## A Standard for EXCELLENCE

We are thrilled that The Delaplaine Arts Center was reaccredited in the **Standards for Excellence**<sup>®</sup> program by the Standards for Excellence<sup>®</sup> Institute in June. The Standards is a national initiative that promotes the highest standards of ethics, effectiveness, and accountability in nonprofit governance, management, and operations. The accreditation process is thorough, requiring scrutinization and thirdparty review of all areas of the organization–policies, procedures, programs, financials, and more. "We're incredibly proud to display the Standards for Excellence® seal," states Duane Doxzen, Delaplaine CEO. The Delaplaine has been accredited continuously since 2003, when it was the first arts organization to be so recognized by the program. It is one of about 200 nonprofits in 16 states, and one of only 20 arts organizations, to be accredited. "The Standards continue to provide an important framework and set aggressive benchmarks to help make the Delaplaine more effective. The community deserves our very best."

