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## 1. Updates!

We are very happy to announce that **Scott Doser** has joined our team as the new Program Director, to manage Stronghouse Studios Artists' Cooperative, schedule Artist Seminars, assist with Small Grant interviews as well as other TCAH programming. His background in music and management will be a welcome addition. Look for future artist seminars on music! Also, Renee submitted Telluride for the **2008 Governor's Arts Award** – look for more information on our website for how the town supports the arts.

## 2. Small Grants: Additional funding for artists and arts organizations

TCAH continued its successful funding this year to artists and arts and humanities organizations working in San Miguel County. Due to the generosity of our funding sources, we are able to continue our "Mini" or Small Grants of up to \$2,000 in project funding and \$500 for education fellowships. We awarded \$9,075 in March to San Miguel County artists and organizations; have \$2,000 available for qualified graduating seniors in arts scholarships in May; and have allocated \$18,125 for successful applicants this September. In addition to our Stronghouse Mentorship Program, TCAH allocates over **\$43,000** in grant funding for artists, organizations and youth in Telluride!

We were excited to see our Small Grants and Homegrown Performance Grants being used this winter for: **CoolSculpt's** annual snow sculpting event in January in Mountain Village, which awarded \$2000 in cash and prizes to Telluride Academy's Mudd Butts (Snow Buddha, used for their trip to India); Tommy Hein (2d place, King Kong); Mountain School (3d Place, Octopus) and MD Famous Artist (4<sup>th</sup> Place, Wave rider). **Jeb Berrier's** holiday performance of "Picasso at the Lapin Agile" debuted to rave reviews in December; **Rachel Lackey's** kindergarten art poster was a huge hit in town and at the Holiday Bazaar; **Telluride Institute's** "Grandmothers" weekend, part of their October sustainability month, brought indigenous Grandmothers to Telluride; and **Meredith Nemerov's** artist-in-residency fellowship allowed her the time and support to create new genres in her artwork.

We also received great support & recognition for **Rebecca Pugh/Mountainbirth's** alternate birthing & childcare seminar in Spanish, our most successful humanities project to date, supported by our diverse community and the hospital. We look forward to enjoying **Phenomenal Woman's** play "A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer" on March 28 & 29 at the Palm (bilingual); **Telluride Dance Academy's** 6<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Recital at the Palm in May, and **Valerie Madonia's** "Salon Dance" performance.

We are looking forward to seeing our Small Grants and Homegrown Performance Grants used this summer for four scholarships to **Telluride Academy's** Circus Holus Bolus; **Thomas White's** piano recital at the Palm in July; **Pamela Hancock** teaching free art lessons with One-to-One kids in the park this summer, with an exhibition in August at the Historical Museum; **Mountain Sprouts** for three scholarships for low-income families for their June "Theatre Magic" show; and creation of **Anton Viditz-Ward's** spinning fire "Wheel of Thwarted Ambition" which will be debuted at Burning Man and in Telluride.

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### 3. Beaux Arts Ball

January blessed us with amazing snow (can you believe it!?) and the arrival of Hazel Miller, here again with her band to highlight our 2008 Beaux Arts Ball, held at the historic Sheridan Opera House in downtown Telluride. The theme was Brazilian Carnival: Red Hot + Rio, and attendees reveled in masks, boas, beads, and sometimes nothing at all! Dancing to the amazing soul siren, and dressed in anything goes!, everyone had a wonderful time. The glitter is still being picked up. The Silent Auction was a success and we were proud to be sponsored by Bootdoctors, Jim Jenkins and Sharon Caplan. Check out the Plum TV coverage, linked from our website (under About Us/Press).

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### 4. Art Walk

TCAH was proud to bring the Telluride Art Walk to locals and visitors alike in 2007. The Art Walk is a community event in which local studios and galleries agree to stay open "late 'til 8" the First Thursday of every month (except for off-season). Stronghouse Studios, Ah-Haa at the Depot, the Telluride Gallery of Fine Art, Lustre, Lucas Gallery, Wilderness Wonders, CoHo, East meets West, MC-Squared, Elinoff & Co., Dolce Gallery, and Lyceum Arts are participating this year, showcasing local art and artists. We are proud of this wonderful collaborative event and its mission of cultivating a partnership between Telluride businesses and the arts community. The Art Walk promotes established and emerging artists, local commerce, and public access to the arts. For more information, visit our website, [www.telluridearts.org](http://www.telluridearts.org) and click on "Art Walk". Check out the March 2008 Plum TV coverage, linked from our website (under About Us/Press).

