

# ART SPEAKS

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## IT'S GONNA BE **BIG** 2010/2011 SEASON

THE B-52s



LEANN RIMES



A CHORUS LINE



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DRUMLINE LIVE!



MICHAEL BOLTON



## Series Line-Up Brings Favorites and Surprises to the FAC

The 2010–2011 Subscription Series season roars out of the gates with an abundance of energy and talent in September. “The line-up this year is one of our best yet,” says Meggan George, Fine Arts Center manager. “It’s full of crowd favorites, and I guarantee there’s at least one or two surprise hits as well.”

*(details on next page)*



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# Series Line-Up

## Brings Favorites and Surprises to FAC

### The B-52s - September 24

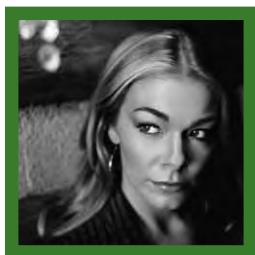


New Wave icons **the B-52s** rock into town on Friday, Sept. 24, with their multi-layered harmonies, bubbling beats and “shameless dance-floor party music.” Fans have loved the band since the 1970’s for wacky tunes like “Rock Lobster” and Top 10 hits like “Love Shack” and “Roam.” “Funplex,” the band’s

newest release, features fresh new songs crafted with the familiar savvy hooks and original style that put the B-52s on the musical map many hits ago.

[theb52s.com](http://theb52s.com)

### LeAnn Rimes - October 1



Expect an acoustical treat when the music of country great **LeAnn Rimes** fills the FAC theater on Friday, Oct. 1. An international star by age 13, Rimes has sold more than 40 million albums and won numerous major industry awards. Known for her distinctive emotional expression, she has scored

multiple country and pop crossover hits, including “One Way Ticket,” “I Need You,” “Can’t Fight the Moonlight” and “How Do I Live.” *Presented by Raymond James & Associates.*

[leannrimesworld.com](http://leannrimesworld.com)

### A Chorus Line - December 6



The singular sensation that is **A Chorus Line** comes to the Fine Arts Center on Monday, Dec. 6. The story of 17 dancers auditioning for the chance of a lifetime – to dance on Broadway – the show is the winner of nine Tony Awards, including “Best Musical,” and the Pulitzer Prize for drama.

A story for everyone who’s ever had a dream and put it all on the line, this beloved show is the longest-running American Broadway musical in history.

[choruslineontour.com](http://choruslineontour.com)

### Naturally 7 - January 22



Already major stars in Europe, **Naturally 7** come to the FAC on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011. This New York City wonder has mastered “vocal play,” a term coined to describe music created solely from the human voice. Performing primarily R&B with extensive beat boxing, Naturally 7 floors audiences with

a full-band sound, including drums, trumpets, violins and electric guitars, created entirely with their own voices.

[naturallyseven.com](http://naturallyseven.com)

### Drumline Live! - February 7



Storming the Fine Arts Center stage on Monday, Feb. 7, is the surprise hit **Drumline Live!** Experience the explosive choreography, music, and incredible feats of athleticism of “steppers” and dancers in a performance inspired by the hit movie, “Drumline.” A cast of 39 brings the high

energy, show-style marching band tradition of America’s colleges and universities to the theatrical stage.

[drumlinelive.com](http://drumlinelive.com)

### Michael Bolton - March 23



Multi-Grammy award winner **Michael Bolton** performs at the FAC on Wednesday, March 23. Since emerging in the late 1980’s, Bolton has grown a legion of fans and collaborators, including Luciano Pavarotti, Ray Charles, Bob Dylan, Ne-Yo, Barbra Streisand, KISS, B.B. King and Kanye

West (featuring megastar Jay-Z). His newest album, “One World One Love,” features the standout song “Murder My Heart,” co-written with Lady Gaga, who also sings backup. *Presented by Ameriprise Financial.*

