

# **GEORGIA LAWYERS FOR THE ARTS**

# King Plow Arts Center, 887 West Marietta Street NW, Suite J-101 Atlanta, GA 30318 **REGISTER** @ <u>http://glarts.org/seminars/</u>

\*\*\*All of our upcoming seminars are FREE except for the 501(c)(3) Seminar.\*\*\*

# March 5, 2014 from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

#### **Business Entity Fundamentals for Artists**

This FREE seminar will provide a brief, practical discussion of different commonly used business forms and various advantages and disadvantages of each. Includes basic information about setting up a new business entity and why certain forms of business entity may be much more useful than others. Hosted by attorney **Pearson Beardsley of Beardsley**, **P.C.** 

### March 19, 2014 from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

#### Pitfalls Facing Artists: An Introduction to Legal Issues That May Impact You

This seminar is FREE and will focus on basic legal principles and recent developments in Georgia Law that could directly impact an artist's business. Specific topics include ensuring that artists have valid contracts with their clients, First Amendment protections for artists, and trespassing/misappropriation of likeness of artists' subject matter. Attorneys **David Carpenter** and **Brittany Reese** of Alston & Bird LLP will lead this seminar.

#### March 24, 2014 from 10:00 am to 11:30 pm

#### Legal Considerations for Entrepreneurs in the Arts

An overview of legal considerations for entrepreneurs in the arts specifically geared to those working in film, television, music, and new media. Includes information about entity formation, intellectual property protection, operational agreements, and financing with a particular emphasis on crowdfunding. Crowdfunding portion will focus on the Invest Georgia Exemption, which makes Georgia one of only three states that currently allows intrastate investment crowdfunding. Hosted by attorneys **Ronald L. Barabas** and **Quentin Lynch** of MJ Patel Law Group.

# April 1, 2014 from 12:00 pm to 3:30 pm

#### 501(c)(3) Seminar

A three-four hour, user-friendly seminar to instruct parties interested in launching nonprofit entities presented by **John Eaton**. Eaton has facilitated this session monthly for Georgia Lawyers for the Arts since 1982 and in recent years for the Foundation Center of Atlanta. Many local attorneys attend these sessions. The primary purpose of the session is to place participants in a knowledgeable posture on the legal, filing, and reporting requirements for nonprofit organizations as well as establishing best nonprofit organizational practices from inception. Since 9-11, the IRS raised the bar substantially in acquiring tax-exempt status. The growth in our knowledge on these issues has been commensurate with IRS regulatory and reporting evolution in the field. This seminar costs \$150.

# April 9, 2014 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

#### **Applications of the Arts in Video Game Development**

This FREE seminar will discuss copyright protection for character and plot development, music production, music licensing, and other aspects related to the arts and the development of video games. This seminar will be led by Attorney **Lee Morin** of Morin Entertainment Law, LLC.