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TODAY AT CMC

APRIL 16

Taking it to the Next Level

Chancellor Fingerhut Presents Plan for Ohio's Higher Education

Strategic Plan to be introduced by **Eric Fingerhut**, Chancellor, Ohio Board of Regents

Response Panelists:

Dr. Roderick McDavis, President, Ohio University;
Dr. Luis Proenza, President, The University of Akron;
Dr. Steven Johnson, President, Sinclair Community College
Dr. M. Valeriana Moeller, President, Columbus State Community College

Moderated by:

Dr. Brad Mitchell, Chief Executive Officer, Educational Council

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Upcoming Conversation

APRIL 30

Chase Excellence
in Leadership Series:

A Conversation with Dennison Griffith

Dennison Griffith,
President, Columbus
College of Art and
Design

Interview by **Gail
Hogan**, Host,
Showcase Columbus

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Dennison Griffith

MAY 7

Creating a Portfolio of High Performing Schools

This event to be held at
the Hyatt Capitol Square

Please Note: This event will be held at the
Hyatt Regency, in the Franklin Ballroom

Panel discussion moderated by **Abigail
Wexner**, Chair of KidsOhio.org

Panelists include:
David Ferrero, Sr.
Education Officer, the
Bill and Melinda
Gates Foundation
Josh Edelman,
Director of New
Schools, Chicago
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Abigail Wexner

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MAY 14

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MAY 21

Fueling Ohio's Future:

America's Energy Security

John Felmy, Ph.D.,
Chief Economist,
American Petroleum
Institute

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John Felmy

MAY 22

5-7:30

Art Collecting on a Budget

A Beginner's Guide

Got a pocketful of cash but no idea where
to start? Do you have an art eye, but an
empty pocket? Got cash and an art eye,
but don't know where to look for great
deals!? Well this is the program for you!

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To connect people and ideas
through community conversation.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2008

Dispatch Chats

Has Funding the Arts Become Unfashionable?

An article titled, Hunger vs. the Arts* reads, "It's a rising concern for many potential donors to the arts: What is the justification for donating to the opera when the money could help stamp out malaria – or stem global warming, reform education or solve any of a number of humanitarian crisis?" For arts groups, the problem is being exacerbated as some of the world's wealthiest and most influential people have stepped up in the past year to give globally, from Warren Buffet's \$30 billion donation to causes like AIDS and tuberculosis initiated through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, to Richard Branson's \$3 billion pledge to invest in renewable-energy research and technology.

"This is a mounting consensus in the philanthropy world that this type of giver is setting the agenda — and culture, by contrast, is effectively becoming unfashionable."

It's ironic to think that something as fashionable as culture could indeed become unfashionable! According to Giving USA, donations to cultural groups accounted for 5.2% of US individual philanthropy compared to 8.1% a decade ago.

Are Columbus' arts organizations feeling this trend?

In his comments to the Greater Columbus Arts Council Business Arts Partnership luncheon in March, Nationwide CEO Jerry Jurgensen delivered a sobering keynote message: "The arts have to be relevant to survive. They have to

APRIL 23

Funding the Arts in Central Ohio



Bryan Knicely,
President, Greater
Columbus Arts
Council



Bob Milbourne,
President and
CEO, The
Columbus
Partnership



Mike Reed,
Artist, Founding
member of the
Couchfire
Collective

Panel Moderated by: **Nancy Gilson**, Assistant Features Editor,
The Columbus Dispatch



adapt to changing markets and
broaden their base of support."

This was not the rah-rah
presentation to which that annual
audience was accustomed, but a
message resounding through our
community and most communities
across the country.

While traditional pillars such as
the ballet, opera, symphony, theater
and fine art museums struggle for
each available dollar, Columbus'
"Indie Arts" paradigm is gaining
momentum. The movement, and its
continued success, may offer new
funding models that could save the
arts in Columbus.

Local artist Mike Reed, along with
fellow members of local artist
cooperative, Couchfire Collective
hosts the very popular Agora art
experiences that attract several

thousand people to each event. He
sees their success as proof of the
opportunity to capitalize on
Columbus' Indie Art happenings.

"There are opportunities to
generate several millions of dollars in
revenue for this city as a result of this
[Indie Arts] branding push", he said
citing similar success stories in other
US cities such as Austin, TX.

What models for income will
sustain the arts? What will motivate
donors to choose arts funding when
so many human services,
environmental and global issues tug
at their hearts' and purse strings?
What ramifications arise for
communities where arts funding lags?

It's time for another discussion
about funding the arts.

* New York Times, October 14, 2006

RECAP - APRIL 8

Columbus Sister Cities International and CMC present:

ABC's of Doing Business in India

Last Tuesday Columbus Sister Cities' Interim
Executive Director Ed Fisher led a panel of
distinguished businessmen in the examination of

opportunities available in India, and more specifically
within the city of Ahmedabad, our newest sister city in
the Indian state of Gujarat.



Nirmal Sinha, Deputy Director of the Department of Public Utilities of the City of Columbus joins **Ed Fisher**, **Vatsal Bhatt**, **John Rodwell**, of Assurex Global and **Erik Meyer of Leibert, Inc.**



Ed Fisher introduces the panel



Vatsal Bhatt, from
Brookhaven Laboratory,
presents information
about Ahmedabad.

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