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## **REGISTRATION OPEN FOR FALL CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS AT HOWARD COUNTY CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

Ellicott City, MD –Registration has begun for the Howard County Arts Council’s visual and performing arts fall programs at the Howard County Center for the Arts (HCCA) in Ellicott City. The Arts Council offers classes and workshops for children, teens, and adults. Fall classes begin September 21, 2009 and run through November 14.

Classes for children include musical theatre with a final class performance for family and friends in the Center’s black box theatre; explorations in drawing, painting and printmaking. And new this year, “Art Meets Poetry”, where kids can experiment with a variety of art forms to help discover new ways to express themselves and write poetry. Classes for adults include Basic Drawing Skills, Oil Painting for Beginners, Beginners Watercolor Painting and Theatre Scene Study. Ongoing weekly drop-in sessions for drawing and painting from portrait and life models are also available.

Other programs this fall include the Fabulous 50+ Players senior musical theatre troupe who will be performing a set of Outreach performances of their show *Radio Daze* for local Senior Centers. No Boundaries theatre program for young adults with disabilities begins September 8 in partnership with Howard County Recreation and Parks. Several private instructors, artists and organizations offer classes in the visual and performing arts at HCCA. The Center is open to the public Monday to Thursday 9AM - 10PM, Friday 9AM - 8PM, Saturday 10AM - 4PM and Sunday 12 - 4PM.

HCAC programs are subject to minimum and maximum numbers of students; early registration is recommended. For a detailed brochure call 410-313-2787 or see the website for more information and registration, [www.hocoarts.org](http://www.hocoarts.org).

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The Howard County Arts Council is a non-profit organization whose mission is to serve the citizens of Howard County by fostering the arts, artists and arts organizations. The Howard County Arts Council receives major grants from the Howard County Government and the Maryland State Arts Council and sustaining annual support from corporate, foundation and individual sponsors. Howard County Arts Council offices are located at the Howard County Center for the Arts, 8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043. The Howard County Center for the Arts is an accessible facility encouraging the full participation of individuals with disabilities. For information, call 410.313.ARTS (2787), fax 410.313.2790, or email [info@hocoarts.org](mailto:info@hocoarts.org). TDD: 711