

**Artists With Disabilities Alliance Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 12, 2005, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**  
**3121 Pillsbury Ave. S., Minneapolis, south entrance, main floor**  
**lounge**

one block south of Lake Street and a block west of K-Mart, off Pillsbury

Welcome to this informal monthly gathering of writers, visual artists, performers, composers and other artists with a variety of disabilities. Please share your interests and talents, support one another's work, and advocate for increased opportunities for all. (Fragrance-free, please.)

AGENDA:

- \* Introductions – Facilitator: Suzanne Byrne (612-721-2615)
- \* 2005 Arts Workshops. James Livingston volunteered to present our first workshop:  
**Poetry: From Healing to Art** from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 12 at Walker Church, 31st St. and 16th Ave. S. Preregister by Feb. 1 at [James Livinn Less Laps@Hotmail.com](mailto:James.Livinn.Less.Laps@Hotmail.com) or #13 1216 Powderhorn Terrace, MPLS, MN 55407. \$2 fee. Limited to 5-12 persons.  
Tara Innmon has also offered to present a workshop. Projected date:  
Other ideas for arts-related workshops you would like to present or take in 2005...
  - \* What other events, funding activities, etc. would people suggest for 2005?
  - \* Craig Dunn will share ideas on how VSA arts of Minnesota may collaborate with AWDA.
  - \* Set sites, topics for next meetings (Tues.-Wed., Feb. 8-9, 15-16?).
  - \* Other business . . .

NEWS, RESOURCES, NETWORKING:

- \* **Tara Innmon**, Maggie Bergeron and Linda Shapiro will speak at a forum on "The Human Continuum of Dance – It Takes All Abilities," Friday, January 21, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Hennepin Center for the Arts, Studio 5A, 528 Hennepin Av., Minneapolis.
- \* Six artists with disabilities received \$1,000 **Artist Recognition Grants** from VSA arts of Minnesota this month. Funded by the Jerome Foundation, grants went to four visual artists:  
**Mark Davison**, Mpls., Sculpture; **Serik Kulmeshkenov**, Mpls., Cartoons, Photography, Drawing; **Roald Molberg**, Duluth, Stoneware; **Eric Skoglund**, Mpls., Relief Prints; a poet, **Naomi Cohn**, St. Paul; and a performer, **Stephen Goldstein**, Mpls., Sound Design.
- \* **Disabled and Proud** airs every Tuesday at 7:00 pm on KFAI 90.3 fm in Minneapolis, or 106.7 fm in Saint Paul. To hear the current or previous

show online at [www.kfai.org](http://www.kfai.org), if you have a real audio player click on the program archives link, and then on Disabled and Proud.

To express suggestions for future shows, call Sam Jasmine at 612-341-3144 extension 817.

January 25 -- **Don Orr** will talk about & play excerpts from his new CD *Warm Summer Rain*.

February 1 -- Show on local events, including calendar of accessible shows.

February 15 -- Vince Mackie will discuss accessible web design.

February 22 -- Artist of the month **Stephanie Dawn** will play and discuss her songs and goals.

March 29 -- Artist of the month **Alec Sweazy** will talk about his beginnings as a performer.

\* To request an ASL interpreter or other accommodations or to make printed materials accessible for all participants, contact Jon at VSA arts of Minnesota: 612-332-3888 or 800-801-3883, v/tty, ext. 2, or [jon.vsarts@bcmn.com](mailto:jon.vsarts@bcmn.com); fax 612-305-0132

\* AWDA website: [www.Angelfire.com/mn3/awda](http://www.Angelfire.com/mn3/awda): MariJayn Duchene, [opusarts@aol.com](mailto:opusarts@aol.com) or [OpusArts@comcast.net](mailto:OpusArts@comcast.net) or 612-338-3435

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