[michaelbolton.com](http://michaelbolton.com)

## Tickets on Sale Now!

Subscription Series sales are open until Friday, Sept. 23, at 5 p.m., and are \$234, \$246, or \$270 for the six-show package. All shows start at 7:30 p.m. Subscribers also are able to purchase up to two additional tickets per show with each season subscription. While available, single tickets for the B-52s and LeAnn Rimes are on sale now. All remaining single tickets go on sale Monday, Oct. 4, at 9 a.m. and can be purchased at any Ticketmaster outlet, by calling (800) 745-3000, at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or in person at the Fine Arts Center Box Office. More information about the Subscription Series is available by calling (616) 493-8966 or visiting the FAC website, [www.fhfineartscenter.com](http://www.fhfineartscenter.com)

A Wicked  
Opportunity for  
Our Season Subscribers



Season Subscribers at the Forest Hills Fine Arts Center will have the opportunity to order tickets to the Broadway Blockbuster, WICKED, coming to Miller Auditorium in Kalamazoo December 1 - 12, 2010, before they go on sale to the public.

# Forest Hills Fine Arts Center

## Points of Pride 2009/2010

- The FAC hosted over 70 school concerts and programs and 75 school rehearsals with approximately 6,500 different students; several educational workshops, over 289 Community Adult and Youth Enrichment classes; and over 229 parent/staff meetings. This combined usage represents 92% of FAC's availability.
- The most important part of the Fine Arts Center's mission is student programming and this year the Center hosted numerous events that included, but weren't limited to: band, choir, and orchestra concerts, FHC's Bandtasia, FHC and FHN Musicals, the Middle and High School Chorale Galas, a side-by-side concert with FHPS students and the Grand Rapids Symphony, the Young Producers program for 5/6 graders, Forest Hills TV Broadcast Seminar, Meadow Brook's Celebrate the Arts Day, Students for Diversity training, and many more.
- With the remaining time, the Fine Arts Center generates revenue through rental income and ticket sales, sponsors, concessions, and advertising from the professional series, to help support operational costs.
- In the sixth year of presenting a season of internationally known touring acts, the Fine Arts Center line-up included a far-ranging collection of music, dance, comedy, and a few surprises. The musical roots of American rock and folk-rock music were present with Poco, Pure Prairie League, and Firefall; with a unique intersection of jazz, R&B, funk and pop, Kool & The Gang brought down the house with "Ladies Night"; the esprit de-corps and traditional sounds of the Band of the Irish Guards/Royal Regiment of Scotland impressed the crowd; in another sell-out performance, the cast of *Whose Live Anyway* were the highlight of the season, as they connected with the audience and kept the laughter going all night. In addition to the season line-up, hometown fan-favorite and American Idol alum, Matt Giraud, entertained a sell-out crowd with his talents; A mid-season addition of, *An Evening with Amy Grant* was an intimate night of song and story.
- Area businesses and organizations generously have sponsored our professional series this past year. These include: Ameriprise Financial, Forest Hills Foods, Juhas and Sullivan Jewelers, Daylily Floral & Gifts, Hilton Grand Rapids Airport, Jeff Dykehouse Photography, and Regent Broadcasting.
- The Artist-in-Residence Series showcased five incredible local artists with exhibits, and presented workshops to over 300 students and community members. Centennial Securities Company continues to support the arts by sponsoring all exhibits and the Artist-In-Residence (A.I.R.) program at the Fine Arts Center. In addition, the FAC hosted some first-time exhibits that will become annual traditions. The Grand Rapids Gallery Association exhibit and holiday sale will now be an annual holiday sale during November. In addition, group exhibits were presented by the ISEA (International Society of Experimental Artists) and The Mental Health Foundation of West Michigan. The FHPS Annual Student and Staff Exhibits were also displayed with over 500 parents and students in attendance at the opening and Recycled Fashion Show. Additional support for the AIR/Exhibit Program is given by D&W Fresh Market, Daylily Floral & Gift, and Falcon Printing.
- The Forest Hills Community Adult and Youth Enrichment classes included Pilates, Yoga, Zumba, Ballroom Dancing, Princess Ballerina, Water Color, Drawing and several other painting classes.
- Over 100 students participated in the 2009 Summerstock production of *Footloose* and another 90 students participated in the 2010 Summerstock production in *Music Man*.
- Numerous district training sessions, committee meetings and staff development meetings were held throughout the year. In addition, the facility was host to several special events that included: Annual FHPS Staff Kick-off, Diversity Kick-off, Diversity Training with Champions of Diversity and the Institute for Healing Racism, MAPT Transportation Meetings, Parent Advisory Meetings, Cultural Arts Meetings, the district-wide Retirement Picnic, and many more.
- An average 2,400 people weekly have used the Fine Arts Center during the past year.
- Over 450 volunteers have been trained to assist with events and office operations for a contribution of 2,700 hours of service this past year. Since opening in 2004, FAC volunteers have logged more than 10,000 hours at the Fine Arts Center.
- In addition to corporate rentals, the FAC was honored to host special events for The Grand Rapids Symphony Family Series, The Grand Rapids Ballet, Grand Valley State University, the West Michigan Youth Ballet, Sweet Adelines, and Kent District Library, Spectrum Health, the Grand Rapids Youth Symphony, Frechette Photography Photo Shoot, to name a few.



