



## LRAC Art Headlines



### LRAC News Brief

#### Penny Kagigebi of Becker County is the LRAC Needs Assessment \$200 Winner!

Congratulations and thank you Penny, for taking the LRAC Needs Assessment Survey. There were over 140 people who completed the survey and LRAC is excited to take your comments and include them in our planning for FY23.



We learned that COVID had a huge impact on audiences, artist and arts organizations. Everyone seems eager to attend events and recognizes that it will take time and support to get through the next year.

One interesting thing we learned was that all of our ideas for new programming were rated important or very important, with increasing access to the arts for at risk youth having a slightly higher rating than supporting public art in community development, those facing barriers due to a disability, or those over 65 and facing barriers due to age. LRAC will be considering what programming to offer in 2023 to best meet these priorities.

Thanks again to all that participated.

[Click here to visit the LRAC Facebook Page.](#)



### Featured Writer

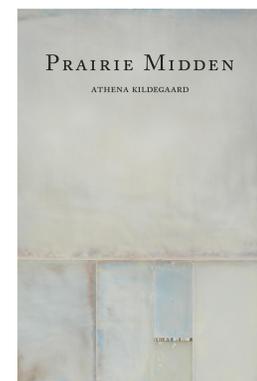
#### Release of Prairie Midden

#### New Book of Poetry by Athena Kildegaard

Athena Kildegaard's new book of poetry, Prairie Midden is newly published by Tinderbox Editions.

Athena lives in Morris and teaches at the University of Minnesota Morris. This is her sixth book of poetry. Other includes are Course, Bodies of Light (a finalist for the Minnesota Book Award), and Cloves & Honey.

She received the LRAC/McKnight Fellowship and grants from the Lake Region Arts Council and the Minnesota State Arts Board.



Visit [Tinderbox Editions](#)

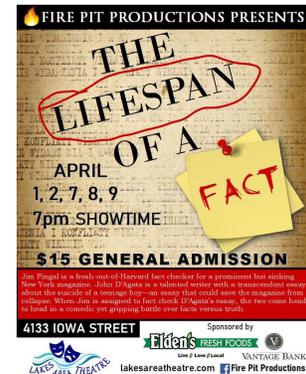
## Featured Event #1

### Lakes Area Theatre & Fire Pit Productions presents: "The Lifespan of a Fact"

**Lakes Area Theatre**  
4133 Iowa Street  
Alexandria, MN

**Friday, April 1, 2022 -  
Saturday, April 9, 2022  
7 - 8:30pm**

Jim Fingal is a fresh-out-of-Harvard fact checker for a prominent but sinking New York magazine. John D'Agata is a talented writer with a transcendent essay about the suicide of a teenage boy—an essay that could save the magazine from collapse. When Jim is assigned to fact check D'Agata's essay, the two come head to head in a comedic yet gripping battle over facts versus truth.



[Click here for Lakes Area Theatre/Fire Pit Productions Website](#)



## Featured Event #2

### Central Square presents: "C. Willi Myles - Stand-Up Comedian"

**Central Square**  
105 2nd Avenue Northeast  
Glenwood, MN

**April 9, 2022 @ 7 - 9:00pm**



A veteran performer and an extremely funny guy, C. Willi Myles has the gift of connecting people with each other through humor and storytelling that everyone can relate to. After surviving his childhood growing up with nine sisters and one brother in Alabama, Willi moved to Minnesota to attend college and play football. With his stories about growing up in the south and acclimating to the cold of Minnesota, Willi tells extremely funny non-offensive stories and jokes and gives a unique spin to life's everyday challenges by applying humor to them.

Performing across the U.S. and abroad, his career highlights include several appearances on national television and at the legendary Apollo Theater in New York City. He has opened for many of the top musical and comedy acts throughout the country, has performed regularly on cruise ships and at casinos, and has performed in concert with some of the biggest names in entertainment.

Referred to as "America's Everyday Comedian," his hilarious down-to-earth performance will convince you that Willi is truly comedy at its best!

[Click here for Central Square Website & Tickets](#)



## LRAC Main Gallery

### "6A High School Competition Exhibit"

**When:** April 1- April 29, 2022

Art credit: "Inner Self" artist's name unavailable

The Lake Region Arts Council is proud to exhibit selected artwork from this year's High School 6A MN 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 Competition.

The link below contains all the work selected for the LRAC exhibit, students names were not available at the time the April LRAC Newsletter was published.



[Virtual 6A High School Exhibit](#)



## LRAC Featured in Definitive Woman Magazine

### Spring Issue: "Believing in the Arts" article

Based in Glenwood, **Definitive**

**Woman** magazine focuses on issues important to women in West Central Minnesota: self-improvement, health, family, career, fitness, nutrition, cooking, personal economics, motivation, home decorating, fashion, lifestyle, culture and the arts.

In the spring issue, Sandy Susag's article, "Believing in the Arts" features LRAC Executive Director, Maxine Adams' involvement in the Arts in West Central Minnesota and LRAC's support of artists and arts organizations for the past 45 years.

Thank you, Sandy Susag and Definitive Woman Magazine! Click the link below to read more.



[Definitive Woman Spring Issue](#)



## LRAC Grant Announcements

### Upcoming LRAC Board Grant Review Meetings

Board meetings typically begin at 6:30 pm and are open

and livestreamed on the LRAC Website for the public to observe the proceedings.

