# Arts Opportunities and Information

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Mouth and Foot Painting Artists, Inc., Attn: James March, 2070 Peachtree Court, Suite 101, Atlanta, FA 30341.

Email: mfpausa@bellsouth.net

URL: www.mfpausa.com

*Description:* An information clearinghouse for artists who paint with their mouth or foot. Conducts workshops and organizes exhibitions. Also has an office in Atlanta: 2070 Peachtree Industrial Court, Atlanta, GA 30341.

## **Coalition for Disabled Musicians, Inc.**, P.O. Box 1002M, Bay Shore, New York 11706-0533, URL: www.disabled-musicians.org

*Description:* A volunteer, self-help organization for individuals with disabilities that provides assistance in the pursuit of musical aspirations.

Vancouver Adaptive Music Society Suite 207-3077 Granville Street, Vancouver, BC Canada V6H 3J9,

URL: http://www.vams.org/

*Description*: Supports and promotes musicians with physical disabilities in the Metro Vancouver area. Programs involve people with a wide range of musical abilities, from first-timers to highly talented musicians. Accessible facilities include professional recording studio.

Creativity Explored, 3245 16th Street, San Francisco, CA 94103,

Email: gallery@creativityexplored.org

URL: <u>www.creativityexplored.org</u>

*Description:* A nonprofit arts center where artists with developmental challenges create, exhibit and sell artwork.

Disabled Artists' Network, 2701 California Avenue SW, Suite 263, Seattle, WA 98116,

Email: office@disabledartistsnetwork.net

URL: www.disabledartistsnetwork.net

Description: Support group for disabled professional visual artists. Publishes a newsletter.

National Arts and Disability Center, University of California Los Angeles, 67-447 Semel Institute, 760 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1759,

Email: <u>oraynor@mednet.ucla.edu</u>

URL: <u>nadc.ucla.edu</u>

*Description:* A national information and referral center. Resource directories, annotated bibliographies, conferences, an online gallery, and related links serve to advance artists with disabilities.

**National Endowment for the Arts,** Office of AccessAbility, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20506,

Email: <u>webmgr@arts.endow.gov</u> URL: <u>www.nea.gov/resources/Accessibility/index.html</u> *Description:* An advocate-technical assistance arm of the National Endowment for the Arts for people with disabilities, and older adults, veterans, and people living in institutions.

National Institute of Art & Disabilities, 551 23rd Street, Richmond, CA 94804,

Email: <u>admin@niadart.org</u> URL: <u>www.niadart.org</u> *Description:* Provides studios to artists with developmental disabilities. Sponsors a gallery

Title: National Arts & Disability Center

Description: An online gallery that features the work of artists with disabilities. URL: <u>nadc.ucla.edu</u>

Title: Kaleidoscope. International Magazine of Literature, Fine Arts, and Disability

Description: Examines the experiences of disability through the fine arts and literature. Voice Mail: 330-762-9755, TTY: 330-379-3349 Frequency: Bi-Annually Publisher: United Disability Services Publisher's Address: Kaleidoscope, United Disability Services, 701 S. Main Street, Akron, OH 44311-1019, Email: <u>kaleidoscope@udsakron.org</u> URL: <u>www.udsakron.org/kaleidoscope.htm</u>

### **Online Music Resources:**

Pandora, create your own individualized "radio stations:" http://www.pandora.com/

Track pad drum set: http://www.kenbrashear.com/

Create your own meditation music: http://aux.zendesk.com/wall/

Explore sequencers: http://pbskids.org/cyberchase/games/patterns/

### Adaptive Instruments:

Adaptive Use Musical Instruments: Using free downloadable software and a web camera, create an electronic instrument: http://deeplistening.org/site/adaptiveuse

AirSynth: http://www.soundonsound.com/sos/mar03/articles/alesisairsynth.asp

Q-chord: http://www.qchord.net/

Korg DS10 cartridge for Nintendo DS: http://www.korgds10synthesizer.com/

Sip and puff adaptation for iPod:

Jones, M., Grogg, K., Anschutz, J. & Fierman, R. (2008). A Sip-and-Puff Wireless Remote Control for the Apple iPod. *Assistive Technology: The Official Journal of RESNA*, *20*(2), 107-110.

This brief technical note describes the authors' efforts to modify an existing wireless remote control for the Apple iPod so it could be operated using sip-and-puff switches by individuals with limited upper extremity dexterity due to cervical level spinal cord injury. The authors were able to successfully interface the wireless controller with sip-and-puff switches so that users could play, pause, and fast forward through a song list on the iPod. Details of the interface are described, and limitations of the current system are discussed.

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