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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
KATHI LANDON LEATHERWOOD

As with any organization, having a vision and plan for the future is essential for the Jackson Arts Council to serve our community in the most efficient and productive way possible. In order to keep the vision and plan relevant, the Board and staff undergo an intensive – and gratifying – Strategic Planning session every few years.

Through a Technical Assistance grant from the Tennessee Arts Commission, JAC hired a strategic plan consultant (whose credentials include facilitating Strategic Planning for several arts councils, serving on the Board of Americans for the Arts, and serving as the Director of a Masters in Arts Administration program). Prior to the session, the Board members and others responded to fact gathering inquiries. On January 12 and 13, the Jackson Arts Council Board met to produce a document that will lead us through the next three years. The JAC goals determined are:

- Increase awareness and communication
- Make the arts more accessible to all
- Strengthen the arts organizations
- Increase arts education
- Increase arts advocacy
- Build and strengthen JAC through governance, finance, administration and awareness



With these six goals, JAC is certain to continue to have a positive and important impact on our community. I extend my sincere appreciation to the JAC Board for their dedication to serving our community by connecting and strengthening the arts.

I share the Jackson Art Council's vision of an enhanced cultural horizon for our community. I want to help serve their mission of promoting excellence in the arts and to its creation and experience.



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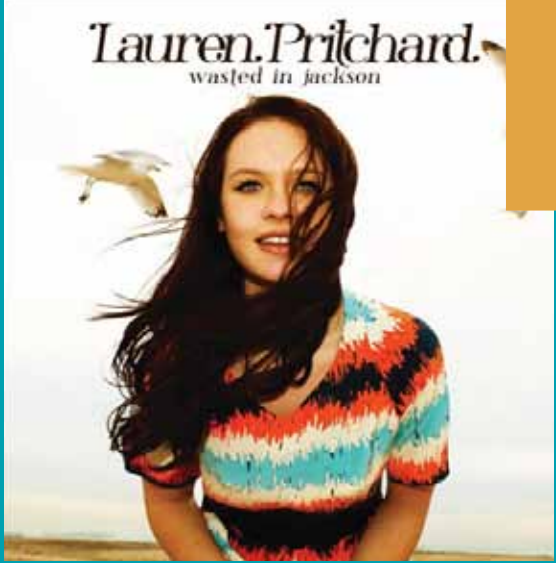
Because the Board Presidents of the Art role in the future of the arts in our comm breakfast on the stage of The Ned for th welcomed the group of Presidents, Exec and guests. In addition to recognizing t breakfast meeting provided the attende

nities and a chance to share information. An overview of JAC services were presented by T ment Relations), Jackie Hazlehurst (JAC Arts Coalition Chair) and Kathi Landon Leatherwood

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# Lauren Pritchard



Jackson native / Universal Republic recording artist Lauren Pritchard will launch a U.S. tour with Matt White and Brendan James on March 17th in Little Rock, AR. The run, which will include a performance at Los Angeles' intimate Hotel Café on April 1st, will conclude in Pittsburgh on April 17th.

Her debut album—"Wasted in Jackson" was released on February 22nd. "On one of the year's best debut albums, this soulful singer-songwriter brings to mind what Adele or Joss might have sounded like if they grew up in Jackson, Tenn," said People in a three-and-a-half star review. She recently performed the album's lead single, "Not The Drinking," on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and "Conan."

Lauren acted in numerous Jackson Children & Teen Theater productions while growing up here.

Menno Feenstra,  
Artistic director - The Royal Opera House

"When Laurice sings you forget the bad in your life".

# Laurice Lanier



Former Jacksonian, Laurice Lanier is currently performing in "3 Mo' Divas" which has aired on over 785 PBS stations throughout the U.S. and Canada. A graduate of the Julliard School of Music - NYC, Laurice's voice has been recognized by Maryland Public Television as "one of the most versatile voices on the planet". The "3 Mo' Divas" CD, DVD, and Blu-Ray are available for purchase at Barnes and Noble and amazon.com. To stay updated with Laurice's upcoming events and performances, go to... [www.lauricelanier.com](http://www.lauricelanier.com).