#### Art Walk Venues:

[Stronghouse](#)  
[Ah-Haa](#)  
[Gallery of Fine Art](#)  
[Lustre](#)  
[Lucas Gallery](#)  
[Wilderness Wonders](#)  
[Dolce Gallery](#)  
[Elinoff](#)  
Lyceum Arts  
[Colorado Home](#)  
East meets West  
MC-Squared

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### 5. Stronghouse Studios & Youth Mentorships

Stronghouse Studios has continued its success to date. Last August found us at full capacity, and we continue our waitlist going forward. Last December, Stronghouse Studios featured **Susan McCormick's** vibrant watercolors. January showcased a group exhibition, and February was a multimedia "World" experience, complete with paintings, art created on site, music and film by resident artists, DJs and filmmakers. March announced the encaustic (wax) paintings of **Sarah "Sequoia" Gordon**. We look forward to hosting a MountainFilm artist in May and welcoming Meredith Nemirov, Elaine Fischer and Corinne Creel's openings this summer. Each artist's opening reception occurs the First Thursday of the month, from 5-8 p.m. (coinciding with the Art Walk). Congratulations on your shows, everyone!

We also are continuing our mentorship program, with **Sue Hobby** mentoring several students, including **Evan Tueller**, in textile construction and design. We hope to enrich our "**Kiddie Korner**" program during the Art Walk, with a station to draw and art supplies for children of any age to create during our receptions. Stronghouse Studios is open Tuesday through Saturday from 12 to 4 p.m. (during the ski season), so stop by and see what your neighbors and friends are creating! Stronghouse has over 20 locals participating in an open, loft-like historic setting, and is located at 283 South Fir in Telluride. For more information about any Stronghouse program, or to join our studio waitlist, please call the Studios Manager at 970-728-8959.

**Seminars:** We would also like to thank artists **Michael McCullough** and **Meredith Nemirov** for their participation in Stronghouse's artist lecture series. Michael's lecture, "Bronze Casting" and Meredith's lecture "Artist-in-Residency programs" were informative and educational. Look forward to more seminars this summer. If you would like to suggest an artist "How-To" seminar, or teach one, please contact Scott at 728-8959. Each is free to the public!

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### 6. Collaboration

**One-to-One:** TCAH's Stronghouse Studios artist cooperative is proud to continue it's collaboration with **One-to-One** to provide Artist Mentors to local high school students in 2008, as well as fund Pamela Hancock teaching art to One-to-One kids.

**Ah-Haa:** TCAH was also proud to collaborate with Ah-Haa School of Art to sponsor a live

#### Stronghouse Artists as of March 1<sup>st</sup>:

Elaine Fischer  
Amy Poinsett  
Josephine Fallenius  
Corinne Creel  
Priscilla Wells  
Sequoia Gordon  
Jeffrey Schaefer  
Luci Reeve  
Sue Hobby  
Mark Goldfogel  
Jeff Haldeman  
Darryl Dade  
Ernest "Ike" Eich  
Benjamin Whiting  
Scott Doser

auction painting by Brittany Miller as part of their annual fundraiser last July; provide a darkroom for a children's photography class in August; and to host Judy Kohin's informative seminar on encaustic painting before a class at AhHaa in September. Board Member **Susan McCormick** participated in Ah-Haa's and Telluride Museum's "Why I Came to Telluride" exhibition in February 2008.

**Telluride Film Academy:** TCAH is pleased to support the emergence and ongoing growth of the Telluride Film Academy, a local nonprofit created to assist youth in exploring and learning about the filmmaking process. Classes will be held above Apaloosa Trading Company (the old ReStore our World). For more info: epeich@gmail.com.

**Local Festivals:** TCAH will be working alongside **MountainFilm** to host an artist for their 2008 event; and each December, TCAH helps the **Telluride Artisan's Guild** produce their Holiday Bazaar at the Telluride High School, showcasing local artists and artisans. Board Member and Stronghouse Artist Elaine Fischer donated several pieces to our own Beaux Arts Ball and the 2008 **TAB AIDS Benefit Art Auction**.

**Galleries & Studios:** Additionally, TCAH collaborates with 11 other local galleries to produce the **Art Walk**, whereby local galleries and studios stay open "late 'til 8" the first Thursday of every (on-season) month, in an effort to cultivate a partnership between Telluride businesses and the arts community to promote established and emerging artists, local commerce, and public access to the arts.

