

Custom posters showcase musical art

New exhibit focuses on Tennessee niche

by Cristol Camacho

MTSU's art department, along with artist and curator Sasha Barr, will bring the exhibit "Sound in Print: The Art of the Contemporary Music Poster" to the MTSU Todd Gallery March 12-30.

"Sound in Print" will include limited-edition handmade posters created for various music groups. The posters showcase a variety of art and design styles incorporating silkscreen and letterpress techniques.

"There are many 'art' elements involved in these posters," said art professor Seth Johnson. "Silkscreening combines traditional printmaking skills with graphic design problem-solving."

The technique of silkscreen poster printing has become synonymous with the Tennessee area. The posters have a huge niche appeal and have been featured in the book *Art of Modern Rock* and *in Print* magazine.

"I thought it was a great idea," says Barr, 24, of Memphis. "I was excited to be able to curate this exhibit and personally invite artists whose work I respect."

Aesthetic Apparatus, The Heads of State, Yeehaw Industries and Jay Ryan of The Bird Machine will be

submitting pieces for the exhibit, along with many others from around the United States.

Each of the more than 50 participating artists or designers is expected to bring five original music-related posters for the exhibit.

"No one has ever put anything like this together," said Johnson. "Because of MTSU's strong music and recording industry programs and because Tennessee is well known for these posters, we hope to bring a good crowd to campus."

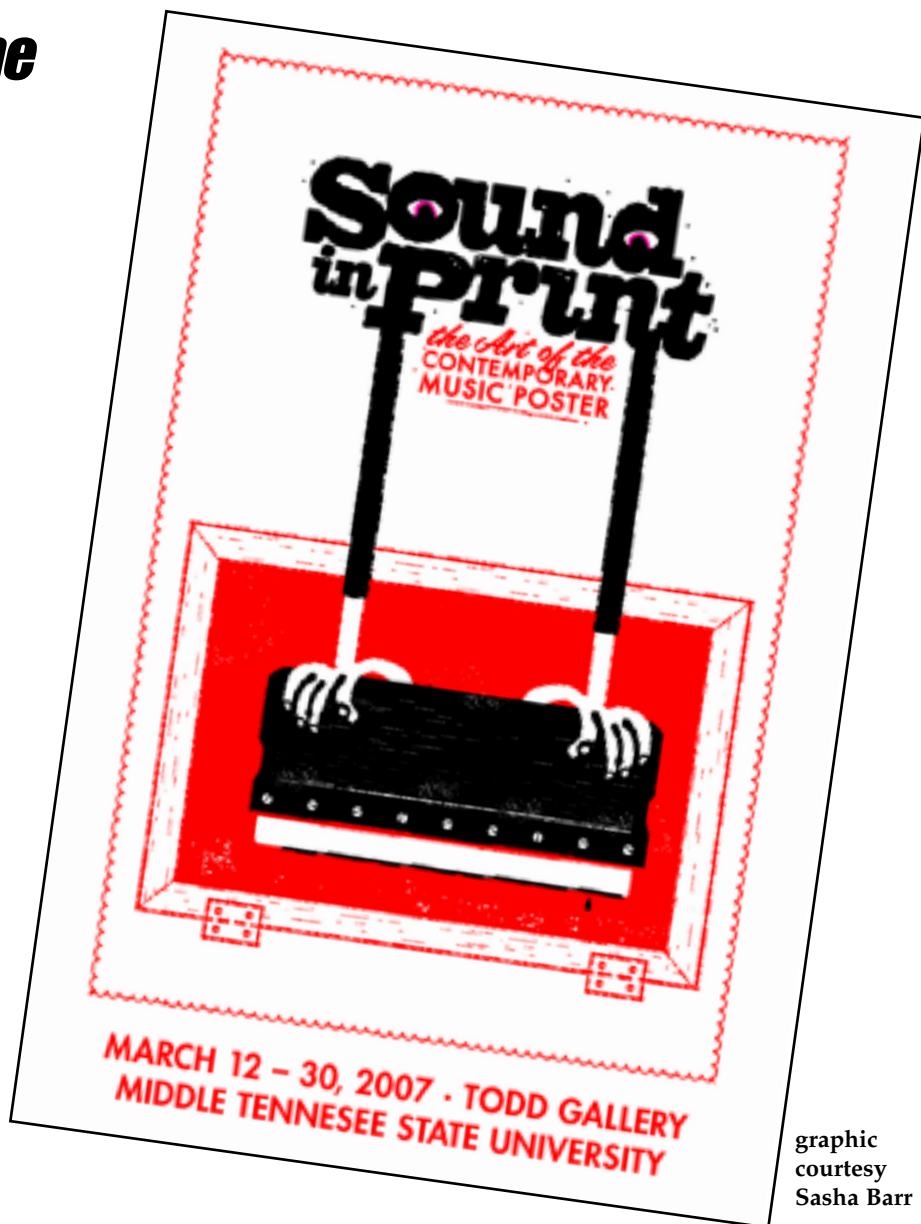
The gallery for viewing Sound in Print will be open from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

A reception also will be held Friday, March 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Todd Gallery. Barr and several of the artists will be available for questions, and a few donated custom posters will be available for sale.