Warmenhoven

Kolker

Bradley

Kalinowski

Baker

# FAC Hosts New Artist-in Residence and Busy Exhibit Schedule

The exhibit season is in full swing with the year's first Artist-in-Residence (A.I.R.), Douglas Baker, showing his art at the Fine Arts Center (FAC) in September. Community members are invited to welcome Baker at a public reception on Thursday, Sept. 9, from 6–7:30 p.m. Four other artists-in-residence also are in place, ready to share their work with the community throughout the year.

Offering artists and art lovers the opportunity to explore, discover and appreciate a diverse mix of artistic styles and approaches, the A.I.R. Program is an integral part of the Fine Arts Center's commitment to the arts. Each artist is welcomed with a community-wide reception, exhibits his

or her work in the gallery, creates in the FAC studio and shares his/her talents with classes and programs designed for Forest Hills students and adults.

During the year, other exhibits also feature area artists and organizations, as well as Forest Hills students and staff. All exhibits will be open for public viewing during regular hours of operation (Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.) and designated evening hours. More information about the Artist-in-Residence Program and the individual artists is available by contacting Meggan George at (616) 493-8965 or visiting the FAC Web site, [www.fhfineartscenter.com](http://www.fhfineartscenter.com)

## This season's Artists-in-Residence are:

### Douglas Baker (Sept. 1 – 27)

Artist Reception: Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010, 6-7:30pm  
Nate Roberts to play

Like little journeys between past and present, Douglas Baker's acrylic abstract painting leads viewers away from the daily grind to reflect on a road map for life focused on acceptance and enjoyment.

### Abigail Bradley (Oct. 1 – 26)

Artist Reception: Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010, 6-7:30pm  
Brandon Muske to play

Abigail Bradley's evolution mirrors the changing skyline of Grand Rapids; refreshed and renewed, she uses photographic transfer and oil paint to create story springboards that invite others to invent their own narratives.

### Kathleen Kalinowski (Jan. 6 – 26)

Artist Reception: Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011, 6-7:30pm  
Dave Pickel to play

Inspired to capture the quiet, sometimes unnoticed, miracle of the land around us, Kathleen Kalinowski explores the nuances of nature in colorful, harmonious pastels and oil paint.

### Ken Kolker (Feb. 1 – 24)

Artist Reception: Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011, 6-7:30pm  
Nate Roberts to play

A portion of a barn, a row of windows, berries on the ground... Photographer Ken Kolker uses simple photographic images to intrigue the imagination into wondering what lies beyond the immediate view.

