**Subject:** Arts Access News!



Our Annual Fall Fundraiser is still going strong!

Make your contribution to keep the Arts Accessible for ALL!





Betsy Jones Ludwig is executive director of Arts Access in Raleigh. - Contributed photo

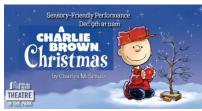
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Children with special needs should participate in the arts. She's making it easier.

Our Executive Director, Betsy Jones Ludwig, was named Tarheel of the Week by the News & Observer! For the full article, click here:

http://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/article186266733.html

## **Inclusive Arts Events in Raleigh!**



Theatre in the Park presents: A Sensory-Friendly Charlie Brown Christmas

Theatre In The Park is excited to announce its

first ever sensory-friendly performance. In an effort to make theatre magic accessible to all families in the Raleigh area, Theatre In The Park will present A Charlie Brown Christmas in a sensory-friendly format Saturday, December 9th at 11 am. This special sensory-friendly performance will be presented in a welcoming and supportive environment for children and adults on the autism spectrum, or other sensitivity issues, and their families.

Sensory-Friendly Saturdays at Sertoma, Visual Arts with

Michelle Davis-Petelinz

Create a masterpiece using a

variety of materials and textures. This program is a drop-in

format, so just join is as you arrive! The Arts Center

provides an accepting and inclusive environment, modifications to sound and lighting, noise-canceling headsets, and a quiet room. All ages and all abilities welcome to enjoy this free program! 1-3 p.m. Saturday, December 9th at Sertoma Arts Center in Raleigh.

Sertoma

Marble Kids Museum Family Fun Night
- After-hours event for children with special needs to experience Marbles in a calmer, quieter environment. Free and exclusively for kids with special needs and their families. December 12, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Marbles in Raleigh.

### Upcoming Workshops



Planning For All Campers

An interactive Lunch & Learn workshop session on how to plan and market accessible summer programs. Bring your lunch, your questions, and your promotional materials. The workshop is free, but space is limited so register today!

Presenters: Nikki Speer & Betsy Ludwig

Date: December 7, 12:00 - 1:30pm Location: United Arts Council 410 Glenwood Ave, Suite 170



Presenter: Debbie Hippler

Cost: \$300

Date: January 19 & 20

Location: Comfort Suites, 5219 Page Road,

Durham

If you have ever wanted to learn about how to provide this valuable narration service to assist individuals who are blind or have low vision to enjoy live arts, join us in this weekend workshop and learn how to become an Audio Describer! Details at our website.



Audio Described Performances

<u>Cinderella at Raleigh Little Theatre,</u> <u>December 10, 5:00pm</u>

Black Nativity at Justice Theatre
Project, December 17, 3:00pm

On Your Feet at Durham Performing

Arts Center, January 6, 8:00pm

Love Letters at NC Fletcher Theatre,

January 13, 2:00pm

The Normal Heart at Burning Coal, January 21, 2:00pm

For a complete list of Audio Described Performances, visit our website.



Eastern NC: Goldsboro Workshop!

#### Accessibility 101

Date: January 29, 1:00 - 4:00pm

Location: Main Gallery

Wayne County Arts Council
We will focus on enabling cultural
organizations to better include kids and
adults with disabilities in their programs. All
are welcome!



Coming in January!!!

Foundations: Building Blocks to Being a Working Artist

Presenters: Michelle Davis Petelinz, Visual Artist; Chris Hendricks, Performance Artist; Jennifer Marshburn, Literary Artist.

The Artist Link Project's first workshop will focus on knowing yourself as an artist including creating a body of work, identifying your style, your audience, and your venue, all designed to help you create your Artist Statement. Information will cover all primary art forms - Visual, Performing, and Literary.

More information coming soon!





## 2018 Playwright Discovery Program

Young writers with disabilities and collaborative groups that include students with disabilities, in U.S. grades 6-12 (or equivalents) or ages 11-18 for non-U.S. students, are invited to explore the disability experience through the art of writing for performance: plays, screenplays, spoken word poetry (for single performer or a group), or music theater. Visit their

# website for details and how to apply.









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