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LRAC April Art Headlines

LRAC News Briefs

Announcing Board openings for Becker, Pope, Stevens, Traverse and Wilkin Counties.

LRAC announces open Board positions for art lovers who live in Becker, Pope, Stevens, Traverse and Wilkin Counties. Terms start July 1, 2018. Deadline to apply is May 1.

Contact the LRAC office by email for more information and to request a nomination form @ directorLRAC@gmail.com



Hear what a current Board member has to say about serving on the LRAC Board.

[View video](#)

Featured Event

Help for Artists Workshop, April 14, 2018

"How to Build an Online Presence for Artists"
"Intro to MN State Arts Board Per Cent for Arts Program"



Date: **Sat. April 14, 2018**

Time: 9:30 am -3:00 pm

Location: Thorson Memorial Library, 117 Central Ave., Elbow Lake, MN 56531

Workshop Schedule

- 9:30 am registration, coffee, rolls
- 10:00-12:00 pm, "How to Build an Online Presence for Artists" -Steve Henning. Learn about using Facebook, websites, Youtube to promote your art.
- 12-12:30 pm lunch
- 12:30-3:00 pm "Intro to MSAB Per Cent for Arts Program" Learn how you could be considered for publicly funded art projects.

Register here: [April 14 workshop](#)

Featured Artist

Kaija Thorson

After working in-house for a company over the past ten years, LRAC Artist Cohort Kaija Thorson is "diving into the unknown world of self-employment" in pursuit of her own "creative voice".

This graphic designer, illustrator and jewelry maker is looking to find out where her work shines the brightest. "I am very excited about what the future holds for my art career!"



Jewelry by
Kaija Thorson

[Check out Kaija Thorson's Art!](#)

Featured Service

LRAC Arts Calendar

Looking for something to do? LRAC's website features a searchable arts calendar.

The calendar has listings for regional and statewide arts events. You can find if there is a play in Detroit Lakes, an exhibit in Morris or a concert in Alexandria. Search for an arts event near you.

Have an event you want to get on the calendar? Submit it online.



LRAC Grant Webinars

LRAC Arts Calendar

LRAC Gallery Exhibits

Main Gallery

"6A Regional High School Art Exhibit"

March 12 - April 28, 2018

Monday -Friday, 9:00 am -5:00 pm

Reception; April 28, 11:00 am-12:30 pm

The Lake Region Arts Council is proud to exhibit selected art work from this year's High School 6A Minnesota State Visual Arts Exhibition and Competition. This is a yearly competition that showcases the best art work from high school students throughout the state. Students compete at a regional and then state level. Entries are judged on the quality of the art work and the student's artist statement. Regional winners will go on to compete at the State 6A statewide competition.



"Unseen Sacrifice" by
Corina Mark

Solo Gallery

Tracy Anderson - Oil Paintings

LRAC 2018 Solo Gallery Exhibit - April 2 - May 30, 2018

Reception: May 15, 2018, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

A McKnight Foundation/LRAC Grant recipient who was featured on the PBS documentary "Postcards" this past February, Tracy Anderson is the only Minnesota artist to garner all four major awards in one juried show: People's Choice, Members' Choice, First Place and Best of Show.



"Breezie" by
Tracy Anderson

"Whether I'm painting an expressive portrait, figures, or still life, in a tight or more loose style, it always seems to reflect my inward journey in life. Painting is a way to express my reactions and personality in response to the world we live in."

[Check out Tracy Anderson's Portraits](#)

LRAC Grants

Marching into Spring 2018

Ten arts organizations in the LRAC region were awarded \$42,500 in funding to support their programming in the 2018 Operating Support Grant Round. [Click Here for the full article.](#)



The Spring Project Grant Round was completed in March with \$18,835 awarded to eight grants. *Watch for the full announcement next month.*

Upcoming LRAC Board Grant Reviews

- Spring Legacy Grant Round, \$106,015 to be awarded in April 2018 (**6:00 pm start time**)
- Career Development Grant Round, \$7,319 to be awarded in May 2018
- Fellowship Grant Round, \$5,000 to be awarded in June 2018

Looking Ahead to Spring

Opportunities for Individuals in the LRAC Region

LRAC will be awarding over \$16,819 in 2018 through three grant programs to individuals in the nine counties. These LRAC grant programs are funded by The McKnight Foundation.



