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# Setting the Stage

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## LETTER FROM MARIA

Hi Volunteers!

The 2009-10 season is winding down, but what a ride we've had. The Scottsdale Art Festival was a success once again and we had the most beautiful weather for such a great weekend. The Art Festival is one of my favorite events because I get to connect with all of the volunteers on a more personal basis. Now, we are getting ready for the Scottsdale Culinary Festival coming up on April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and it promises to be another fabulous weekend with my volunteers.

The Association of Volunteer Administrators of Central Arizona, (AVACA) is holding their annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on April 8, 2010. This year we are honoring some special volunteers who give us so much of their time: Janet Orlandi, my office assistant who frees up so much of my time by taking over all the phone committees as well as volunteer Will Call; Lois Young, sponsored by the Development department, who outsells everyone each year with the most memberships; and Joan Alex, who has overcome staggering health concerns to volunteer with us continually and whenever we call. Although each of my 600+ volunteers give so generously of their time, it is nice to have these examples to show what volunteering for the Arts can accomplish.

This year, as we have announced, our own appreciation brunch is being reconstructed. In one, due to our budgetary constraints and another to highlight the volunteers who donate the most hours, the end of the season event will be by invitation only to those volunteers who donate 25 or more hours. I am sure you will appreciate that our volunteers who give so much of their time deserve to be honored and hopefully will inspire others to do so as well.

Thanks again for all you do and for your support of the Arts, Maria Marshall



### Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts Volunteer Program is Tracking Hours!

The Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts Volunteer Program tracks the hours of all of our volunteers and for the first time, this year all volunteer hours are tracked on an individual basis, as well as per group.

This new system of tracking individual's hours allows us to identify which of our volunteers are the most active and may become eligible for special premium benefits, such as when a limited number of tickets for a high-profile performance may become available and for an invitation to our Volunteer Appreciation event at the end of the season.

If you have not yet submitted your volunteer hours for the season to Maria, do so today! Deadline: Apr 26.

Please email to Maria at: [MariaM@sccarts.org](mailto:MariaM@sccarts.org).

# April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 <i>Passover begins at sundown</i>	30 <b>Happy Passover!</b>	31 <b>6:00 p.m. Culinary Festival Training @ Stage 2</b>	<b>April 1</b>  12:00 p.m. Volunteer Advisory Committee	2  8:00 p.m. Late Nite Catechism	3  <b>10:00 a.m. Culinary Festival Training @ Stage 2</b> 8:00 p.m. Late Nite Catechism III: Til Death Do Us Part
4  <b>Happy Easter!</b>	5	6	7	8  6:00 p.m. Concierge Salon featuring SCPA Education	9  7:30 p.m. Elvis Costello Solo (Amphitheater)  8:00 p.m. Ballet Hispanico  8:00 p.m. Late Nite Catechism	10  8:00 p.m. Ballet Hispanico  8:00 p.m. Late Nite Catechism III: Til Death Do Us Part
11	12	13  7:00 p.m. Talk Cinema <b>FREE</b> Screening	14	15	16	17  12 p.m.—9 p.m. Scottsdale Culinary Festival <i>(volunteer shift hours vary)</i>
18  12 p.m.—6 p.m. Scottsdale Culinary Festival <i>(volunteer shift hours vary)</i>	19	20	21	22  7:30 p.m. Baaba Maal	23  8:00 p.m. Late Nite Catechism	24  5:00 p.m. Robert Greenberg Lecture  8:00 p.m. Alexander String Quartet  8:00 p.m. Late Nite Catechism III: Til Death Do Us Part
25  2:00 p.m. Alexander String Quartet	26	27  7:00 p.m. Talk Cinema	28	29	30  8:00 p.m. Marcus Roberts Trio  8:00 p.m. Late Nite Catechism	<b>May 1</b> 7:30 p.m. Lavay Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers (Amphitheater)  8:00 p.m. David Sedaris  8:00 p.m. Late Nite Catechism III: Til Death Do Us Part

# Staff Profile: Andrea Payne



## How long have you worked at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts?

I started working in Reception for the Scottsdale Cultural Council 2 ½ years ago. I then worked in Donor Records and am now working in Development for the Center and SMoCA.

