

Dear Community Organization,

As a community agency or group with an interest in arts, design and humanities programming, we believe you may be interested in knowing about a new unit on the campus of Michigan State University called the Public Humanities Collaborative (PHC). The PHC was initially formed by a small, informal group of faculty members from across the university active in the fields of creative and performing arts, humanities, design, and communication arts and sciences. In the fall of 2006, the university showed its support for the PHC by naming a Director, Professor David Cooper, and opening an office in Linton Hall under the auspices of the College of Arts and Letters. The PHC has grown to an interdisciplinary alliance of about 250 faculty, students and staff.

The role of the PHC at MSU is to provide common ground and organizational support for faculty, students and outreach professionals to collaborate with each other and with community groups to build strong partnerships in the arts, design and humanities. As a part of that objective, the PHC seeks to establish a database of community groups with an interest in programming in these areas and in developing closer ties with MSU faculty and staff in these disciplines.

The PHC is also currently in the process of developing a web site to distribute information and to facilitate connections between the university and mid-Michigan communities. We also produce a weekly update of campus and community events and information distributed through an email listserv.

The Public Humanities Collaborative would like to invite you to submit basic information so that your group can: 1) join our mailing list and database of groups with an interest in collaborating with faculty, staff and students in the arts, design and humanities disciplines, 2) join our listserv to receive and submit updates and periodic special announcements about events, activities, and resources 3) access a network on the PHC web site (currently in development) which will serve as a clearinghouse and means of communicating with other community groups and on-campus groups.

If you are interested in participating, please fill out the form below which asks for basic contact information about your group.

You may return the form by U.S. mail:

David Cooper, Director
Public Humanities Collaborative
100 Linton Hall
East Lansing, MI 48824-1044

OR, the information may be emailed to:

Eileen Roraback, Associate Director
phc@msu.edu

Public Humanities Collaborative

Community Information Form

Name of Group or Agency: _____

Address: _____

Director: _____

Phone: _____ Ext: _____ Email: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Ext: _____ Email: _____

Interest areas (please check all relevant areas):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Interior Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Art History | <input type="checkbox"/> Composition | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Media | <input type="checkbox"/> History | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre | <input type="checkbox"/> Language Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Film | <input type="checkbox"/> Anthropology | <input type="checkbox"/> Museums | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | | |

OPTIONAL: If you would like your organization listed on our web site, please provide a brief description of your activities, especially those that are in some way related to the arts, humanities or design disciplines.

☉ Brief description of agency or group, interest areas and programs or previous collaboration with MSU:

☉ If you would like to be linked to the PHC website, please provide the web address:

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