

## Enjoy Art for Meridian – Feb. 4, 2012

This is one of those grand events in Meridian that you just do not want to miss! Art for Meridian is set for **Saturday, February 4, 2012**, and it kicks off with entertainment, a champagne reception and silent auction. Then enjoy a gourmet dinner and a LIVE AUCTION of must-be-a-part-of-my-collection pieces – all to benefit the arts in our area. The event is held at Northwood Country Club.

**SAVE THE DATE NOW** and look for ticket information to be posted soon!

# MERIDIAN COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS

## artsy facts



### Smith to Headline at Evangel Temple

Top Christian recording artist Michael W. Smith will perform at the Evangel Temple in Meridian March 15, 2012.

"We are really excited about Michael coming," said Dusty Culpepper of the Evangel Temple. "This event really came from our success with the Jeremy Camp concert we recently held." Culpepper said that the success of previous concert efforts have gotten the church a lot of attention.

**Michael Whitaker Smith** is a Billboard top ten Billboard Hot 100 recording artist and Grammy Award-winning American singer-songwriter, composer and actor. He is one of the best-selling and most influential artists in Contemporary Christian music. Smith also has achieved a considerable amount of success in the mainstream music industry. Smith is a three-time Grammy Award winner, and has earned 40 Dove Awards. Over the course of his career, Michael W. Smith has sold more than 13 million albums and recorded 29 No. 1 Hit songs, fourteen gold albums, and five platinum albums.

Tickets are available now to be given as Christmas presents and can be purchased at the Bible Bookstore and [www.genexconcerts.com](http://www.genexconcerts.com) for \$25 each. The concert is expected to be a sold out show.

## Threefoot Festival Returns April 7, 2012



The annual Threefoot Festival is a fine arts show featuring artists from across the Southeast. The Festival, a day-long juried art show, will be held April 7, 2012, in Meridian's downtown arts district, home of the MSU Riley Performing Arts Center housed in the Grand Opera House and in the shadow of the 1920s arts deco Threefoot Building.

Artists compete for thousands of dollars in prize money in a variety of categories, including ceramics, drawing, fiber/leather, glass, jewelry, mixed media, oil/acrylic, photography, printmaking/graphics, sculpture, watercolor and wood.

Each year, the Threefoot Festival draws numerous artists and hundreds of visitors and families to celebrate the full spectrum of arts in our communities.

Talented musical artists take the stage throughout the day, showcasing every genre including Blues, Country, Rock, R&B, Jazz and Classical.

The Children's Art Festival held within the Threefoot Festival area itself, features free, hands-on opportunities for kids of all ages. Kids can also enter their own work in the Youth Art and Photography Contest. All entries and winners will be on display at the Meridian Museum of Art.

Food and beverages are available from a variety of vendors and the Meridian Council for the Arts

## More Great Meridian Events!

### Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol

Meridian Community College

Dec. 8, 2011

7 p.m.

### The Singing Christmas Tree

Highland Baptist Church

Dec. 8 to 11, 2011

Various Times

### Pancakes with Santa

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Dec. 10, 2011

8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

### Merry Museum

#### Children's Art Workshop

Meridian Museum of Art

Dec. 10, 2011

10 – 11:30 a.m.

### Miracle on 34th Street

MSU Riley Center

Dec. 10, 2011

7:30 p.m.

### The Polar Express

The Temple Theater for the Performing Arts

Various Times

### Messiah

Evangel Temple

Dec. 17-18, 2011

10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

## MSO Links Up with Kids

Join Meridian Symphony Orchestra March 23, 2012, at the MSU Riley Center for *Symphony-Doo-Dah!* at 7 p.m. This NEW concert this season utilizes educational material from the Carnegie Hall Link Up curriculum. The Meridian Symphony Orchestra performs *Link Up* for area 4th-grade students each spring. This concert is an opportunity for students and parents to see and hear what they have been experiencing, while learning the basics of music. This year's concert, titled *The Orchestra Moves*, illustrates how music is constructed by creating moods and expression. For more information, go to [www.msurileycenter.com](http://www.msurileycenter.com) or [www.meridiansymphonyorchestra.com](http://www.meridiansymphonyorchestra.com).

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Threefoot Bloody Mary is a favorite.

## Chuckluck City At Temple

Don't miss this delightful play written by Elliott Street (with music by Barry Stoltze), on stage at the Temple Theater for the Performing Arts **January 13 – 15, 2012**. The play will be presented by The Company of Angels, who use the Temple Theater as their headquarters and main venue. Chuckluck City uses historical melodies and drama to tell the story of America's first gold rush. General admission tickets are \$20; group rate \$15 (with six or more) and teachers, students and senior can enjoy the play for \$10 each. Tickets are on sale at the Temple Theater or call 601.693.5353.

[www.meridiantempletheater.com](http://www.meridiantempletheater.com).

## Putnam's Book Highlights Lauderdale County

Richelle Putnam's book, *Lauderdale County, a Brief History*, commissioned and published by The History Press, Charleston, SC, is fresh off the press! Join author and Meridian local Richelle as she provides the history of Lauderdale County, recounting some the people and events that helped shape the community into the beloved home it is today. Richelle is the Special Feature Director for Southern Writers Magazine and an editor at MuseItUp Publishing, a Canadian ebook publisher. She is a Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC) Literary Artist and Teaching Artist and a Mississippi Humanities Council Speaker on the Therapeutic Art of Journaling. For more about her new book, go to [www.richelleputnam.net](http://www.richelleputnam.net).

## Hot Ticket - The Pointer Sisters Sisters Jan. 28, 2012



The MSU Riley Center features The Pointer Sisters in concert Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. with a pre-show party at 6 p.m. Ruth, Anita, Bonnie and June Pointer began singing gospel music as children at their parents' church in West Oakland, California. They also became interested in rock, soul and blues, which their parents considered "the devil's music." In 1973, they released their first album as The Pointer Sisters. It yielded the hit "Yes We Can Can." Other hits followed, in a variety of musical styles, including "He's So Shy," "Automatic," "Slow Hand," "I'm So Excited" and "Fire." The current touring edition of The Pointer Sisters consists of Anita, Ruth and Sadako Johnson, Ruth's granddaughter, continuing in the funky family tradition. Get tickets on line at [www.msurileycenter.com](http://www.msurileycenter.com).