

ARTY FACTS

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Arts Kentucky now all-volunteer

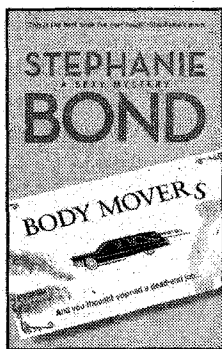
Arts Kentucky, an arts advocacy organization, has eliminated its executive director position and will continue as a volunteer-run group.

David Cupps held the top post for two years, leading numerous initiatives, including arts advocacy days during General Assembly sessions.

In an e-mail newsletter, Arts Kentucky board president Susan McNeese Lynch said the decision to eliminate the director's post was made after reviewing its mission and financial position.

"While this decision will require more of each of us as volunteers for Arts KY, we feel strongly that this arrangement, for the time being, will allow us to be more responsive to our member and constituents' needs while being responsible stewards of our public trust and funds," Lynch wrote.

For more information about Arts Kentucky, go to www.artsky.org.



Book series optioned as TV show

Novelist Stephanie Bond, who grew up in Olive Hill and graduated from Morehead State University, has had her *Body Movers* series of mystery books optioned by Sony Pictures Television for a possible TV series.

Spider-Man producer Laura Ziskin has signed on to produce the series. A pilot episode is being written, and it will be pitched to networks.

The *Body Movers* series features the brother-sister duo of Wesley and Carlotta, whose jobs moving bodies from crime scenes lands them in the middle of many a mystery.

After graduation, Bond worked for Ashland Inc. in Lexington before being transferred to Atlanta. She now lives and writes in Atlanta, the setting for the *Body Movers* mysteries.

Nominations sought for Governor's Awards in the Arts

The Kentucky Arts Council is accepting nominations for the 2010 Governor's Awards in the Arts. The awards recognize extraordinary achievements in the arts or outstanding contributions to the arts.

The categories are:

- Milner Award, for outstanding philanthropic, artistic or other contributions to the arts and their role in the economy, community and culture of Kentucky.
- National Award, for a Kentuckian who has received national acclaim in the arts.
- Artist, for lifetime achievement by an individual artist.
- Business, for a businesses that shows interest in and support of the arts.
- Community arts, to an organization or person who has made a positive impact on a community through the arts.
- Education, for a person, school, school district or organization's contributions to arts education.
- Folk heritage, to a person or group that has made exceptional efforts to perpetuate Kentucky's artistic traditions.
- Government, to a government entity or leader who has made significant contributions to the arts.
- Media, for a Kentucky journalist or a media organization in Kentucky that has made outstanding efforts to bring the arts to the public's attention.

Recent winners from the Lexington area have included trumpeter Vince DiMartino, visual artist Arturo Alonzo Sandoval and arts-supporting business The Liquor Barn.

Nominations are due by March 1. For information and nomination forms, call Dan Strauss at (502) 564-3757, Ext. 474, or go to http://artscouncil.ky.gov/guide/prog1/ga_gdl.html. Gov. Steve Beshear will present the 2010 Awards at a ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda in October.

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