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## **Senator Jason Crowell Appointed to Missouri Arts Council Board of Trustees**

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JEFFERSON CITY– Senate President Pro-Tem Michael Gibbons (R-Kirkwood) recently appointed Sen. Jason Crowell (R-Cape Girardeau) to the Board of Trustees for the Missouri Arts Council Trust Fund. Funds for the Missouri Arts Council (MAC), a state agency and division of the Department of Economic Development, are administered by the board of trustees.

“I am pleased Sen. Gibbons has appointed me to this board,” said Sen. Crowell. “Missouri has so much to give to the artistic community, and I am always enthusiastic to find ways to promote and continue improving the economy of our state.”

MAC provides grants to nonprofit organizations to encourage and stimulate the growth, development, and appreciation of the arts in Missouri. Through funds from the Missouri General Assembly and the National Endowment for the Arts, MAC provides grants to make quality arts programming available to both large and small communities. The MAC Trust Fund was established as a holding entity for grants, donations, and other revenue.

Sen. Crowell will now serve on the bi-partisan, joint board of trustees with the state treasurer, senate colleague Sen. Maida Coleman (D-St. Louis), two Missouri House members and various MAC members including Michael T. Vangel (chair), Dr. Reynaldo Anderson, Sharon Beshore, Cynthia Cartwright, Dudley R. Grove, Joan, M. Israelite, Marianne Kilroy, Dixie Kohn, Robert B. Noble, Meredith Perkins, Gwyn Prentice, Dr. Joel W. Ray, Karen Stratman, and Rosalie C. Wooten. Sen. Crowell joins Dr. Ray, a Cape Girardeau photographer and neurosurgeon, as a representative for the Southeast Missouri area. Dr. Ray’s appointment in spring of 2007 marked the first Southeast Missouri representative on the board in more than 20 years.

“This position is an opportunity to increase awareness of the artistic environment in Southeast Missouri,” said Sen. Crowell. “I look forward to the chances I will have to promote the aesthetic atmosphere in the region and the state overall.”

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