



# NATIONAL VETERANS CREATIVE **ARTS** FESTIVAL

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## Fact Sheet

- What:** **The National Veterans Creative Arts Festival (NVCAF)** is the celebration and grand finale stage and art show which is the culmination of talent competitions in art, creative writing, dance, drama, and music for veterans treated in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) national health care system.
- Who:** Approximately 130 veterans will exhibit their artwork or perform musical, dance, dramatic or original writing selections in a gala variety show. A professional orchestra will accompany the performance. All veterans invited to participate are selected winners of year-long, national fine arts talent competitions in which thousands of veterans enter, from VA medical facilities across the nation.
- Where:** **Gala Performance and Art Exhibit:**  
Touhill Performing Arts Center  
University of Missouri-St. Louis  
8001 Natural Bridge Rd.  
St. Louis, MO 63121
- When:** **Festival:** October 22-28, 2007  
**Art Exhibit:** Sunday, October 28, 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.  
**Gala Performance:** Sunday, October 28, 2:00 p.m.
- Why:** VA medical facilities incorporate creative arts into their recreation therapy programs. This annual competition recognizes the progress and recovery made through that therapy, and raises the visibility of the creative achievements of our nation's veterans after disease, disability or life crisis.
- Sponsors:** Department of Veterans Affairs, Help Hospitalized Veterans and the American Legion Auxiliary
- Host:** St. Louis VA Medical Center  
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- Admission:** **Free!** The public is invited with an admission ticket.
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