S. Bach’s Musicalisches Opfer (Musical Offering) in **An Imperial Offering** Nov 11-13 at First Baptist Church and Kaul Auditorium. See www.pbo.org for details. Portland Baroque Orchestra receives General Support funding from RACC.
Seeking Traditional and Experimental Video and Film, New Media, Digital Installations and Web based work. Echotrope, a nomadic arts organization in the midwest organizes art exhibitions and screenings of contemporary media work. Please send materials to: Echotrope, PO Box 31394, Omaha, NE 68164, www.echotrope.org. Deadline: 12/1/05.

Call for Artists. Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman seeks artwork to show in his office at City Hall on a monthly basis. Contact: Beverly F. Corr, Commissioner Saltzman Office, 1221 SW Fourth Ave., Portland, OR 97204, 503.823.4151, bcorr@ci.portland.or.us. Contact: Beverly F. Corr, Commissioner Saltzman Office, 1221 SW Fourth Ave., Portland, OR 97204, 503.823.4151, bcorr@ci.portland.or.us. Deadline: 12/31/05.

For much more: www.racc.org/resources/Other

Volunteer Coordinator for Portland Art Museum. Directs volunteer activities and resources; Plans and implements volunteer training, recognition, and policies; Prepares volunteer training materials. Application at the Portland Art Museum, 1219 SW Park Avenue, Portland. or http://web.pam.org/asp/about_us/employment.asp.

For much more: www.racc.org/resources/Jobs

Other Opportunities & Information

11/5 Art Needed for Africare Benefit Auction, a nonprofit organization which funds water resource development, environmental management and emergency humanitarian aid. Any medium being accepted. Contact Heather Rushing email: h.rushing@gmail.com.

Interns Wanted by Contemporary Crafts Museum & Gallery to support staff on a variety of arts administration projects. Email emcnultyscripter@contemporarycrafts.org.

11/12 Fox Chase Family Artwalk sponsored by the Fox Chase Business Association (www.foxchase.info) and the Concordia Neighborhood Association. 10am – 6pm. Located at NE 30th and NE Killingsworth. Contact Tony Fuentes at 503.493.4141 or milagros@milagrosbouqni.com.

11/20 Soapstone’s Annual Holiday Bookfest. Soapstone is a nonprofit organization in Oregon’s Coast Range that offers residencies for women writers. 5-7pm at Broadway Books, 1714 NE Broadway, Portland.

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Do Jump for the Holidays! presents the best of 28 years of Do Jump! magic, from old favorites to brand new pieces. This show is a great way to share the warmth of the holidays with your whole family. This ever-evolving holiday show performs at Echo Theatre from Nov 17-Dec 23. See www.dojum.org for more details. Do Jump receives General Support funding from RACC.
The RACC Artists Fellowship Award was established in 1999 as part of ArtsPlan 2000+ which recommended that the community recognize the value of some of the region’s most accomplished artists. This Award offers our best artists a supportive refuge at a mature stage of creativity and helps foster a climate in which artists can reach for excellence in their work and in turn enrich the communities in our region. Thara Memory will be officially honored by this community for his many contributions at a luncheon on November 2.

The Fellowship selection involves a lengthy panel process of community representatives from the discipline being honored. To apply, professional artists must have worked in their field for 10 years and lived in the Portland tri-county area for five. Serving as Performing Arts Panelists this year were Mike Barber, Tim DuRoche, Bobby Foucher, David Friessen, Magretta Hansen, Mead Hunter, Ann Ishimaru, Dawn Jackson, Julianne Johnson, Jon Kretzu, Vicki Pich, Kate Power, Quigley Provost-Landrum, Dmae Roberts, Michael Rohd, Christopher Stowell, Prajwal Vajracharya, John Vergin, and Tim Wilson. RACC wishes to thank these dedicated volunteers for their commitment to excellence in the arts.

Due to budget constraints this year, only one Fellowship was awarded. In past years, since 1999, two Fellowships a year were awarded in the following four disciplines: Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Literary Arts and Media Arts. Next year’s Fellowship will be awarded in Visual Arts. Applications will be available in the spring of 2006. For more information on the Fellowship Program at RACC visit www.racc.org/grants/artistfellowships.php.

Artists who have received this prestigious award in past include:

1999, Performing Arts – Obo Addy and Mary Oslund
2000, Visual Arts – Terry Toedtemeier and Christine Bourdette
2001, Literary & Media Arts – Michele Glazer and Jim Blashfield
2002, Performing Arts – Tomas Svoboda and Keith Scales
2003, Visual Arts – Michael Brophy and Judy Cooke
2004, Literary & Media Arts – Craig Lesley and Chel White

The Lovejoy Columns Installed in the Pearl

On October 5th, two of the widely cherished columns that supported the former Lovejoy Ramp were moved to the plaza at the Elizabeth Lofts, NW 10th Avenue & Flanders. Known as the Lovejoy Columns, they are adorned with murals painted by the late Greek immigrant, artist and railroad worker Tom Stefopoulos between 1948-1952 (see back page for 1949 photo). The public-private collaboration to restore this piece of Portland history included RACC, Portland Development Commission, Friends of the Column, the Pearl District Neighborhood Association, members of the Greek Community, Hoyt Street Properties, RIGGA Architecture and John Carroll, developer of the Elizabeth Lofts.

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RACC VISION. To enrich community life, the Regional Arts & Culture Council and partners create an environment in which the arts and culture of the region flourish and prosper.

RACC MISSION. Through vision, leadership and service the Regional Arts & Culture Council works to integrate arts and culture in all aspects of community life.

RACC VALUES. We value freedom of artistic and cultural expression as a fundamental human right. We value a diversity of artistic and cultural experiences. We value a community in which everyone can participate in arts and culture. We value a community that celebrates and supports its artists, and its arts and cultural organizations. We value arts and culture as key elements in creating desirable places to live, work and visit.

RACC PARTNERS. RACC works in partnership with the following organizations to ensure a quality arts and culture community in our region:

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Arts Action Alliance of Clackamas County
Cultural Advocacy Coalition
National Endowment for the Arts
Northwest Business for Culture and the Arts
Oregon Arts Commission
Oregon Cultural Trust
Westside Cultural Alliance, Washington County

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SUBMISSIONS. Only events funded by RACC are included in the Around Town section. Other notices about job openings, grants, etc. may be submitted, but RACC reserves the right to edit or reject material. Mail to RACC at the address listed below. Deadline for Jan/Feb 2006: 12/15/05.
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