

## RECENT EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

*Wisconsin State Journal*, August 12, 2002: "Organizations such as the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission extend the arts into everyday life for thousands of people."

WISC-TV, May 16, 2000: "Many wonderful projects are funded by the terrific Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission . . . ."

*Isthmus*, December 3, 1999: "We're nuts about the Cultural Affairs Commission's 2000 art calendar . . . ."

WISC-TV, August 25, 1999: "Thanks to the Cultural Affairs Commission, the arts are accessible to everyone."

*Wisconsin State Journal*, July 10, 1998: "The Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission is a model agency. Its activities are testimony to the good that public funding for the arts can produce."

WISC-TV, November 8, 1997: "[The] Cultural Affairs Commission is a real gem . . . ."

*Wisconsin State Journal*, November 10, 1997: "The Pleasant Company's Fund for Children quietly renewed its \$30,000 annual contribution to the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission--and upped it by \$20,000 a year . . . . The commission has shown itself over and over again to be a wise steward of public arts money. It has proven itself worthy of public trust, which why organizations like the Pleasant Company's Fund for Children feel confident that the money they donate will be spent wisely."

WISC-TV, March 1, 1996: "The commission has successfully integrated cultural richness into life in Dane County. It's done so with a quiet but determined sense of purpose that has allowed the rest of us to take for granted what might be controversial in other hands."

*The Capital Times*, February 28, 1997: "On one level this area has one of the nation's models in private/public arts partnerships that really nurture the grassroots. The Cultural Affairs Commission has worked for the past 20 years to leverage modest amounts of county tax money to raise far greater amounts of private money. The result is a cultural vitality that adds immeasurably to the quality of life here."

*Wisconsin State Journal*, February 24, 1997: "The commission's 20th anniversary is an opportunity for the county's citizens to say thanks for a valuable service . . . .The commission has been a public investment that has produced a worthwhile return . . . . Madison was Money magazine's No. 1 U.S. city last year in part because of our "quality of life." The commission deserves credit for helping to provide that quality."

*Isthmus*, November 24, 1995: "The commission's latest triumph is the recently published *Colors and Numbers*, an elegant fold-out poster/brochure designed to teach children the basics while getting them hooked on art . . . .Talk about piling up good will . . . ."

WISC-TV, November 13, 1993: "A couple of weeks ago the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission handed out its grants to area artists and cultural organizations for community service programs . . . . These are the kinds of programs that make Dane County such a special place to live."

*Inside Arts*, November, 1993: "At a time when government arts funding is under increasing attack and some localities have even withdrawn all government support in response to controversy, Wisconsin's Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission is a shining success story. Now in its 17th year, the DCCAC has a high profile . . . responding to community needs and giving culture a friendly face."