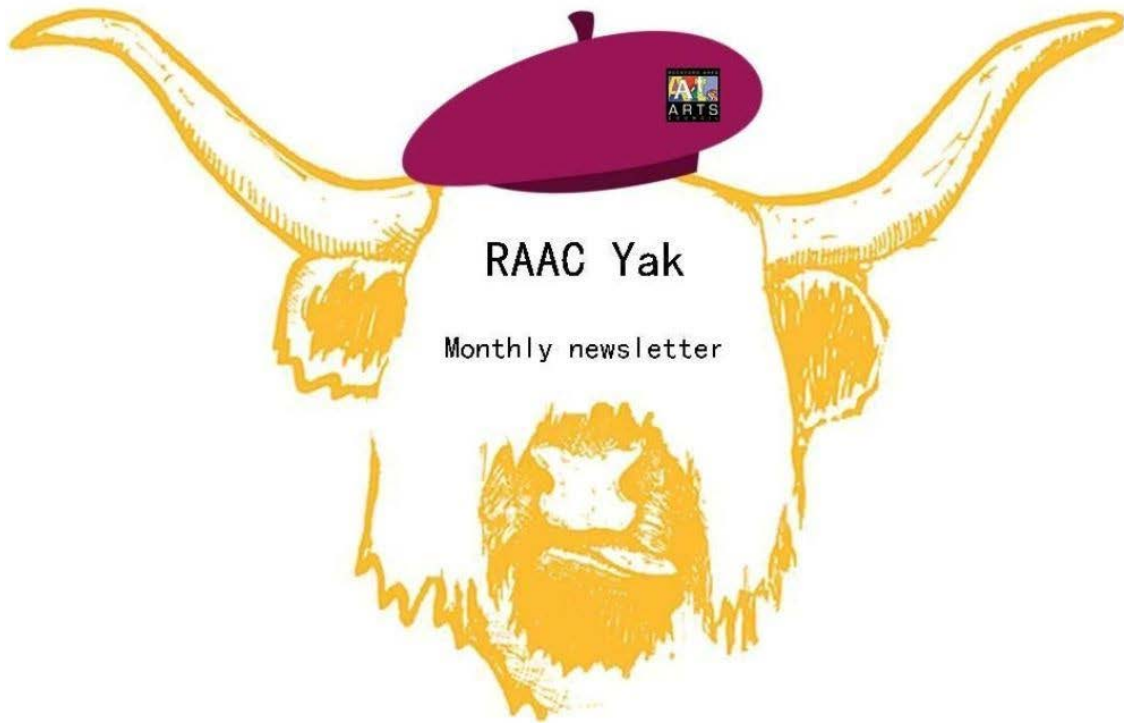


# RAAC Yak: September 2019

*Monthly news, notes, and resources for members of the Rockford  
Area Arts Council (RAAC).*





## *Council Choraleers Youth Chorus*

"Visions of Love, Hope, Peace and Unity" sums up the theme of the new season of singing by the Council Choraleers, a community chorus of youth ages eight through thirteen from the greater Rockford area. No auditions are required and there is no cost to families. The award winning chorus is directed by Dorothy Paige-Turner, sponsored by the Rockford Area Arts Council, and supported by the Kiwanis Charities International of Rockford.

The chorus aims not only to to develop the natural voices of the youth, but also to create excitement about singing, celebrate the human spirit, and establish an environment that will foster unity, harmony, respect and understanding among various cultures and diverse demographics.

*The following performances are open to the public and free to all:*

- **Sunday, November 24, 2019 -- Interfaith Thanksgiving at Rockford University's Fisher Chapel @ 3:00 PM**

- **Monday, January 20, 2020 -- Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration joint performance with the YES Choir @ 3:00 PM @ First Free Church on Mulford Road**
- **Tuesday, March 24, 2020 -- Rock Valley College Estelle Black Library @ 6:00 PM**
- **Sunday, April 12, 2020 -- Court Street United Methodist Church joint performance with children of CSUMC @ 3:00 PM**

Mrs. Turner is able to take students through the month of September. If you have an interested student or wish the chorus to perform for an event, please call Dorothy Paige-Turner at 815-877-6582



PLEASE SUPPORT US BY EATING A SUB AT THE ROCKFORD OR MACHESNEY PARK JERSEY MIKE'S ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25. WE WILL BE AT THE E. STATE LOCATION FROM 11 TO 1 AND 5 TO 6:30 GIVING OUT ARTSCENE BROCHURES AND DOOR PRIZES! PLEASE COME SEE US!