### David Warmenhoven (March 1 – 29)

Artist Reception: Thursday, March 10, 2011, 6-7:30pm  
Brandon Muske to play

Leaving the serious behind, David Warmenhoven injects a whimsical twist into his oil, acrylic and mixed media paintings, uncorking a spontaneous expression of the movements of everyday life.

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## Non-resident exhibits at the FAC include:

### VSA Michigan (Nov. 1 – 19)

Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010, 6pm – 7:30pm

Nate Roberts to play

Celebrating the creative power within, VSA Michigan - Grand Rapids Exhibit showcases all that is possible when people with disabilities connect with the arts.

### GRGA Holiday Sale (Nov. 11)

Meet the Galleries – Holiday Sale

Thursday, Nov. 11, 2010, 4-8:00pm

Brandon Muske to play

A veritable showcase of local art, the Grand Rapids Gallery Association (GRGA) exhibition unites representatives from commercial galleries, arts organizations, and universities and colleges to present a celebration of the city's vibrant fine arts community.

### Annual FHPS Staff and Community Services Exhibit (Dec. 1 – 16)

Artists Reception: Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010, 6pm – 7:30pm

Each year over 25 staff members throughout the district submit work for the annual Forest Hills Public Schools Staff Exhibit. This exhibit is open to all staff and the incredible talents and varied art forms make for an impressive collection of work. In addition, the Community Enrichment art classes that are held throughout the year at the Fine Arts Center host their exhibit during this time and over 45 students participate as well. The range and combination of work throughout provide a very unique exhibit worth seeing.

### FHPS Annual Student Exhibit

(Apr. 14 – May 11)

Artists Reception: Thursday, Apr. 21, 2011, 6pm – 7:30pm

Fashion Show: Thursday, Apr. 21, 2011, 7:30pm

For the past 20 years the Forest Hills Public Schools art teachers have selected works that showcase the talents of K-12 art students through many individual and group works of art. Over 200 students are part of this annual exhibit and exhibit-goers always marvel at the excellence in the work and in turn the excellence in teaching we are so fortunate to have in Forest Hills.

### Avenue for the Arts Mini-Exhibit/Event (May 17 – 27)

Opening Event: Saturday, May 21, 2011, 6pm

Entertainment provided by Ave. Artists/Bands

### Tamara Fox (Jun. 6 – 24)

Artists Reception: Thursday, June 16, 2011, 6-7:30pm

Brandon Muske to play

Reclaiming items that would otherwise be cast aside and forgotten, Tamara Fox integrates found materials in mixed media creations that have a history all their own.

### The Artist Alliance (Jul. 5 – Aug. 5)

Exhibit Reception: Thursday, July 14, 2011, 6-7:30pm

Nate Roberts to play

United in their desire to create, members of the Artists Alliance evoke the mystery of artistic energy, showcasing individualized approaches in multiple styles and media.

## About the Musicians

### The Nate Roberts Quartet

The Nate Roberts Quartet is a modern jazz group based out of western Michigan. Playing original compositions ranging from post-bop to avante garde, this group emphasizes the spontaneity of improvisation and group interaction over all else. Each member of the group is a risk-taking improviser in his own right, but they share a collective goal that cares more about the group aesthetic.

**Nate Roberts - Guitar**

**Zach Pedigo - Bass**

**Larry Figueroa - Piano**

**Ben Oegema - Drums**

### Brandon "Wallace" Muske

Brandon Wallace Muske is what some call a "musician," others call him a "connector." After many years of playing various instruments in various bands and genres from rock, classic jazz, blues, folk and others Brandon started a project called *The Wallace Collective*. The idea behind the collective was to connect musicians all over West Michigan to create excitement about not only music in our community, but the appreciation of multiple genres coming together to create something new and learn from each other in the process.

