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Introduction

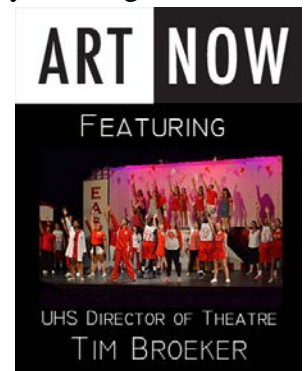
The following Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report describes activities of the Public Arts Program for the Urbana Public Arts Commission. The report includes information regarding projects which are in progress, recent requests and recommendations from the public, staff activities, and upcoming events.

Updates on Current Projects

- **Illinois Arts Council Grant for Youth Employment:** Thanks to a grant award by the Illinois Arts Council, the Urbana Public Arts Program is eager to welcome Lillian Meng on as our new Public Arts Student intern. Lillian has already assisted with administration, marketing, event planning and more.
- **Public Arts Coordinator:** Introducing Urbana's New Public Arts Coordinator Rachel Storm whom will begin on August 7th. Over the past eight years, Rachel has worked at the Women's Resources Center in the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She holds a Master's degree in Educational Policy, Organization, and Leadership from UIUC and is currently working to complete her PhD in the field.
- **Art Now:** July's edition of Art Now features Urbana High School Theatre Director Tim Broeker. Episodes are aired on UPTV 6 every Monday at 6:30 pm, with reruns every Tuesday at 11:00 pm, and are available on YouTube.

Staff is currently seeking recommendations and planning future artists for Art Now.

- **Art at the Market:** This past Saturday's Art at the Market featured Appalachian Mountain-style music on the prairies by The Young and the Fretless. Those strongly rhythmic dance tunes will be accompanied by a medieval arts and crafts workshop by The Society for Creative Anachronism. Workshops (from 8am to 12pm) and performances (from 9:30am to 11:30am) will take place every second Saturday on the following dates for the remainder of the Art at the Market season: August 12th, September 9th, and October 14th. The full summer 2017 schedule with project descriptions can be found online at: www.urbanaininois.us/artworkshops.



- **Artist of the Corridor:** The next exhibition will feature nature and travel photography by Fred Delcomyn. He tries to capture images not only of the grand vistas but also images that reveal the small things in nature. A retired university professor, Fred has been interested in photography most of his life, but took it up seriously only after his retirement from the University of Illinois in 2008. You can view more of his photos on his website (www.delcomyn-photo.smugmug.com). Opening Reception was held on Monday, July 10th from 5pm to 6:30pm.

Staff is currently seeking recommendations for future exhibitions for the Artist of the Corridor.

- **Urbana Sculpture Project:** A web-based, downloadable sculpture guide is now available for download on the city website at urbanaininois.us/sculptures.