

**POLISH ARTS CLUB OF YOUNGSTOWN  
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FEATURED ARTISTS**

**Philip Brady** is a Professor of English at Youngstown State University, teaching creative writing and literature and is director of the YSU Poetry. Brady is the author of three collections of poetry, *Fathom*, (Word Press, 2007); *Weal* (winner of the 1999 Snyder Prize from Ashland Poetry Press); and *Forged Correspondences*, (New Myths, 1996) chosen for Ploughshares' "Editors' Shelf" by Maxine Kumin. His poetry has appeared in more than 50 journals in the United States and Ireland. Brady's poetry has received the Ohioana Poetry Award in 2008, two Ohio Arts Council Individual Artists Fellowships, a Best of Ohio Writers Contest Prizes, a Newhouse Award and a Thayer Fellowship in the Arts from New York State, an Academy of American Poets Prize, a Listowel Writer's Prize (Ireland) and residencies at Yaddo, the Millay Colony, the Ragdale Foundation, the Hambidge Center, the Headlands Center for the Arts, The Virginia Center for the Arts, Hawthornden Castle (Scotland), The Tyrone Guthrie Centre (Ireland), Fundacion Valparaiso (Spain), and Cimelice Castle, (Czech Republic). He has also been a visiting lecturer at the University of Ibadan in Nigeria and the Poets' House in Donegal, Ireland.



**ELSA HIGBY** began singing in musical theatre, which led to Opera and contemporary song and now engages her with the songs of Astor Piazzolla, a fusion of contemporary jazz and traditional Argentinean tango. Elsa was introduced to Piazzolla's vocal work on the CD *Milva-El Tango de Astor Piazzolla*, recorded by the Italian pop singer with Daniel Binelli on the *bandoneón*. She has sung with Opera Colorado, DiCapo Opera, the Glass Ensemble, Steve Niave and Elvis Costello performing at the International Institute for Vocal Arts (Italy), Banff, Town Hall (NYC), Brooklyn Academy of Music, Opera Frankfurt, Paris Opera and other venues. Roles include Hansel, Seibel, Flora, Cenerentola, the Ghost of Carmen, and Desideria. Higby is the Director of Grow Youngstown, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the sustainable growth of food, forage, forest and fuel in the Mahoning Valley.



**MARYANNE HOFFMAN, MA, CCT** is a visual artist and has been recognized nationally for her innovative research in the areas of art and color therapy. Her doctoral studies in art and technology were conducted at Ohio State University. She has attained an M.A from Ohio University and a B.F.A. from Ohio State. In 1979 Maryanne established *Mystical Messages Greeting Cards* using lithographic reproductions of her original art. She was honored in *International Greeting Cards Magazine* for her unique contribution and leadership, as one of the first woman business owners in this industry. She has authored and illustrated six books: *Older Women's Rights*, *Color Therapy for Children*, *The Rainbow in Your Life*, *The Goddess Guide*, *Personal Dream Diary* and the soon-to-be released *Color Therapy for Pets*. The focus of her work is the use of light, art, color and music therapy to promote the mental, physical and spiritual well-being and healing of the whole person.