## The 10/11 Exhibit and Artist-in-Residence Program

Presenting sponsor for the 10/11 Exhibit and Artist-In-Residence Program:



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# Grand Rapids Gallery Association

Uniting representatives from local commercial galleries, arts organizations, universities and colleges, the Grand Rapids Gallery Association (GRGA) is a celebration of the city's vibrant fine arts community. "The GRGA is a powerful example of how much the art community has evolved in Grand Rapids over the years," says Meggan George, Fine Arts Center (FAC) manager. "As a member of the GRGA, the Forest Hills Fine Arts Center is part of an organization dedicated to showcasing incredibly talented local artists and making a diverse selection of art easily accessible for community members."

Collaborative in nature, the GRGA brings the full spectrum of entities dedicated to the arts together under one umbrella. Its goal is to bring more attention to the arts, stimulate public interaction with artists and their work, and support local arts businesses and organizations. Member organizations support artistic expression, sell artists' work, provide artistic programs and workshops, generate community projects, and even help the public find and frame artwork for homes and businesses.

Founded in 1997, the GRGA finds itself even more relevant in the challenging economic climate. Many artists rely on consumers purchasing art, donors giving for arts programs, and grants supporting the operation of arts organizations. The GRGA helps unify its members' needs and emphasize the benefits of collaborating on arts projects, exhibitions, events and awareness initiatives.

Events like the FAC exhibition are wonderful opportunities for GRGA members to gain exposure and for the public to obtain a full picture of who is creating, supporting, and

promoting the visual arts in the community. With more than a dozen GRGA members providing two or three works apiece, the exhibit contains quite a wide variety of art for the public to see.

"The GRGA Holiday Sale was so popular last year, we've decided to make it an annual event," George says. "We hope that even more people will come out this year to experience this amazing collection of local galleries and support local artists by purchasing unique and meaningful holiday gifts." The GRGA has a great deal to share with the public, and through educational programs and special events like the annual Holiday Sale, the organization hopes to influence the community culture and foster an active awareness and appreciation of the visual arts.

## GRGA Holiday Sale

Thursday, November 11, 2010 4pm-8pm



## FAC Welcomes Local Student Artists for VSA Michigan - Grand Rapids Exhibit

Celebrating 25 years of providing arts for all, VSA Michigan- Grand Rapids (VSA) brings children and adults with disabilities together with artists and art projects, breaking down many of the emotional and psychological barriers that hold people back. The VSA Exhibit, running from Monday, Nov. 1, until Friday, Nov. 19, at the Forest Hills Fine Arts Center (FAC), showcases the talent of more than 30 local student artists from the Kent Intermediate School District. A public reception to welcome the artists will be held on Thursday, Nov. 4, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the FAC lobby.

From paper-mâché monsters to contemporary paintings on canvas, each artist's joy in creating shines through all the pieces in the exhibition. "Our artists have such a wonderful vision of the world and an important perspective to offer," says Katie Timmermans, VSA program director. "With art, everyone's voice matters. Art celebrates diversity and encourages each artist to tell his or her story. Partnering with the Fine Arts Center to share these stories is a wonderful opportunity, and we hope

community members enjoy experiencing the art as much as we enjoyed creating it."

Each year, VSA provides art programs and activities in the visual arts, music, dance and drama to more than 4,000 children, youth and adults from throughout Kent and Ottawa County. The organization's art classes build self-confidence and create a sense of personal satisfaction; artistic accomplishments advance learning skills, improve classroom behavior and show students that they are more self-sufficient and capable than they may have thought.

VSA Executive Director Michele Suchovsky says that VSA was founded on the core belief that all people are valuable and deserve to be understood. "By recognizing the potential of every child, every youth and every adult, we can empower all of our artists to be active, positive and contributing members of our community," she says.

For more information, please visit [www.vsa-gr.org](http://www.vsa-gr.org) or VSA on Facebook at "VSA arts of Michigan - Grand Rapids."

