



LRAC Art Headlines



LRAC News Brief

A Coronavirus Message from LRAC

The Lake Region Arts Council, Board, staff, and our partners the MN State Arts Board, The McKnight Foundation and MN Citizens

for the Arts are committed to providing support to the artists, arts organizations and art loving public as we all grapple with staying safe and healthy.



The future is uncertain... but this uncertainty is at the very heart of human creativity.

— Ilya Prigogine —

Even though our office and galleries are closed, staff are working from home and are available to help you. Reach us through email, LRAC4@LRACgrants.org or call 218-739-5780 and leave a message.

We will continue to award grants. We will work with those that already have grants, but have to postpone or cancel their events. Together we will find the best way to complete their grants. Please see the Grants section of this newsletter for more information.

All non-grant related LRAC activities are postponed. We will reschedule as soon as it is safe to do so.

Even though we won't be seeing you soon, we will be working with you and are grateful for your understanding, patience and support as we go through this together.

Maxine Adams
Executive Director
Lake Region Arts Council

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A Coronavirus Resources for Artist and Arts Organizations

There are many online resources for financial support and Coronavirus information. A good place to start is:

Minnesota State Arts Board Guidance to the Arts

Community: <http://www.arts.state.mn.us/news/COVID-19.htm>

Minnesota Citizens for the Arts Corona Virus Resource

Center: <http://artsmn.org/coronavirus/>

Springboard for the Arts Corona Virus resource page for artists, creatives, and organizations: <https://springboardforthearts.org/coronavirus/>

Minnesota Employment and Economic Development; response for workers and employers: <https://mn.gov/deed/newscenter/covid/>

West Central Initiative Fund: WCI Fund Covid19 resources web page link.



So Many Cancellations

I cannot express strongly enough how much local arts organizations do for our region. The impact of having to suspend their programming due to the Coronavirus is hard to fathom. PLEASE, when all this is over, think about celebrating our "release from quarantine" by attending an event, buying tickets for friends, sending a thank you note, or volunteer for these wonderful organizations. Support them anyway you can, they will need our help.

Together we will get through this.

-Maxine Adams, Executive Director, Lake Region Arts Council.

Cultural and Heritage Event - CANCELLED

Kardemimmit Concert

New York Mills Cultural Center
24 N. Main Ave.
New York Mills, MN
Saturday, April 4, 2020 @ 7:30pm

Arts Midwest Folkefest Residency 2020

Kardemimmit are four strong, young women who play a rare gem: the Finnish national instrument kantele, an ancient stringed instrument with a silvery sound.

Don't miss this chance to see & hear the music of Finland right here in NYM! In honor of our 30th anniversary in 2020 - our Year of Gratitude - and grant support from Arts Midwest and the American Scandinavian Foundation.



\$5 adults & students FREE!

[Click here for video of Kardemimmit](#)



Featured Event

**Christian Howes - Violinst,
with Community Musicians -
CANCELLED**

A Center for the Arts
124 W. Lincoln Ave
Fergus Falls, MN 56537
Saturday, April 25, 2020

Named top 3 in the Downbeat Critics Poll in his category and nominated Violinist of the Year by the Jazz Journalist Association, Christian Howes takes the violins far beyond its traditional classical repertoire. From jazz, gospel, a touch of latin, to bluegrass and Americana, Christian Howes is a versatile musician highly recognized as one of the pioneers of improvisation [for strings]. Among many accolades, his 2015 release, "American Spirit" was named among the Best Jazz Albums of 2015" by the Huffington Post. This summer, Christian celebrates over 1 million views on his Youtube channel with the highly anticipated: Flipping Bach's Violin Partita. Howes is the founder of "Creative Strings", a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to expand music education through the creation of online curriculum, an annual summer conference, and dozens of visits to schools annually teaching improvisation, contemporary styles, and related subjects. He will be joined on stage by our local civic orchestra and high school orchestra musicians.



Tickets: Adults \$25 and Students \$10

[For tickets and more information](#)



Featured Artist

Jason Ramey: Sculptor, Professor, LRAC Board Member

A graduate with a BFA from The Herron School of Art & Design, a MFA from University of Wisconsin/Madison, and a former Lecturer/Assistant Professor at the Minneapolis College of Art & Design, Jason Ramey currently holds the position of Assistant Professor of Studio Art at University of Minnesota, Morris. Jason is a sculptor who participates in national and international exhibitions, maintains an active studio schedule and has an interest in public art as well as interactive community projects. The beneficiary of a Jerome Emerging Artist Grant, Mr. Ramey is well aware of the positive impact arts funding in MN has on artists. In response to why he would like to serve on the LRAC board Jason said, "I would love to be able to give back and make positive contributions to artists in MN, as I believe artists play a vital role in shaping their respective communities."



[Click here for Jason's Website](#)



LRAC Gallery Exhibits

Main Gallery

LRAC galleries will be closed to the public until further notice.

6A High School Exhibit - CANCELLED

Lake Region Arts Council
Main Gallery
March 9, 2020



LRAC Solo Gallery

LRAC galleries will be closed to the public until further notice.

