



**OZARK
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NATIONALLY-KNOWN ARTIST DISPLAYS WORK AT OZARK ARTS COUNCIL

Harrison, Ark., November 2010 – The Ozark Arts Council and the Harrison Art League are proud to present **Jeffrey Koterba**, a nationally-known writer, cartoonist, and musician from Omaha, Nebraska, at a variety of events.

"Drawing Conclusions: Editorial Cartoons by Jeffrey Koterba", an exhibit of 42 of his original cartoons, is on display at the Oak Leaf Gallery through November 20. The pieces cover topics such as popular culture, technology, health care, education, and of course politics. Cartoons are available for purchase for \$125. Admission to the exhibit is free.

On Friday, November 19, 5:30-6:30pm, the Harrison Art League will host a reception for Koterba in the gallery, giving the public a chance to meet the artist. At 7pm, he will give a talk in the Lyric, "From the Drawing Table to the Moon: My Wild Ride with Creativity", covering topics such as creativity, cartooning, and his experiences with both. The lecture is free, but donations are accepted. After the lecture, Koterba will have copies of his book available for sale and will do a book signing.

On Saturday, November 20 at 7pm, Koterba and his swing and jump-blues band, the Prairie Cats, will perform in the Lyric. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 for OAC Members.

"We are so excited to host such a well-known cartoonist," said Debbie S. George-Jones, OAC's Marketing Manager. "His memoir is one of the best I've ever read, and his story is very inspiring. And, as far as I know, we've never hosted a swing band in the Lyric - it's going to be a very fun concert!"

Koterba has won a number of awards since joining the *Omaha World-Herald* as a cartoonist in 1989. His cartoons are distributed through King Features Syndicate to 400 newspapers. His memoir, *Inklings* (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt), was named a *Chicago Tribune* Favorite Nonfiction book of 2009, and *Entertainment Weekly* called *Inklings* "...a powerful and moving portrait of an artist." Koterba is also the lead singer, guitarist, and songwriter for the Prairie Cats, a swing and jump-blues band he formed in 1998. The band has appeared at the South by Southwest Music Festival, among others.

This event is supported by the Harrison Convention & Visitors Bureau. Contact them at www.HarrisonArkansas.org or by phone 888-283-2163 for lodging, restaurant and tourist information.

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For more information on Koterba's work, visit his website at jeffreykoterba.com. For information on the exhibit and his appearances at the OAC, visit the Ozark Arts Council's website at ozarkartscouncil.org or email info@ozarkartscouncil.org. Tickets are available at the Box Office one hour prior to each event, by calling 870.391.3504, or visiting the OAC office at 115 West Rush next to the Lyric Theater on the Harrison Square.

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About the Ozark Arts Council

The Ozark Arts Council is a cultural treasure created with money, labor, materials, and support from the entire community and is dedicated to enriching lives by promoting the arts in Harrison and North Arkansas. Since its founding in 1996, the non-profit 501(c)(3) organization has touched the lives of many through exhibitions, performances, and education. The OAC is the proud owner and operator of the historic Lyric Theater, which was built in 1929, and the operator of the Oak Leaf Gallery and GiftShop. The OAC supports five member organizations: The Theatre Company, Harrison Art League, Northark Drama, The Twentieth Century Club, and Woman's Book Club. Educational Programs include the Ozark Children's Choir and Ozark Writers' Block. Support for the Ozark Arts Council is provided by foundations, local businesses, and individuals. The OAC is a member of the Arkansas Coalition for Excellence and Arkansas Museums Association. For more information, visit www.ozarkartscouncil.org, call 870.391.3504 or email info@ozarkartscouncil.org.

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