# Sponsor Spotlight

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Raymond James & Associates is a different kind of financial services firm, one that takes its legacy of individualized service seriously in every realm. “We’ve always believed that the best results come from having a full understanding of each client’s unique needs and goals,” says David Hilgendorf, Jr., senior vice president and branch manager of the Grand Rapids office. “There are no canned solutions. Our independent advisors develop personal relationships with their clients, and as a result, they are better able to help clients meet their financial goals.”

The personal touch extends to the larger community as well. As a company, Raymond James & Associates is known for making philanthropy a corporate priority and supporting a wide variety of organizations. “Giving back to the community where we live and work is an absolute value,” explains Mark Oberlin, senior vice president of investments. “We believe it’s part of our mission and is one of the best ways we can say thank you to our clients and the community.”

Formerly Roney & Company, the Grand Rapids office opened in 1928. To improve national reach, add state-of-the-art technology and expand service offerings, the company joined Raymond James in 1999. Today, 16 financial advisors and 12 staff members manage approximately \$1 billion in assets. To date, they’ve never had a losing quarter.

Approximately 90 percent of the company’s clients are local, so corporate support is directed toward organizations that touch the lives of people in Grand Rapids. Oberlin says the Fine Arts Center is a natural choice. Many of the firm’s clients are interested in the arts, and the subscription series offers an outstanding opportunity for greater involvement. Raymond James & Associates has routinely advertised in event programs, but this year decided to increase their support to sponsor a show—country powerhouse LeAnn Rimes on Friday, Oct. 1.

“We thought it was time to step up our involvement,” says Oberlin. “The Fine Arts Center consistently offers a variety of shows that are enticing for the whole family. We can treat clients and their families to a fun evening out and know the experience will be fantastic.”

A parent of Forest Hills students, Oberlin also enjoys sharing the Fine Arts Center with clients who may not have been there before. “The facility is one of the most incredible assets any school system could hope to have—with the best technology, beautiful acoustics and gorgeous surroundings,” he says. “It’s a tremendous community resource.”

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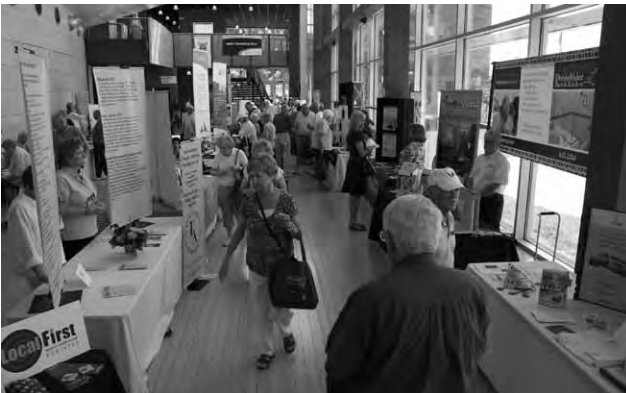
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National Senior Health and Fitness Day



Whose Live Anyway?, April 29, 2010



2010 Summerstock production of *Music Man*



FAC Volunteers at the annual Volunteer Recognition event



An Evening with Amy Grant, April 17, 2010

# 2010/2011 Calendar of Events

## September

- 24 **FAC Presents - The B-52s 7:30 p.m.**  
28 Kent District Library Pres. "A Novel Experience"  
7:30 p.m.

## October

- 1 **FAC Presents - LeAnn Rimes 7:30 p.m.**  
4 FHN Fall Vocal Concert-Grades 6-12 7:00 p.m.  
5 FHC Choral Kickoff 7:00 p.m.  
7 Abigail Bradley Artist Reception 6:00 p.m.  
15, 16 Barbershop Harmony Society Quartet Contest TBD  
17 GR Symphony Family Series Pres. "Wild Woodwinds"  
3:00 p.m.  
19, 21 FHC Bandtasia 7:00 p.m.  
25 FHN Vocal Jazz Festival 7:00 p.m.  
26 Community Services Senior Center Presents "Caba-  
ret" 1:00 p.m.  
28 Circle Theater pres. "Charlotte's Web" (school groups  
only) 10:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.  
28 FHC Fall Orchestra Concert 7:00 p.m.  
31 GR Youth Symphony 3:00 p.m.

