

**Creative Work Opportunities for All:
NH's Statewide Forum on Careers in the Arts
for People with Disabilities**

What will the day include?

The two morning sessions will have us all together learning the answers to two immediate questions:

- 1) *How can I earn income without losing my benefits?*
- 2) *If that is possible, where do I go from here?*

We will have lunch together with time to network and discuss the morning workshops with our new friends and colleagues.

In the afternoon we will have a 90-minute session where you select the focus (see Agenda). Finally there will be a gathering to hear the success stories of people with disabilities who have been able to follow their hearts and have a career in the arts field of their choice.

Who should attend:

- Artists of all kinds (visual artists, musicians, actors, writers, fine artisans) with disabilities who want to begin or enhance their creative careers
- Students with a disability who are interested in a career in the arts
- Vocational rehabilitation professionals who want to learn more about creative career opportunities
- High school and college educators in art, music, theatre, dance, guidance counselors
- Cultural organization leaders who are interested in hiring artists with disabilities

Conference Agenda

8:30- 9:00am Registration & refreshments

9:00- 9:15am Welcome by Clyde Terry

CEO of Granite State Independent Living

9:15- 9:45am Keynote: Ryan Thomson

fiddler, author, educator, and entertainer

10:00-11:15am Session for All:

Balancing Benefits with Earned Income

How Can I Work Without Losing My Benefits

11:30-12:45am Session for All:

Polish Your Presentation: for Visual Artists,

Musicians, Performers, Writers, Artisans

Developing your tool kit and Marketing 101

1:00- 1:45pm Lunch (incl. in registration fee)

2:00-3:30pm Your Choice: Pick 1

A: School-to-Work Transition

Taking your Creative Interests, Passion, and Skills to the Next Level

B: Considering Self-Employment?

Being realistic in self-assessment, market research, financial planning, and writing your Business Plan

C: Understanding Disabilities: Eliminating the

Fear Factor of Accommodating People with Disabilities *Includes "Disability Etiquette", self-disclosure, and the reasonable aspect of reasonable accommodations*

3:45-4:30pm Session for All:

Testimonials from the Field: Career Artists

Panelists include artists with disabilities who work in NH and New England

4:30-5:00pm Wrap-up, Resources & Next Steps

Registration Form

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Select your preference for 2pm Workshop:

A

B

C

I am registering as an:

_____Artist

_____Employer

_____Educator

_____Vocational Specialist

_____Other (describe)

Accommodation Requests:

_____ASL interpreter

_____Braille

_____Large Print

_____Dietary needs

_____Other

Do you need Personal Care Attendant (PCA)

services? ____ yes ____ no ____ I have my own
(Registration fee waived for PCAs)

Fee: \$25.00 per person (A limited number of scholarships are available for registration and transportation. Call 603-228-4330.)

_____Registration form and payment enclosed

_____I am mailing this form only, and will pay at the door by cash or credit card (MC or VISA only)

Return this form by October 21st to:

VSA arts of NH, 44 So Main St, Concord, NH 03301

**Special Notice to Artists,
Musicians, and Artisans
Who Wish to Exhibit**

We encourage all artists to bring samples of your artwork in a "ready-to-show" format (i.e., framed with wire on back, or matted and shrink-wrapped.) All media are welcome.

***You must call us in advance
to reserve your display space.***

Also plan to bring marketing materials to share with your peers. The Resource Room will be open all day.

**Planning Committee Members
and Guest Presenters:**

Yvonne Stahr- NH State Council on the Arts

Bobbie Herron- VSA arts of NH

Peter Darling- Granite State Independent Living

Tina Greco- NH Vocational Rehabilitation

Cheryl Killam- Governor's Commission on Disability

Jim Pontbriand- Social Security Administration

Rob Riley- Micro-Credit NH

Mike Rogers- Musician

Ryan Thomson- Musician

*Cheryl Hurst- Essence-of-Art, interactive retail store
and craft studio*

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The National Arts and Disability Center
VSA arts***

***Social Security Administration
Granite State Independent Living***

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8:30am-5:00pm**

**Courtyard Marriott
Concord, NH**