



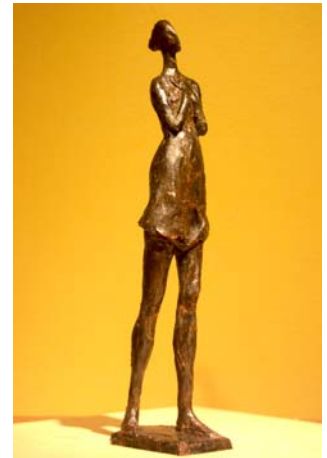
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Kansas City, MO - Kansas City Young Audiences to host *Arts for Living and Learning Luncheon* in celebration of another year of providing arts education to youth on **Thursday, May 22, 2008 at the InterContinental-Kansas City on the Plaza.**

The luncheon celebration will feature local dance artist, Louis Barr, and the presentation of three annual awards. The KCYA Distinguished Educator Award will be presented to Martha Thompson, Fine Arts Coordinator in the Kansas City, Missouri school district, for her support of arts programming in the classroom. The Lighton Prize will be awarded to one of Kansas City Young Audiences' Teaching Artists, Lisa Henry, in recognition of her 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 Berkley.

In addition, local artist Mr. Tom Corbin has designed a [new sculpture, *Young Actress*](#), for Kansas City Young Audiences (KCYA) and is donating the proceeds from its sale to support the KCYA mission. Guests will have the opportunity to purchase the 9 ½-inch statuette for \$400 and patrons will bid on the life-size sculpture at a special patron's event on the evening of May 20, 2008. The Patron's Party will be held in the home of Dan and Lina Dickinson and will feature fine food and entertainment as well as the auction of the Corbin bronze.



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

Ticket prices for the celebration begin at \$60 per person. Contact Debra Huwar to order tickets or a *Young Actress* 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 get the very best instruction in all creative disciplines: music, dance, drama, creative writing and visual art. In 2007, Kansas City Young Audiences delivered arts programs to more than 177,000 children in the Greater Kansas City community.

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