## November

- 2 CMS/EMS/NHMS String Extravaganza 7:00 p.m.  
3 FHN/South Haven HS Choral/Orchestra Concert  
7:00 p.m.  
4 Very Special Arts Art Exhibit Reception 6:00 p.m.  
11 GR Gallery Association Annual Holiday Sale  
4:00 p.m.  
18-20 FHN's High School Musical 7:30 p.m.,  
3:00 p.m. Sat. mat.  
22 CW 6th Grade Band Concert 7:00 p.m.

## December

- 1 CMS 7th Grade Music Concert 7:00 p.m.  
2 CMS 8th Grade Music Concert 7:00 p.m.  
6 **FAC Presents - A Chorus Line 7:30 p.m.**  
7 FHC Holiday Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.  
8 Thornapple Elementary 4th Grade Musical 7:00 p.m.  
9 FHN/NHMS Winter Orchestra Concert 7:00 p.m.  
9 FHPS Staff & Comm. Ed. Artist Reception 6:00 p.m.  
11, 12 West Michigan Youth Ballet Pres. "The Nutcracker"  
1:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m./1:00 p.m.  
13 FHC Band Concert 7:00 p.m.  
14 FHC Winter Orchestra Concert 7:00 p.m.

## December

- 15 NT 6th Grade/NHMS 7th & 8th Grade Winter Choir  
Concert 7:00 p.m.  
16 FHN Winter Band Concert 7:00 p.m.

## January

- 11 CW 5th Grade Musical 7:00 p.m.  
12 CW 5th Grade Musical 7:00 p.m.  
13 Kathleen Kalinowski Artist Reception 6:00 p.m.  
18 CW Orchestra Concert 7:00 p.m.  
22 **FAC Presents - Naturally 7 7:30 p.m.**  
24 Meadow Brook Elementary Recorder Concert  
7:00 p.m.  
29 FHC's Got Talent 7:30 p.m.

## February

- 7 **FAC Presents - Drumline Live! 7:30 p.m.**  
9 CMS Pre-Festival Orchestra Concert 7:00 p.m.  
10 Circle Theater pres. "We the People" (school groups  
only) 10:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.  
10 Ken Kolker Artist Reception 6:00 p.m.  
20 GR Symphony Family Series Pres. "Battle of the  
Brass" 3:00 p.m.  
22 FHC Jazz Night 2011 7:00 p.m.  
23 CMS Band Concert 7:00 p.m.  
24 CMS/EMS/NHMS Choral Gala 6:00 p.m.  
28 FHC/FHE/FHN Orchestra Night 7:00 p.m.

## March

- 1 CMS/EMS/NHMS Band Clinic 8:00 a.m.  
3 FHN/NHMS Band Concert 7:00 p.m.  
4 FHC/FHE/FHN Band Festival 8:00 a.m.  
4 FHC/FHE/FHN Bands with Motor City Brass Band  
7:00 p.m.  
10 David Warmenhoven Artist Reception 6:00 p.m.  
17-19 FHC's High School Musical 7:30 p.m.  
3:00 p.m. Sat. mat.  
21 CW 6th Grade/CMS 7th & 8th Grade Choir Concert  
7:00 p.m.  
23 **FAC presents - Michael Bolton 7:30 p.m.**  
28 FHC/FHE/FHN Choral Gala 7:30 p.m.  
29 Spring String Fling 7:00 p.m.

# 2010 Volunteer of the Year Corney Brouwer

Forest Hills Fine Arts Center (FAC) 2010 Volunteer of the Year Corney Brouwer knows what it takes to help others. His secret? Listening.

