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ARTIST ♦ ADVOCATE ♦ ADMINISTRATOR

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Resume

Art/Administrative Experience

- 2001-present Community Arts Advocates Boston, MA
Director, Founder, grassroots nonprofit consulting company, long range strategic planning, emergency intervention and fiscal services, incubation and incorporation services, marketing, fundraising, festival and event production, publication and newsletter design and production, arts advocate, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.
- 1979-present Street Arts Advocates Boston, MA
President, Founder, producer of festivals, editor and publisher of newsletter, legal advocate, consultant and writer for city ordinances locally, regionally, nationally and internationally.
- 1971-present Performing Artist
Performs internationally; including appearances at International Street Performing Festivals (1993, 1990, 1988), International Puppetry Festival (1990), Kennedy Performing Arts Center (1975); New England Artists Showcase (1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1983, 1985), regional NECAA college artists showcases (1974-82). Performed at over one thousand college campuses, libraries, schools, parks, camps, television programs, festivals, concerts and theaters.
- 1986-2002 Bread and Roses Heritage Committee Lawrence, MA
Founding member and consultant to committee which yearly produces multi-ethnic, women and labor history festival; attendance of 20,000. Member of Board of Directors and Advisors.
- 1999-2001 Jamaica Plain Arts Council Boston, MA
Executive Director: Reorganizer and rebuildier of this historic Community Arts Center. Producing Jamaica Plain Open Studios one of the city's largest arts events. Coordinating Arts Services to Jamaica Plain and surrounding Boston Neighborhoods. Raise funds, hire and manage staff volunteers and interns and manage budgets of \$100,000 cash, \$100,000 inkind.
- 1995-1997 Club Passim Cambridge, MA
Reorganizer and General Manger of this historic music club in Harvard Square. Organized benefits and crisis management team, restructured as nonprofit. Produced 500 cultural events/yr -- 7-days a week-- poetry readings, art gallery, music, workshops. Raise funds, hire and manage staff volunteers and interns and manage budget \$300,000 cash, \$200,000 inkind
- 1982-1997 Folk Arts Network, Inc. Cambridge, MA
Founder; President, Board of Directors 1982-1985 Executive Director 1986-1997.
Produce concerts and festivals (over 1000), conferences(5); publish newsletters (10,000), magazines (120,000) and directories (50,000); manage budgets (\$250,000); write and obtain grants from national, state, local and private agencies. Coordinate FAN programs, act as resource to folk and multicultural arts communities.

Art/Administrative Experience (continued)

- 1987-1992 Arts Extension Service, Inc. Amherst, MA
 University of Massachusetts - Division of Continuing Education
 Member, Board of Directors; presenter at conferences
- 1985-1991 Street Festival and Programs
 Faneuil Hall Marketplace Boston, MA
 Cambridge Arts Council, Cambridge, MA
 Consultant producer for seven festivals with attendance of 10,000 to 50,000.

Awards

- 2000 Odyssey Discovery Channel Documentary, Blacklight Productions, Hollywood, CA
- 1989 Outstanding Leadership Award for Art Administration by Consortium of Local Arts Agencies.
- 1985-1986 University of Illinois Champagne-Urbana, IL
 Artist-in-residence. Included two weeks of workshops, lectures, performances.
- 1979 "Street Singer", Public Broadcasting Service--Featured in nationally-distributed PBS documentary.

Stephen Baird has also been featured in articles in People, Newsweek, Time, New York Times, The Boston Globe, The Chicago Tribune, The American Bar Association Journal, Sing Out! Folk Magazine and other publications and books.

Education

- 1983-1998
 Massachusetts Cultural Alliance Boston, MA
 Arts Extension Service, Division of Continuing Education
 University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA
 Workshops and courses on arts administration, fundraising,
 volunteer coordination, board development
- 1966-1971
 Northeastern University Boston, MA
 Matriculated as undergraduate in Chemical Engineering

Skills

- Computer Desktop publishing --Pagemaker, Quark Xpress, Photoshop, Scans
- Database management--Filemaker Pro, scripts, relational database
- Financial Spread sheets--Lotus 1,2, 3. Excel, Claris Works
- Accounting--Quicken and Quickbooks
- Word Processing--Microsoft Word, merge letters
- Internet Web Sites--Adobe Pagemill, Claris Home Page