

## From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Ahhh summer. I love wandering through art fairs and relaxing at outdoor concerts. Summer is also the time to **reflect upon a successful year** at the Jackson School of the Arts and plan ahead for the next one.

From September to July, **608 children** and adults came to the Jackson School of the Arts where they had the opportunity to explore the arts with our programs and classes. **408 children benefited from tuition assistance** through use of our sliding fee scale – that is 82% of the children we serve. We could not enrich so many children's lives without the support of our community and people like you.

We welcomed 110 Girl Scouts for badge workshops and just wrapped up 2 week long fine arts camps at the Camp O' the Hills. With Jackson Public Schools we provided imaginative after school programs for students at Bennett, Northeast, Parkside, McCulloch and Cascades. And because it is **fun to celebrate with the arts**, we hosted about a dozen birthday parties.



The Jackson School of the Arts is committed to providing our community with opportunities to experience the arts because simply put, the arts make our lives better. We know that children don't get enough art. There is no

replacement for hands-on experiences shared with peers and an inspiring instructor. I can't tell you how many times adults say that they had forgotten how much they enjoyed painting or dancing.

**The arts are for everyone!**

I hope you'll take some time this summer to enjoy the arts and make plans to join us again in September for **another exciting year of art, dance and theater.**

*Kim Hastings*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Making  
the arts accessible  
to children and youth  
with out-of-school  
programs in

Art.  
Dance.  
Theater.

## 4th Annual Fairy Festival

On April 16 the Jackson School of the Arts and ART 634 became a fairy wonderland and nearly 500 children accompanied by their families and friends enjoyed an imaginative day with face painting, crafts, a tea party with the Rose Queen and delightful dancing fairies from Youth Dance Theatre of MI.

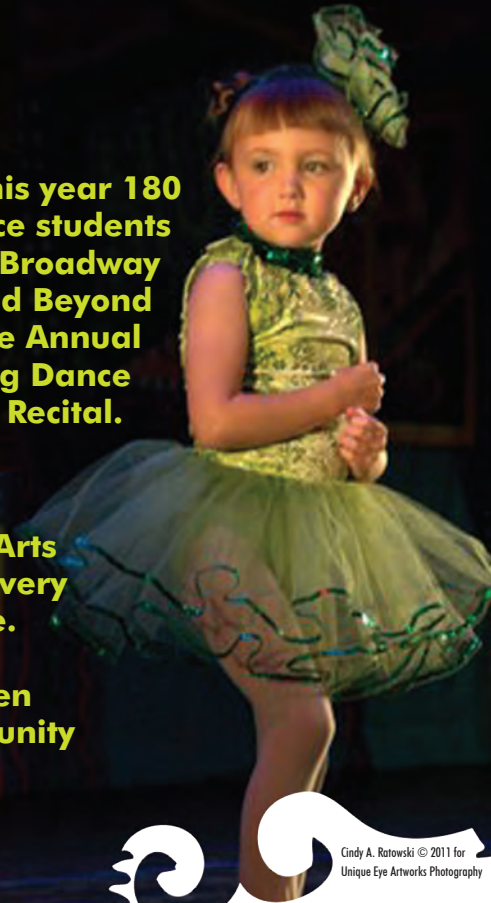
Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, we were able to continue to make this a free event to the public. **Curtis & Curtis, P.C.** was the Enchanted Fairy Castle Sponsor, **Jackson Pediatric Dentistry** was the Official Tooth Fairy Sponsor and **Willis & Jurasek, P.C., CPAs** sponsored Arts & Crafts Activities. Also thanks to **All Star Rental** for providing the magic fountain and ficus trees.



2011 Summer NEWS



**This year 180 dance students went Broadway and Beyond at the Annual Spring Dance Recital.**



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**Jackson School of the Arts provides costumes so every child can participate.**

**We believe all children should have the opportunity to shine on stage.**

### FEATURED INSTRUCTOR

"My goal in JSA art classes is to teach art techniques that expand students' visual thinking vocabulary so that they can "speak" the language of art. In this way, they can come to understand the message of other artists' work, and develop confidence in their own ability to express themselves with line, color, and form.



I was showing a group of kids a watercolor oil resist technique (when you paint over oil pastels, the paint does not stick to the pastels). As I brushed the paint over the paper, a 1st grade boy jumped up and gasped, **"Whoa! That's magic! It's magical!"** (He was a fun kid to have in class; always excited to be there.)



**I love being able to share the "magic" of art with kids.**

Cathy Lehman

**"Often times when I send my little one to dance there are other activities to do while waiting for class to begin. I love this idea of honoring and remembering our troops at Christmas time!"**

★ - Becca Hands, parent of a dance student



The Jackson School of the Arts participated in the A1FCU Christmas tree decorating contest. Our students and their families were invited to decorate a star and write a letter to our Troops.

## A Cultured Community Starts Here

Despite the fact that there is less money available to support the arts, the Jackson School of the Arts is still being awarded grants in a highly competitive field albeit on a reduced level. For every reduced grant award, we must find other dollars to balance the budget. Our goal is to build up a reserve fund, allowing us to maintain operations and provide support for low-income children during challenging times.

Please consider joining us in our efforts to provide children with inspiring programs that promote mental and physical well being and life long learning.

It's easy to give online at [jacksonarts.org](http://jacksonarts.org) or by mail. Thank you.

## Thanks to the following for their support in 2010-2011

Alan and Tonya Redding	Jackie and Peter Blake	Nicole Rhodes
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### Why should I donate to the Jackson School of the Arts?

This past year 408 children were able to expand their horizons because we provided arts education programs on a sliding fee scale. There is no other organization in Jackson or the surrounding area that says **"yes"** to every child regardless of their financial means. **We really need your support to continue to say "Yes!"**

### Yes! I/we will help today!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

check if you would like to receive our monthly e-news

**I want to sponsor a child every month!**  \$25 (one child)  \$50 (2 children)

**I am making a one time gift of**  \$50  \$100  \$500  \$1000  other

to support programs that enable children to discover their creative potential.

Check payable to: Jackson School of the Arts, PO BOX 1261, Jackson, MI 49204

Visa/MC: number \_\_\_\_\_ exp. date \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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### Mission:

The Jackson School of the Arts was founded on the belief that arts education should be accessible to all Jackson County youth regardless of their financial means.

We enable children to discover their creative potential with out-of-school programs in dance, theater and art.

### Highlights from the Fall 2011 Class Schedule

**Dance:** Some children have a natural talent or passion for dance. For these students, the Jackson School of the Arts has created 2 new classes that include multiple performance opportunities: a ballet company class and a choreography and performance class. Also increased class time for pre-ballet and a full year of ballroom and dance fitness for adults.

**Art:** Many new classes to choose from with our imaginative instructors and class content aligns with MI Dept. of Education Arts Content Standards.

**Fun + learning together!**

**Theater:** Puppets, Plays, Pretend is back along with Young Actors.

At [jacksonarts.org](http://jacksonarts.org) sign up to have the Fall 2011 Schedule emailed to you.



### Open House & Registration Days

at Jackson School  
of the Arts

Join  
us on  
August 28 &  
September 11 from 2-4 PM  
Meet our instructors,  
sign up for classes.  
Refreshments and  
activities too.  
Free.

Fall Classes begin  
week of Sept. 12