“It’s important to focus on other people,” Brouwer explains. “If you take time to listen to what they say, you’ll know what you can do to help.” A former teacher and principal, he sees parallels between teaching and volunteering. He says, “Neither one is about pushing your own ideas forward. The way to make a meaningful difference is to hear what is needed in a given situation.”

After 37 years of helping students and staff at Ada Christian School, Brouwer retired 20 years ago. “That one’s hard to believe,” he chuckles. Since then, he’s made a second career of volunteering for a diverse group of organizations, accumulating thousands of hours of service.

“Corney is one of the finest people around,” says Lori Dykhouse, box office manager at the FAC. “He takes care of anything we need, and he’s always there for us in a pinch.” Brouwer ushers, takes tickets, delivers posters, and generally fills in wherever needed. He enjoys working “the big shows,” but actually prefers the high school productions. As a former piano teacher, men’s choir accompanist and church organist, he loves to watch students take charge and succeed on stage.

Always emphasizing the value of others, Brouwer says he appreciates how the Fine Arts Center focuses on people – from the extensive training volunteers receive to the staff’s commitment to create a memorable occasion for everyone who comes through the doors. “The facility is beautiful, but the personal experience here is what sets it apart,” he says.

A resident of the Forest Hills area for 54 years, Brouwer believes the Fine Arts Center has become a unifying force for community members. “Everybody’s busy, and the district has grown immensely,” he says. “Events at the Fine Arts Center give people a chance to stop for a while, get together and enjoy a common experience.”

Interested in staying active and involved, Brouwer keeps a full schedule. He misses his wife, Jo, who volunteered with him before passing away a couple of years ago. But he knows there’s important work left to do, and he’s focused on making his contribution.

No longer traveling on disaster relief trips or crisis response for the Red Cross, Brouwer currently volunteers at the Fine Arts Center, the Grand Rapids Symphony and Spectrum Health.



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Past Volunteers of the Year, Sally Chlystek (left) and Rog Matthews (right) present Corney Brouwer with the Volunteer of the Year plaque.

## Thank You to Our FAC Volunteer Family We look forward to having another great year!

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# Cabaret

Tuesday, October 26, 1:00 p.m.

Forest Hills Fine Arts Center  
600 Forest Hill Ave. SE  
Doors open at 12:30 p.m.



A little softshoe. Three-part harmony. Songs from Betty Grabel to Cab Calloway. This is a shapshot of the musical Cabaret performance planned for you in the beautiful Fine Arts Center theater. Listen to favorites from the Great American Songbook, including *Me and My Shadow*, *Mood Indigo*, *Put on a Happy Face*, *What the World Needs Now*, *Minnie the Moocher*, *Cabaret*, and more.

Mary Rademacher will entertain you with her expressive singing, dancing, humor and charm. Based in Grand Rapids, Mary has performed in numerous local and regional theaters, and travels nationwide as a vocalist.



Accompanying is husband and wife team, Tom and Cherie Lynn Hagen on the drums, keyboard and clarinet; and Michael Lutley on the saxophone and flute.

\$8 for concert when you register in advance. Pre-payment required.  
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November 18-20 7:30 PM  
3 PM Matinee on November 20

At the Forest Hills Fine Arts Center  
Adult Tickets: \$9 18/under: \$7

Tickets available at the FAC Box Office  
or [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com)

## Kent District Library Presents An Evening with David Baldacci

**Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.**

David Baldacci, author of, *Deliver Us From Evil*, *Stone Cold*, and the *Hour Game* will be at the Forest Hills Fine Arts Center on Tuesday, September 28th with a book signing to follow. General event tickets go on sale September 1 for \$15 and can be purchased only at [www.kdl.org](http://www.kdl.org), any KDL branch location or any Grand Rapids Schuler Books and Music location. A special author reception (for \$60/person) will be held at the Grille at Watermark (while quantities last). Proceeds support KDL's literacy programs for young children. For more information visit [www.kdl.org](http://www.kdl.org) today!