## What do you do at the Center?

I administer our Membership program and oversee Donor Records responsibilities for the time being.

## Where are you originally from?

Originally from Tempe and have lived in the valley my whole life. How could I ever leave this beautiful weather!?!

## How did you become involved in the arts?

I came to the Scottsdale Cultural Council from the nonprofit perspective. I studied Nonprofit Management at Arizona State University and my good friend Kasey Croxton, persuaded me to apply for the Reception position. I quickly grew an immense passion for the arts and have continued to grow within the organization.

## What are you most looking forward to this season/what has been your most favorite event this season?

I am especially looking forward to revitalizing the membership aspect of next year's Festival. This past Festival has made me more aware of the attention Festival requires and I am hoping to "spice it up" next year!

## What do you think is the best benefit to being a member of the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts/Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art?

Community involvement! Our members are vital to the success of the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts and

SMoCA. Not only do our members provide financial support, but their participation and commitment to making the arts thrive in our community is imperative for our success. Our members truly are our most valuable advocates!

## If you could see any artist on the SCPA stage, who would it be and why?

If I could see any artist perform in our theater, I would choose to see Gato Barbieri. My grandma has been a very influential person in my life and Gato was her favorite artist of all time. I will never forget her taking my cousins and I to see him for our very first concert. She was so thrilled to see him perform that she was standing in the audience clapping her hands along with his jazzy tunes. This evening will forever be one of my very fondest childhood memories.

## What are some of your favorite experiences with SCPA volunteers?

There are several weekly volunteers who come into the Development office to assist with clerical responsibilities. Their positive energy and "can do" attitude always brightens the mood. There isn't one particular experience that is more appreciated than the others because they are always such a pleasure to work with.

## What advice would you give to a new volunteer who is just starting out at the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts?

Become involved! There are incredible opportunities offered throughout the Center which are bound to strike an interest in everyone. The volunteer program is a great way to make new friends and impact the cultural offerings in our community.

## Do you volunteer anywhere besides the SCPA?

I am currently a provisional member of the Junior League of Phoenix where we volunteer our time to various projects throughout the valley. I have also served many volunteer hours at the Saint Mary's Food Bank.

## Anything else you want our volunteers to know about you or about the SCPA?

You are greatly appreciated!!! Our success would not be possible without the many, many hours you all have given to our organization. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

## SAVE THE DATES!

Keep your eyes and ears peeled for these upcoming Volunteer Opportunities in the Fall!

Registration for these events is not open yet, but as soon as it is, we will post the sign up information and sign up sheet on the Volunteer Page of the Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts web site.

In the meantime, pencil these dates in your calendar, because the SCPA will need YOUR help to make these events a success!

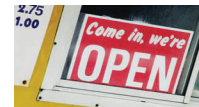
- ♪ Sunday, October 3, 2010: 5th Annual Dine Out with the Chefs
- ♪ Tuesday, November 16, 2010: Celebration of the Arts for Children with Disabilities
- ♪ November, 2010: 2nd Annual Latin Festival and Hispanic Heritage Celebration
- ♪ September/October 2010: Concierge and Usher Program trainings for new and existing volunteers.

We look forward to launching these and other exciting events next season!

Check the volunteer page for updates and more info coming soon!

<http://www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org/Volunteer.php>

## HOW AND WHEN TO REACH MARIA



Maria keeps regular office hours and checks her email every day, so feel free to come on by to talk in person: Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or send Maria an email at [MariaM@sccarts.org](mailto:MariaM@sccarts.org).

And remember, Maria's position is seasonal, so after May 28th, she'll be on summer vacation—back in the Fall.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are still needed for the following shifts at the Scottsdale Culinary Festival:

- ⇒ Saturday, 4/17 4 p.m.—9 p.m.
- ⇒ Sunday, 4/18 11 a.m.—6 p.m.

To sign up for these shifts, please go to our web site and submit your application through the Culinary Festival application page: [http://www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org/special\\_events\\_culinary\\_fest.php](http://www.scottsdaleperformingarts.org/special_events_culinary_fest.php)