## Arts Coalition

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Spring & Summer

Casey Jones Barbershop Chorus	Casey Jones Barbershop Chorus - Dinner Entertainment	Now - June 21 every 3rd Tues.
West TN Storytellers	West TN Storytellers Meet	Mar.-May. & Sept. - Dec. every 1st Th.
Jackson Downtown Library	Preschool Storytime	Every Tuesday & Friday
The Ned	Art Exhibit - "Acrylic Display"	Now thru - Mar 31st
Jackson Art Association	Spring Art Show	Now thru - Mar 30th
The Ned	Art Exhibit - "Gatherings 3"	Now thru - Apr. 29th
Lambuth University	Graduating Senior Student Art Show - Allison Pickett	Now thru - Apr. 1st
Lambuth University	Guest Artist Show - Brooke Foy	Mar. 14th - Apr. 8th
Lambuth University	Eroica Ensemble	Mar. 20th
Jackson Downtown Library	Film -That Even Sun - Speaker William Gay	Mar. 24th
Ballet Arts, Inc.	Spring Performance - "Classical Jackson"	Mar. 26th & 27th
The Ned	The Hunt Family Singers	Apr. 1st
Lambuth University	Graduating Senior Student Art Show - Woody Hancock	Apr. 4th - Apr. 21st
Lambuth University	Graduating Senior Student Art Show - Audra Wright	Apr. 4th - Apr. 21st
The Ned	Watercolor Exhibit	Apr. 4th - May 31st
Friends of the Library	Celebration of Poetry Month	Apr. 7th
Jackson Symphony	Party! Featuring KC & The Sunshine Band	Apr. 9th
City of Jackson Rec. & Parks	The Golden Circle Opry	Apr. 9th
Union University	Visual Art Workshop - "Looking at Nature/Landscape Class"	Apr. 9th
Lambuth University	Eroica Ensemble	Apr. 10th
Lambuth University	Guest Artist Show - Belinda Patterson	Apr. 11th - May 6th
Jackson Theatre Guild	A Play - <i>Wrong Window!</i>	Apr.14th - 17th
Jackson Choral Society	Spring Concert	Apr. 15th
Jackson Area Community Band	Concert Band & Jazz Band Concert	Apr. 18th
JDDC	Downtown Jackson Open House, Art & Wine Walk	Apr. 29th
The Ned	Art Exhibit - "Nature & Mystery"	May 4th - July 3rd
Friends of the Library	Carolyn Tomlin Lecture - "Chinese Culture"	May 5th
Union University	Visual Art Class - "Discovering Patterns"	May 7th
JDDC	JDDC Summer Concert Series: Gospel Concert on The Sq.	May 29th
JDDC	20th Annual Shannon Street Blues & Heritage Festival	June 3rd & 4th
Lambuth University	Eroica Ensemble	June 5th
The Ned	Performing Arts Camp I (for ages 10 - 13)	June 6th - 17th
SAACA	"Juneteenth" - the Oldest African American Holiday	June 18th
Ballet Arts, Inc.	Ballet Arts Summer Intensive Workshop	June 20th - July 1st
Jackson Teen Theatre	A Play - <i>Really, Rosie</i>	June 24th & 25th
JDDC	Summer Concert Series: "Jazz Ensemble on The Square"	June 25th
The Ned	Performing Arts Camp II (for ages 8 - 9)	June 27th - July 1st
Jackson Area Community Band	Independence Day Concert	June 30th
The Ned	Art Exhibit - "Mainstream" by Randy Burns"	July 7th - Aug. 31st
Jackson Theatre Guild	A Play - <i>A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum</i>	July 14th - 17th
The Ned	Performing Arts Camp Jr. (for ages 5 - 7)	July 18th - 22nd
The Ned	"Mainstream" - Artist Reception	July 24th
Jackson Children's Theatre	A Play - <i>The Wizard of Oz</i>	July 28th & 29th
JDDC	Summer Concert Series: "Summer Music on The Square"	July 30th
The Ned	Art Exhibit - "Exploring the Great Outdoors"	Aug. 4th - Sept. 30th
Inter. Rock-A-Billy Hall of Fame	Celebration of the Coronation Celebration Ceremony	Aug. 5th & 6th
Jackson Symphony	Starlight Symphony	Aug. 27th
SAACA	22nd Annual African Street Festival	Sept. 2nd - 4th
Pinson Mounds State Park	Archeofest	Sept. 16th -18th
Malesus Civic Park	Bluegrass Family Fun Festival	Sept. 25th

