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“Third Thursday Family Arts Night” Rhythm and Blues August 17th, 2006 6-8pm

Kids and families should plan now to attend the Humboldt Arts Council's **Third Thursday Family Arts Night!** Thursday, August 17th, 2006, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Morris Graves Museum of Art. This Thursday's presenters for the evening will include **Rhythm and Blues with Buddy Reed** 6-6:40pm in the Performance Rotunda, **KidCo presenting Peter Pan** 6:40-7:20pm in the Performance Rotunda, **Shantaram the Magician** 7:20-8pm in the Performance Rotunda, **Soda Can Characters** in the Youth Classroom from 6-8pm, and **Art and Crafts for Summer** in the Atrium all evening.

Buddy Reed is the real thing when it comes to blues, having performed with the likes of Lightnin' Hopkins, Muddy Waters, John Lee Hooker, Jimmy Reed, Howlin' Wolf, and T-Bone Walker. For years he was the guitarist for Little Richard, before heading off on his own with his band th' Rip It Ups. Last year, Buddy Reed moved to Humboldt County, and was the closing performer for last year's Blue Lake Blues Festival. Additional information about Buddy is available at www.buddyreed.com. Buddy will lead an interactive Blues set for all to enjoy!

You won't want to miss KidCo's presentation of Peter Pan. The goal of the KidCo program is to provide quality education in the skills of musical theatre. Singing, dancing, and acting are taught in combination with theatre games and stage etiquette. At the end of each session we give a workshop performance showcasing skills the kids are learning. In the Winter of 1999, Humboldt Light Opera Company (HLO) voted to pursue the development of a year-round, education-based performing arts program for Humboldt county youth, ages 5 to 18, entitled HLO KidCo. This worthwhile venture has already achieved exciting results! To date, over 350 youth, from Bridgeville to Trinidad, have experienced the many positive benefits of the performing arts. HLO KidCo provides kids with a positive, healthy environment where they can learn team work, discipline, problem solving, and communication skills. They also experience the pride of accomplishment and have fun along the way. For more information contact Katri Morss at musikat6@yahoo.com.

Come share in the magic with Shantaram the Magician! Shantaram means “peaceful lord” in the native tongue of his birthplace, India. He began his career as a magician at an early age and has been refining his skills for over a decade. Shantaram became interested in magic when he was in the fourth grade at Jacoby Creek Elementary, and started performing professionally by the time he was a freshman at Arcata High School. Throughout the years Shantaram's positive attitude and strong work ethic have catapulted his success both in business and performance art. Shantaram gives his gratitude and deep respect to all of the people who have made an impact in his life: his family, friends, and the entire Humboldt community for their support and for believing in magic! For more information visit www.shantaramenterprises.com.

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, Rotary Club of Eureka, Sidney Stern Memorial Trust, Umpqua Bank, and US Bank. Thank you for all of your support!

Family Arts Night is FREE and occurs 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.