

## YOUR BEAT EYES ON THE STREET

### Mayor's Art Awards: Nominations Open

The Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs is accepting nominations for the 2011 Mayor's Arts Awards. The awards recognize the accomplishments of artists, arts and cultural organizations and community members committed to enriching their communities through the arts.

The Seattle Arts Commission will review public nominations and recommend recipients to the mayor for final selection. The awards, which are non-monetary, are presented annually. This is the ninth year of the awards.

As the goal of the awards is to reflect the diversity of artistic achievement throughout the city, there are no preset award categories. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Seattle Arts Commission and the Seattle Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs. Nominators are encouraged to mark the milestone by putting forward people or organizations that have made a significant impact in the arts in Seattle during the last four decades.

McGinn will honor recipients of the 2011 Mayor's Arts Awards at a public ceremony on at Seattle Center, 4 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 1. He will also open the Bumbershoot Visual Arts Exhibits for a free public preview that day.

The nomination deadline is 5 p.m., Thursday, May 5. The nomination form is available online at [www.seattle.gov/arts](http://www.seattle.gov/arts). For a print version of the form,

contact Tamara Gill, (206) 733-9591 or [tamara.gill@seattle.gov](mailto:tamara.gill@seattle.gov).

Sponsors Needed for Summer Arts in the Park Seattle Parks and Recreation is seeking proposals from individuals, groups, or organizations to provide culturally relevant, safe, and reliable programs to the community through the Summer Art in the Park Program.

This program is designed to offer elements of academic alignment to help reduce summer learning loss, build self esteem, promote cross-cultural experiences, build ongoing participation, welcome drop-in participants, and support the Mayor's Youth and Families Initiative. Parks can allocate a maximum of \$8,400 for each of five parks for the season.

The Summer Art in the Park Program takes place at these Parks locations: Othello Playground, Powell Barnett Playground, Little Brook Park, Judkins Playfield, and Maplewood Playfield. The purpose of this program is to provide fun, innovative, curriculum based visual and performing arts.

The deadline for submitting a proposal is Friday, May 6, 2011.

For more information, call Daisy Catague at 206-615-0303. The RFP and associated materials are available online at <http://www.seattle.gov/parks/partnerships/rfp.htm>.

### Annual Naturalization Ceremony

The Seattle Public Library

will host a naturalization ceremony during which 80 people from around the world will be sworn in as citizens of the U.S. from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12 at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Level 1, Microsoft Auditorium.

The ceremony is free and open to the public. Registration is not required. Parking is available in the Central Library garage at the regular rates.

The ceremony will include keynote speeches from Eric Liu, Guiding Lights founder and member of The Seattle Public Library board of trustees, and Diane Douglas, executive director of CityClub. A presentation will be given by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service, and a recorded address by President Barack Obama will be played.

For more information call the Library at 206-386-4636.

### Earth Day River Restoration

Environmental forces will join together at the semi-annual Duwamish Alive! Earth Day river restoration event on Saturday, April 16. Starting at 10:00am volunteers will roll up their sleeves at multiple sites along Seattle's industrialized watershed to perform cleanup and restoration work in the ongoing effort to keep Seattle's only river alive.

Duwamish Alive! brings together over 30 conservation groups, businesses, and government entities, organizing hundreds of volunteers to work at 13 work

## Winning Businesses



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

MillerCoors announced the winners of its 2010-11 Urban Entrepreneurs Series and Business Plan Competition this week. Recipients won business grants totaling \$150,000 at a special reception held at the MillerCoors corporate headquarters in Chicago. This year's grand prize winner, Back to the Roots, received a \$100,000 business grant, with the four runners-up each receiving grants of \$25,000 to contribute to their company's start-up capital, or to expand their existing businesses. Pictured above are (back row from left ) Jerome Young, MBA Power Attract Jobs Now; Randal Pinkett, keynote speaker; Nikhil Arora and Alex Velez, Back To The Roots; (front row from left) Jesse Cerda and Nancy Nkansah, Ncapsul; Terethia Waller, The Benson Mills Group; Christie Blackwell and Quiana Corde, Barazzo; and Joanne Tabellija-Murphy and Larry Waters, MillerCoors. For more information about the upcoming 2011-12 MUES competition, visit: [www.millercoorsmues.com](http://www.millercoorsmues.com).

sites in the river's lower watershed.

Work sites include a river cleanup by kayak and canoe, shoreline salmon restoration, and native forest revitalization. Families, company groups, clubs, individuals, schools, fraternities and sororities are encouraged to participate, and no experience is necessary.

These volunteer restoration projects complement government efforts to clean

up the contaminated sediments at the bottom of the Duwamish River. Improvements in the health of the river will benefit people, wildlife, and runs of threatened salmon on the Green/Duwamish River.

At Codiga Park, volunteers will remove invasive plants and spread mulch to protect recent native plantings. Leading the work at the Codiga Park Site are People For Puget Sound and Tukwila Parks and

Recreation.

"The restoration of the Duwamish depends on community, non-profit, government and corporate partners working together to restore the urbanized environment," said Dhira Brown, restoration ecologist for People For Puget Sound. According to Brown, the Duwamish River Estuary has less than three percent of its original habitat remaining.

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# SEATTLE APRIL 2011

## BULLETIN BOARD



If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to [The Skanner](mailto:info@theskanner.com) at [info@theskanner.com](mailto:info@theskanner.com)

**Thursday April 7**

**RETOOLING FOR A GREEN FUTURE:** UW open house & panel: Listen to panelists discuss the growing impact the environment and sustainability have

on the way we work and live. This event is free and a great place to network. 6 - 8 p.m. North Plaza at UW Tower 4333 Brooklyn Ave. NE.

**Saturday April 9**

**SOUTH KING COUNTY WEDDING SHOW!** Highline Community College's second annual wedding show features everything the happy couple needs to plan their special day! 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 2400 South 240th St. Seattle This event is free and open to the public.

**Wednesday April 13**

**THE LADIES MUSICAL CLUB WILL HAVE A FREE PERFORMANCE!** The program is free and open to all no registration is required. 12:10 - 1:10 p.m. The Seattle Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave,

Microsoft Auditorium, level 1

**Friday April 15**

**TAX DAY FUN DAY!** You have been stressed and had to rush to get your taxes completed, now come relax with your favorite little people at Ravenna. \$1.00 per person: 6:30 - 8 p.m. Ravenna - Eckstein Community Center 6535 Ravenna Ave. NE.

**Saturday & Sunday April 16 & 17**

**BOOK ON OVER TO WARREN G. MAGNUSON PARK:** Friends of the Seattle Public Library spring book sale: More than 250,000 books, CDs, DVDs and much more. Saturday hours 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday hours 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. 7400 Sand Point Way NE Building No. 30