Dates are subject to change. For contact information for each organization, go to [jacksonartscouncil.tn.org](http://jacksonartscouncil.tn.org)

## akfast

Arts Coalition members play a very important role in our community, the Jackson Arts Council hosted a breakfast for them. Gary Grisham, JAC President, and other Executive Directors, JAC Board members, staff and the Presidents and their organizations, the breakfast provides networking and collaboration opportunities. Trey Rabon (JAC Vice-President of Government Affairs) and Howard Bond (JAC Executive Director).

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Left to right: Bill Hickerson, Patsy Camp, Kathi Landon Leatherwood, Pat Alford, Sally Rainey, Jan Boud, Barnett Scott, Patty Lewis, Dan Brooks, Jr., Kakky Tanner, Susie Alexander, Trey Rabon, Jackie Hazlehurst, Stan Harris, Andre Temple, Gary Grisham. Not pictured: Howard Bond, Grace Ann House, Jack Manhein, Jr., Cynthia Manuel, Tina Mercer, Cynthia Osborne, Judy Renshaw, Lee Warren, Pat Winston, & Priscilla Wooden.

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# Making Movies... with Benjamin Epps

Benjamin Epps, formerly of Jackson, Tennessee and now living in Santa Monica, California, is currently directing his first feature-length film - "Family Weekend" in Detroit, Michigan. The movie is being produced by Footprint Features, a production company in which he is a partner, in association with Bedford Falls, the production company of Oscar winner Ed Zwick. Shooting ends in mid to late February, 2011. The finished film will be released tentatively in 2012.

The cast includes: Broadway and film star - **Kristen Chenoweth** playing Samantha, an ambitious woman climbing the corporate ladder. Her sixteen year-old daughter, Em, is played by **Olesya Rulin**, known to many as Kelsey from the "High School Musical" series. Samantha's artist husband, Duncan, stars **Matthew Modine** of "The Memphis Belle" and "Full Metal Jacket". **Eddie Hassell**, recently in "The Kids Are All Right", is Em's older brother Jackson and **Robbie Tucker** is the younger brother, Mickey, obsessed with Animal Planet TV. Em's little sister is **Joey King**, who recently starred in "Ramona and Beezus". **Chloe Bridges** is Kat, Em's childhood friend. Fellow Duke alum and partner, **Adam Saunders**, Footprint Features CEO, with a master's degree in acting from Yale, is Samantha's boyfriend, Rick. None other than **Shirley Jones**, best known from "The Partridge Family", stars as Gigi, Em's eccentric grandmother. **Peter Gail**, also a partner in Footprint Features and fellow Duke alum, with roles in "Jarhead" and "The Guardian", among others, plays Deputy Tyler.

Interestingly, Benjamin's crew also includes his sister, Leslie Ann Loughlin - a Los Angeles based stylist - as the costume designer for the production.

Benjamin and Leslie Ann's proud parents are Michael and Carolyn Epps of Jackson.

*"The great ages of history are great, not because of the wealth or pomp or power they displayed, but because of the art and literature they left behind, a rich heritage shared by all the civilized world."*

Lewis Webster Jones