Now's the time to move forward with your artistic career. These grants are designed to promote "You", providing financial assistance for your next leap forward!

2018 Grant Awards

- **Career Development Grant**, up to \$1,200 each, **Deadline April 3, 2018**
- **Fellowship Grant**, \$5,000 to one musician or visual artist, **Deadline May 8, 2018**
- **Artist Quick Start Grant**, six \$750 grants, Deadline Aug 7, 2018

LRAC Fellowship Grant, Open to Music and Visual Arts in 2018

Apply for \$5,000, one Fellowship will be awarded *to recognize, reward, and encourage an outstanding individual* in the LRAC nine county region. This grant is designed to acknowledge the work achieved during the past five years in the music and visual arts disciplines.



A Fellowship can support a broad range of study or activities, including exploration of new directions, continuation of work already in progress, or accomplishment of work not financially feasible otherwise.

- to take time for solitary work or reflection,
- to engage in collaborative or community projects,
- to embark on travel or research, or
- to pursue any other activity that contributes to their life as an artist.

Here are the next steps:

- Read the [LRAC Fellowship Grant Guidelines](#)
- Check out the [LRAC Fellowship Tip Sheet](#)
- Watch the [LRAC Fellowship Grant Writing Webinar](#) (50 minutes)

Next month: Artist Quick Start Grant, Great Grant to Start Something New

Questions? - Contact the LRAC office

MN State Arts Board

Looking ahead to 2019

2019 MSAB Folk and Traditional Arts

The Folk and Traditional Arts grant program is designed to enrich Minnesota communities through folk and traditional art forms being passed on, documented, practiced and shared. This application is open to both organizations and individuals.

Folk and traditional arts are learned and passed on through community based systems of training and education where younger generations learn and attain mastery of a form by observation and practice or through apprenticeships with elders and masters



Application deadline

FY 2019 application deadline is May 25, 2018.

Funds must be expended between January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.



2019 MSAB Artist Initiative (two grant rounds)

The Artist Initiative grant program is designed to support and assist professional Minnesota artists at various stages in their careers by encouraging artistic development, nurturing artistic creativity, and recognizing the contributions of individual artists to the creative environment of the state of Minnesota.

Grants will be awarded for projects that will enhance or expand the applicant's artistic skills or process, and advance the applicant's career by helping the artist generate greater visibility with and exposure to potential audiences.

Those considering a first time application are urged to review the program's overview and application instructions, and speak with program officer Sherrie Fernandez-Williams prior to beginning an application. She can be reached at (651) 215-1626, toll-free at (800) 866-2787, or via e-mail at sherrie.fernandez-williams@arts.state.mn.us.

Application deadlines

FY 2019 application deadline is **May 4, 2018** for *literary arts and performance arts*.

FY 2019 application deadline is **June 29, 2018** for *visual arts*.

Check out the MSAB website for details on the funds expenditure timeline.

[MSAB Website](#)

Other Opportunities Minnesota Music Coalition



2018 MN Music Summit, Amplifying Our Stories

The Minnesota Music Coalition (MMC) presents its 8th annual ***MN Music Summit April 12-14, 2018 in St. Paul and Minneapolis, MN.***

The only music industry event like this in the region, the 3-day music festival and conference brings a taste of SXSW to the Twin Cities with keynote conversations, music workshops, industry panels, films, networking events and performances by Minnesota's top artists and bands.

Open to artists, industry professionals and fans of all ages, genders and backgrounds, this year's Summit will be themed around amplifying women's stories, providing opportunities for 1,000+ musicians and fans to gather at venues across St. Paul and Minneapolis to discuss timely issues affecting artists and our regional music communities.

Featuring talks and performances by Minnesota's biggest music voices, including Babes in Toyland's Lori Barbero, PaviElle, Venus DeMars, Mayda and The Current's Andrea Swensson. There will also be a Guitar Expo Friday afternoon featuring tech workshops, local luthiers and instrument repair specialists.

This year indie artist, author and podcaster Laura Veirs will be our keynote speaker, joining a diverse lineup of talent to talk and perform at The O'Shaughnessy in St. Paul on Friday, April 13-the day her highly anticipated new album *The Lookout* is released and right before she goes on tour with M Ward.



[Check out the MMC website for more information and registration.](#)

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