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“Third Thursday Family Arts Night” Dance at the June Jam June 15th, 2006

Kids and families should plan now to attend the Humboldt Arts Council's ***Third Thursday Family Arts Night!*** Thursday, June 15th, 2006, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Morris Graves Museum of Art. This Thursday will be a Dance Party! The presenters for the evening will include ***SAMBA*** 6-6:20pm in the Performance Rotunda, ***Belly Dancing with the Real Hip Belly Dance Troop*** 6:20-6:45pm in the Performance Rotunda, ***Break Dancing with the Humboldt Rockers*** 6:45-7:05pm in the Performance Rotunda, ***Sean's Shadow Puppet Theater*** 7:15-8pm in the Performance Rotunda, and ***Art and Crafts*** in the Youth Classroom all evening.

Real Hip is a Contemporary Fusion style Belly dance troop that incorporates many styles of dance including hip hop and traditional Middle Eastern dance. Real Hip is also a collaborative dance troupe allowing each dancer to bring her own influence! Jaya Krupp is the Artistic Director. Come check out class on Saturdays at the Dancenter at 11:00!

The Humboldt Rockers have become Humboldt's established break dancing crew. They started with their first group performance in May 2004. Since then they have showcased their talents in local benefit's, Hip-Hop shows, classes, and competitions. Their demonstration of Hip-Hop's foundational dance is one that will amaze you and have you clapping your hands from beginning to end. Break Dancing lessons are available on Saturday's, 3:00 pm at The Dance Center (Old Creamery) in Arcata. The classes are fun and all levels are welcome. The class is instructed by The Humboldt Rockers crew captain Reckless Rex (Rex Atienza). Reckless Rex has been Break Dancing for 21 years. Before coming to Humboldt County, he taught workshops to elementary, high school and adult students in Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego. Now he is sharing the positive influence of Break Dancing with our youth and community. The Humboldt Rocker's routines have been choreographed by Reckless Rex. For booking or more information, please contact Reckless Rex at (707) 832-3307 or by email: rexcuetoatienza1@yahoo.com

Don't Miss Folk Tales from Around the World with Sean's Shadow Puppet Theater! Sean Powers has been working in Humboldt County as a story-teller, illustrator and musician for twenty years. Nine years ago he discovered shadow puppetry as a medium to combine his talents. Since then he has performed at over 60 different schools, libraries and theatres throughout northern California. He has created ten different shadow plays based on stories from around the world. In addition to performing, Sean teaches [workshops](#) about instruments from around the world and instructs children on how to create their own shadow puppet plays. Sean also builds hand-carved wooden rod puppets that can be seen as part of the [Bobby Burns Puppet Extravaganza](#), a collaboration with the Shoe Box Puppet Co. For more information visit www.seansshadows.com.

June is also National Zoo month. In recognition of this there will be information available on our local zoo, Sequoia Park Zoo and also ***Animal Art and Crafts***.

The Humboldt Arts Council would like to recognize our Third Thursday Family Arts Night Underwriters: AG Edwards, Citigroup, Living Education and Arts Foundation, McLean Foundation, Sidney Stern Memorial Trust, Umpqua Bank, and US Bank. Thank you for all of your support!

Family Arts Night is every third Thursday of the month. To be a presenter or for more information about Family Arts Night contact Rebecca Froehlich at (707) 442-0278, ext. 201. The Morris Graves Museum of Art is located at 636 F St., Eureka, Ca.