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## 7. Desktop Fundraising Calendar

**Desktop Calendar Fundraiser:** TCAH was pleased with the success of its stand-up, spiral-bound small desktop easel calendar highlighting local artists and their artwork for 2008. Each elegant colorful image is of the Telluride region or inspired by the Telluride region, and this calendar tucks nicely into small spaces. The 2008 calendar highlighted artwork by San Miguel County artists **Roger Mason, MD Famous Artist, Susan McCormick, Bruce Gomez, Ellen Brody, Meredith Nemirov, Judy Kohin, Leigh Seikel, Kathryn Vinson Tatum, Sheri Worth and Amy Poinsett**. This was a great fundraiser for our organization.

**Artists:** If you are interested in having your image as part of the 2009 calendar, please email a sample image (lo-res is fine) by May 16 to info@telluridearts.org. If selected, hi-res images will need to be sent to the Executive Director by July 4, 2008. Calendars will be available for sale after October, 2008.

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## 8. 2008 So Far!

**Grants:** TCAH funded several students, artists and arts organization in 2008, in conjunction with funding from CCAASE, Telluride Foundation, MVOA and San Miguel County, including:

**Small Grant & Artist Fellowship Awards (over \$9,000 to date):**

Telluride Academy, \$2000 for four low-income scholarships for Circus Holus Bolus Phenomenal Woman, \$1150 "A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer"  
Thomas White, \$925 for a solo piano recital at the Palm in July  
Pamela Hancock, \$1100 to teach free art lessons with One-to-One kids in the park  
Mountain Sprouts, \$650 for three low-income scholarships for June's "Theatre Magic"  
Anton Viditz-Ward; \$2000 for the spinning fire "Wheel of Thwarted Ambition"  
James Kleinert, \$250 towards "Disappointment Valley"  
Ernest Eich, \$1000 towards his interpretive video project

**Stronghouse Studios Artist Openings:** Group Show, Multimedia Event, and Sequoia Gordon (encaustic paintings) have opened so far. This summer, anticipate Meredith Nemirov (watercolors), Elaine Fischer (abstract painting) and Corinne Creel (drawings)'s openings. Also look for our artists at other venues in town, such as Amy Poinsett (Dec. 2006) at Gallerie Framing's Local Walls Gallery.

**Members & Support:** Thank you to all who generously donated to the Telluride Council for the Arts and Humanities in 2007 and so far in 2008 for your amazing support. We

would especially like to thank all of our silent auction donors and volunteers for Beaux Arts 2008. All of the money raised supported TCAH programs, including the Small Grants and Artist Fellowship Program, the Stronghouse Studios artist cooperative, and the Telluride Art Walk. Our non-profit organization has one of the lowest percentages in Telluride of administrative and fundraising costs (25%). Fully 75% of the funds raised goes towards programming! Please see the last page for a list of our donors. We would not exist without the generosity of our local governments, foundations, corporations, individuals, and all of our members like you. **Thanks for a great 2008 so far!** We now are pleased to offer **on-line donations**, quick & easy, on our website, [www.telluridearts.org](http://www.telluridearts.org).

## 9. Events Calendar: 2008 Upcoming

Please mark your calendar for the following upcoming events (info on all events is available at our website, [www.telluridearts.org](http://www.telluridearts.org) or by contacting [info@telluridearts.org](mailto:info@telluridearts.org)):

**May 23/TBD:** [Mountain Film](#)'s Gallery Walk: 3.30-6pm, venues around Telluride & MV, including Stronghouse (continuing through June 5<sup>th</sup>'s First Thursday Art Walk)

**July 3d:** Telluride First Thursdays Art Walk/ Stronghouse Exhibit: Meredith Nemirov  
TBD: Summer Grant Recipients' performances

**August 7:** Telluride First Thursdays Art Walk/ Stronghouse Exhibit: Elaine Fischer

**Sept 4:** Telluride First Thursdays Art Walk/ Stronghouse Exhibit: Corinne Creel

**Sept 4:** Small Grant Applications Due (Final Round for 2008, due Thursday at 5pm)

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**Thank you 2008 TCAH Donors and Volunteers!** We thank all of our donors for their contributions, allowing us to champion the arts in Telluride and San Miguel County with their generous support! And thanks to all of our volunteers who helped make our 2008 events (to date) such a success!

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- Dean Rolley
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- Fran Nelson
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- All of our Silent Auction Donors
- The High School artists who created the palm trees

### Stronghouse Seminar Lecturers

- Lucy Boody & Michael McCullough
- Meredith Nemerov

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- Night & Day Cleaning
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