

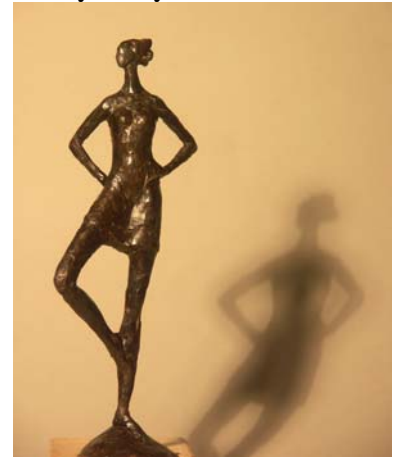


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Kansas City Young Audiences to host *Arts for Living and Learning Luncheon* in celebration of another year of providing arts education to youth on **Thursday, May 3, 2007.**

The luncheon celebration will feature local artist and bronze sculptor, Tom Corbin and performances by the Kansas City Young Audiences Community School of the Arts students. Mr. Corbin has designed a new sculpture, *Young Dancer*, for Kansas City Young Audiences (KCYA) and is donating the proceeds from its sale to support the KCYA mission. Guests at the event will have the opportunity to purchase the 9 1/2 inch statuette for \$400 and patrons will bid on the life-size sculpture at a special Patron's event on the evening of May 1st. The patron's party will be held in the home of Amy & Paul Holewisny and will feature fine food and entertainment as well as the auction of the Corbin bronze.



Young Dancer by Tom Corbin

The luncheon will also feature the presentation of three awards. The KCYA Distinguished Educator Award will be presented to Jean Ney, Fine Arts Coordinator in the Kansas City, Kansas school district, for her support of arts programming in the classroom. The Lighton Prize will be awarded to a Kansas City Young Audiences Teaching Artist, Chris Hudson, in recognition of his excellence as an artist and instructor. And The Trudy Award, designed in memory and honor of Gertrude "Trudy" Zeigler, will be presented to arts advocate, Joan Israelite, Executive Director of the Arts Council of Metropolitan Kansas City, for her tireless work for the arts in our community.

The luncheon committee includes Pam Gradinger, Lina Dickinson, Cameron Garrison, Lynne Melcher, Guy Townsend, Chris Mounts, and Anita Maltbia.

Ticket prices for the celebration begin at \$60 per person. Please contact Debra Huwar to order tickets or a *Young Dancer* statuette at 816-531-4022 ext. 1004 or by email at dhuwar@kcya.org.

Kansas City Young Audiences, organized in 1961, provides high quality arts for learning programs that integrate the arts with the core curriculum in schools and community venues and through the Arts Partners program. KCYA also runs the Community School of the Arts, where children of all ages and skill levels can get the very best instruction in all creative disciplines: music, dance, drama, creative writing and visual art. In 2006, Kansas City Young Audiences delivered arts programs to more than 208,000 children in the Greater Kansas City community.

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