Sean Scott Ceramics Exhibit - Postponed until November 2020

LRAC Solo Gallery
133 S. Mill St.
Fergus Falls, MN 56537
218-739-5780



Exhibit: April 1 - May 30

In 2019 Sean Scott was named an Emerging Artist by the National Council on Education of Ceramic Arts. Sean was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio. He earned a B.F.A. from Ohio University in 1996 and a M.F.A. from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2005. Since then he has operated Pomme de Terre Pottery near Battle Lake, Minnesota. Sean exhibits his work nationally and teaches workshops. "I'm drawn to clay as a medium because of its physical nature, its ability to be radically transformed and because of the infinite visual and tactile expressions possible. I make pots because of their accessibility, their 'willingness' to be touched and handled. They also possess an inherent quality to draw upon content and metaphor especially as it relates to negative space, the earth, the human body, and ideas associated with sustenance and nourishment."

[Click here for Sean Scott's Website](#)



LRAC Grant Announcements

During the Coronavirus precautions, LRAC will continue to award grants.

We will work with those that already have grants, but have to postpone or cancel their events. Together we will find the best way to complete their grants.

LRAC Spring Legacy Grant reviews will be held using Go To Meeting webinar capabilities. The public will be able to join the meeting. Meeting time, dates and instructions will be shared with the public on our Facebook page, website and by email. Grant applicants will be contact by LRAC Grants Manager with details.

The following grants will proceed on schedule: Career Development grant, application deadline Tuesday, April 7, 2020 and the LRAC Fellowship, application deadline, Tuesday, May 5, 2020. If necessary, grant review sessions will be held using Go To Meeting webinars.

Arts Mentorship program, a decision will be made on April 30 on postponement or providing the mentorships as an online activity.

LRAC staff are available by phone, 218-739-5780, leave a message or email: LRAC4@LRACgrants.org

LRAC Spring Project Grants

March was the month that the LRAC Spring Project Grants were reviewed on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

\$19,305 was awarded but the details of the projects are pending due to some potential postponements at this time.

The full announcement will be in a future newsletter.



LRAC Spring Legacy Individual and Organization Grant Review Online Meeting

Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

The April meeting for the LRAC Spring Legacy Grant Review will be completed through an online meeting.



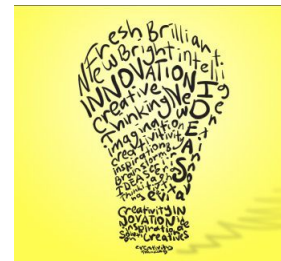
At this date, the details are finalized by the LRAC staff to determine the best method for reviewing both the presenting and non presenting applicants.

LRAC Individual Grants

LRAC Career Development Grant - It's All About You

Select the best path for your next step.
Is it...

- Learn new skills in workshops, trainings, one on one studies,
- Purchase supplies and equipment to create new work,
- Expand audiences with marketing and website development,
- Take time to create new work, **OR**
- Prepare new work for public debut?



How much is available?

- **Apply for up to \$1,200**
- **\$7,500 will be awarded in the Career Development Grant Round.**

Important Dates:

- **Deadline is Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 5:00 pm**
- Grant Review is May 19, 2020
- *Start Date is after June 20, 2020*

[Watch the Career Development Grant Writing Webinar](#)

LRAC Fellowship Grant - Congratulations You're Amazing

\$5,000 will be awarded to one individual, open to the music or visual arts disciplines.

Fellowship is based on:

- Five year look back at your artistic accomplishments
- Impact on the regional arts and communities
- Two letters of recommendations from colleagues in the field
- Opportunities to explore and create in the coming year



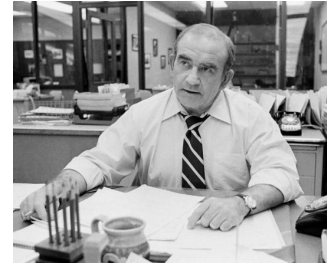
Fellowship Grant Writing Webinar

- **Deadline is May 5, 2020 at 5:00 pm**
- Grant Review is June 16, 2020
- *Start Date is after July 1, 2020*

Watch the LRAC Fellowship Grant Writing Webinar

LRAC Editing Services Available Again for Individual Applicants!

LRAC is contracting the services of an editor to assist individuals again this year. A number of applicants took advantage of this opportunity last year as they developed their Legacy Spring Individual Grant, Career Development Grant, and Fellowship Grant applications.



Benefits of the Editing Service:

- Second set of eyes to proof the application for spelling and grammar.
- Constructive feedback on the content of the narrative questions.

Contact the LRAC office when your application is ready to be reviewed. The narrative will be forwarded to the editor, proofed, and returned in time to submit the application before the deadline date.

Editing Services Deadlines:

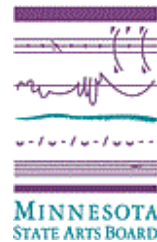
- LRAC Fellowship Grant will be available through [Friday, April 24, 2020](#).



Other Opportunities

Minnesota State Arts Board 2021 Artist Initiative

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.

Performance Arts includes dance, music and theater.
Visual Arts includes media arts, photography, and two- and three-dimensional.

Deadline: April 24, 2020, 4:30 pm (Literary and Performance Arts)
Deadline: June 26, 2020, 4:30 pm (Visual Arts)

MSAB Artist Initiative Grant Information





LRAC Executive Director

Maxine Adams

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