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***RAAC Access Grant Feature:***

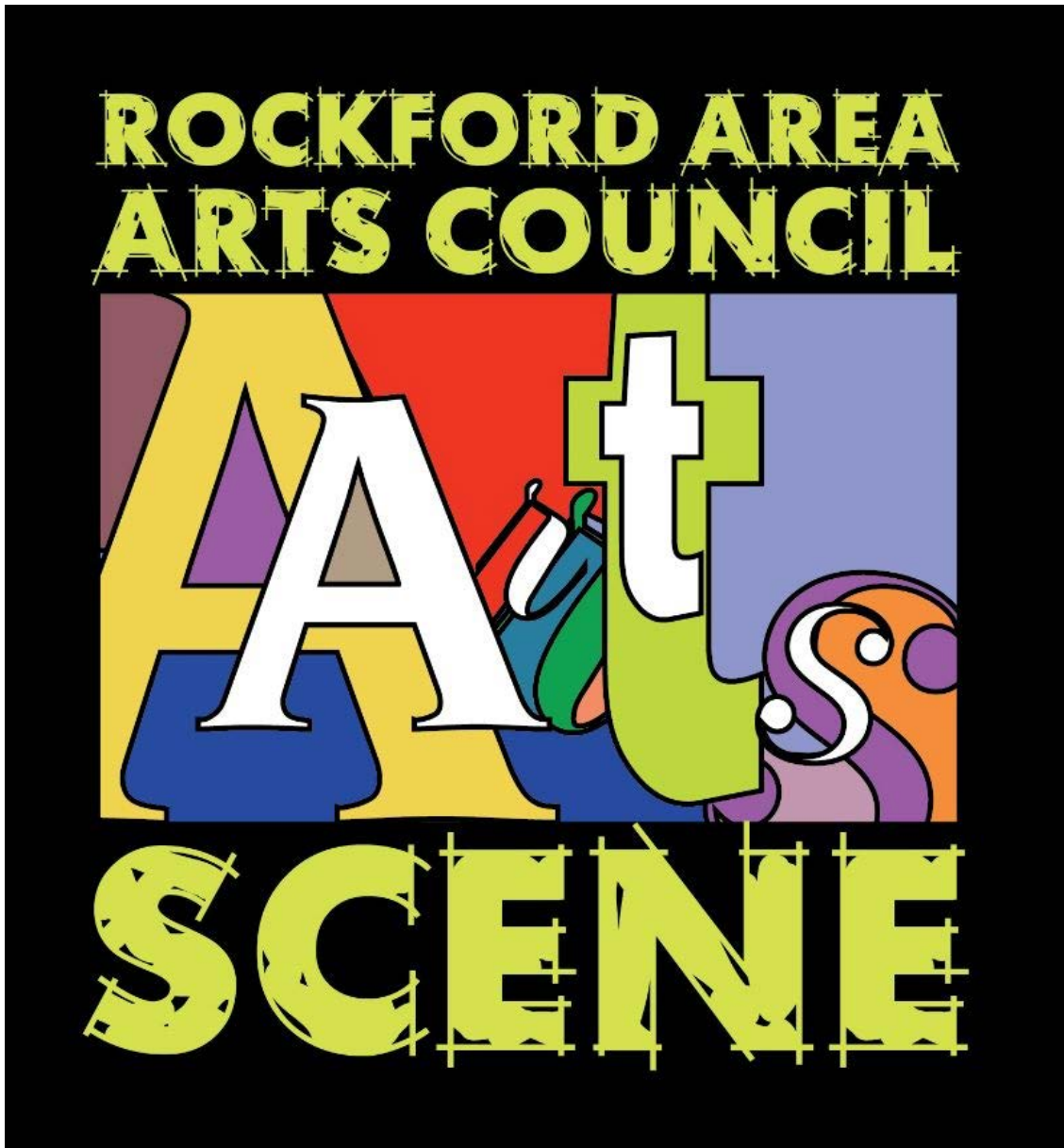


**This month, we feature RAAC Access Grant recipient the West Side Show Room and their event: "The Rockford New Play Festival."**

In its fifth year, the Rockford New Play Festival gave established and aspiring playwrights from the Rockford Area the opportunity to have their plays presented professionally to the public alongside the work of national and international playwrights. This year, playwrights submitted new ten page plays inspired by the theme "Over... The Edge:" works that explore society's artificial boundaries, the effect they have on the people of both sides— *and those who risk everything to cross over*. Six scripts were chosen as official selections of the festival and were presented in a staged reading in Rockford, Illinois on September 20th and 21st, 2019 at 7pm CST to FULL audiences. For more information on the West Side Showroom and what's next, visit [www.thewssr.org](http://www.thewssr.org)

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*Can you believe it's that time again?!*



## ***Fall ArtScene October 4 and 5***

Check out all 36 venues [HERE!](#) You can also pick up a map at the Arts Council.

As you plan your ArtScene route, you can once again hop on the RMTD trolley, which will offer free rides on a downtown loop!

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***Rockford Public Schools seeks volunteers in the arts!***



## Become a Band Grandpa or Grandma!

Rockford Public Schools is recruiting volunteers for its Fine Arts programs!  
This includes visual art, theatre, band, orchestra, choir, and dance.

Anyone with a Fine Arts background and a love of children is invited to help in our Fine Arts classrooms. Your experience can enrich the lives of so many young artists!

If you're interested in becoming a Band Grandpa or Grandma for one of our schools or would like more information, please contact the **RPS 205 Fine Arts Director Bonnie Spurling** at [bonnie.spurling@rps205.com](mailto:bonnie.spurling@rps205.com) or 815-720-4856.



     
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### Check out the new Rockford Fine Arts Coalition:

Scholarship applications are now available, and RFAC is seeking community partners and volunteers. [Check out their website for more info!](#)



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