Portions of the proceeds from the poster sales will go to the MTSU art scholarship fund for art majors. Admission to the exhibit is free on all dates.

For more information on "Sound in Print," contact Seth Johnson at jsjohnso@mtsu.edu.

To check out some samples of Barr's work, visit his Web site, www.thisisthenewyear.com.



graphic courtesy Sasha Barr

Bricks available now to honor MTSU's veterans

by Gina K. Logue

Each and every brick to be laid in the MTSU Veterans Memorial will represent the support of an entire community for the enlightenment and inspiration of future generations, organizers say.

The bricks may be reserved by those who wish to honor a veteran or active-duty service member or merely acknowledge their support for the construction of a permanent on-campus memorial to MTSU faculty, students, staff and administrators who perished while serving their country. The bricks will be integrated into the overall memorial design.

All proceeds will help to pay for the memorial, which will be an outdoor classroom that includes a wall with the names of the military personnel. So far, the committee has gathered the names of at least 55 service members for the wall.

The death of Army 1st Lt. Ken Ballard, an MTSU student who was killed in Iraq in 2004, prompted Dr. Andrei Korobkov, associate professor of political science and Ballard's instructor in three classes, to initiate the memorial concept. Korobkov says he feels strongly that Ballard and other veterans



deserve more acknowledgement and appreciation than a nondescript wall plaque that most of the general public would never see.

The MTSU Foundation's Special Projects Board has granted start-up money in the amount of \$5,000 to the committee, which seeks donations to a special fund established to help pay for design and construction.

"We need much more money to create a project honoring our veterans," Korobkov says.

"Thus, I would like to encourage those who support our project to show their support both through donations of any size and offers of participation."

To purchase a brick with a memorial message, send a tax-deductible check of \$150 payable to MTSU Foundation—Veterans Memorial, P.O. Box 109, Murfreesboro, Tenn., 37132. Credit cards also are accepted. Address any questions about brick purchases or donations to Robyn Kilpatrick at 615-898-5223 or rkilpatr@mtsu.edu.

For more information, visit the MTSU Veterans Memorial Web site at www.mtsu.edu/veterans. A form for filling out an engraved brick message can be accessed by clicking on the link in the lower right-hand corner.

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Club. The project aims to increase student interest in science and math and to help students apply their knowledge of those subjects to the real world.

"The goals of MTSU's project echo a major part of my agenda in the 110th Congress—improving science and math education," Gordon, chairman of the House Science and Technology Committee, said. "Science and research can create jobs.... I will make sure to seek out any and every opportunity to ensure that we are poised to compete for bright students, cutting-edge research and good jobs."

MTSU's project will offer after-school hands-on learning experiences to students during the school year and during a two-week summer camp. The project also will offer professional development sessions for teachers, as well as evening parent-child meetings to engage families in science activities that are fun and educational, according to Dr. Linda Gilbert, project director and associate professor of

educational leadership at MTSU.

"This is a real opportunity to look at the results of joining informal science education with the formal content that is taught during the school day. We would like to see participants coming out of the EEC Project considering science or mathematics as career possibilities," Gilbert said.

"The most exciting part of the grant is that students in Rutherford County and Cannon County will be having fun learning new concepts and will see how those concepts are used in the real world."

The MTSU proposal was selected from 148 applications as one of 16 recipients across the country for the Academy for Young Scientists initiative.

"There is sufficient research to support that when middle-school students profess to want to be a scientist when they grow up, they do become scientists in spite of all life's hurdles," said Dr. Kim Cleary Sadler, assistant director for MTSU's Center

for Environmental Education. "It's so exciting to think that through the Academy for Young Scientists, we have an opportunity to provide meaningful out-of-school-time experiences that may nurture the development of a future scientist."

As a proponent of math and science education initiatives, Gordon has introduced legislation in Congress to improve math and science education in the nation's schools. His bill would increase the number of math and science teachers by providing scholarships to science, math and engineering students who commit to becoming science or math teachers at elementary and secondary schools upon completion of their degrees.

"If we want to stay competitive with the rest of the world, we must focus on math and science education," said Gordon.