- **Spring Legacy Grant Review for Individuals**, April 19, 2022 at 5:30 PM (virtual meeting only)
- **Spring Legacy Grant Review for Organizations Part One**, April 21, 2022 at 5:00 PM (virtual meeting only)
- **Spring Legacy Grant Review for Organizations Part Two**, April 26, 2022 at 5:00 PM (virtual meeting only)
- **Career Development Grant Review**, May 17, 2022
- **Fellowship Review**, June 21, 2022



## LRAC Spring Grant Round Awarded

Congratulations to the awardees of the Spring Project Grant round! \$20,194 was awarded to eight applicants:

- Kicks Band of Fargo Moorhead
- Browns Valley School District
- Underwood Community Education
- Fargo Moorhead Choral Artists
- Lakes Chamber Music Society of Alexandria
- Act Up Theatre of Moorhead
- Alexandria Community Education
- Thorson Memorial Library of Elbow Lake



## LRAC Grant Opportunities



### LRAC Career Development Grant Over \$16,000 to be awarded

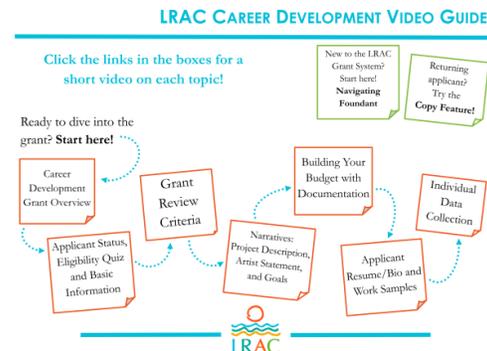
#### New this year! Funding limit increase

Individuals in the LRAC nine-county region may apply for up to \$2,000 for activities and projects resulting in career development and artistic achievement. Open to all disciplines; literary, music, performance, and visual arts.

#### Career Development Grant Important Dates:

- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 5:00 pm**
- Grant Review: Tuesday, May 17, 2022

The LRAC webinar system is under construction! Check out the first of our new series of mini instructional videos for the Career Development Grant by clicking the topic boxes on the document to the right (on desktop) or above (on mobile).



## LRAC Fellowship Grant

### One \$5,000 grant to be awarded

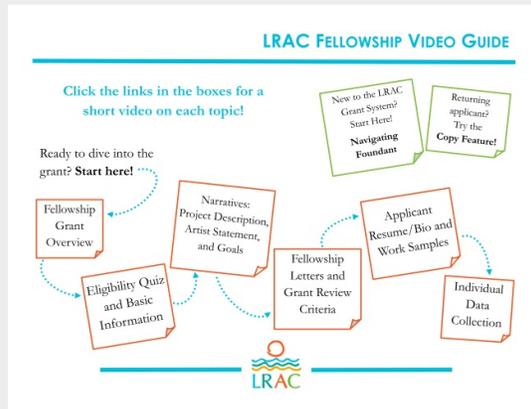
### Open this year to Music and Visual Arts disciplines

Eligible individuals in the LRAC nine-county region may apply for the LRAC Fellowship, intended to recognize, reward & encourage an outstanding individual. The 2022 Fellowship is open to music and visual arts disciplines. Check out the guidelines for some updates this year to the grant review process!



### Fellowship Grant Important Dates:

- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 5:00 pm**
- Grant Review: Tuesday, June 21, 2022



### New Instructional Videos

Check out our new series of mini instructional videos for the LRAC Fellowship by clicking the topic boxes on the document to the left (on desktop) or above (on mobile).

## Fellowship Grant Guidelines



### Other Opportunities

#### Arts Midwest GIG Fund

Arts Midwest's Grow, Invest, Gather (GIG) Fund provides financial support to arts organizations for rebuilding and re-imagining creative engagement in their communities. Funds are intended for organizations to build their capacity by having multiple points of access to support presenting performing and visual artists of high artistic merit, virtually or in-person. Click the link above for more information.



Application deadline:

- **Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 11:59pm CT**

#### FM Area Foundation Grant

The FM Area Foundation's community grand round addresses needs in Clay County, Minnesota. In 2022, they will have one grant cycle that aligns with their five areas of impact, including Arts, Culture & Creativity: Inspiring imagination and innovation through arts and culture.



**FM Area Foundation**  
Connecting people and purpose.

Application deadline:

• **Friday, April 15, 2022**

### **Jerome Hill Artist Fellowship**

Jerome Hill Artist Fellowships support Minnesota and New York City-based artists across 8 artistic fields who generate new work that takes creative risks in expanding, questioning, experimenting with or re-imagining conventional artistic forms. Fellows receive \$50,000 over two consecutive years (\$25,000 each year) to support their time and expenses for the creation of new work, artistic development and/or professional artistic career development.



Application deadline:

• **Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 4:00 pm CT**

### **McKnight Artist Fellowships**

The McKnight Artist Fellowships Program provides annual, unrestricted cash awards to outstanding mid-career Minnesota artists in 14 different creative disciplines. Program partner organizations administer the fellowships and structure them to respond to the unique challenges of different disciplines. Currently the foundation contributes about \$2.8 million per year to its statewide fellowships.



There is currently one McKnight Artist Fellowship opportunity available for application. Click/tap on the name of the Fellowship to be taken to the application page.

### **McKnight Fellowship for Ceramic Artists**

The McKnight Artist Fellowship for Ceramic Artists supports outstanding Minnesota ceramic artists who identify with any methodology: functional, sculptural, relational—all techniques are welcome. The intent of this program is to recognize and support midcareer artists living and working in Minnesota, who demonstrate a sustained level of accomplishment, commitment, and artistic excellence. Two \$25,000 grants are awarded annually.

Application deadline:

• **Friday, May 20, 2022, by 5 pm CT**

### **McKnight Artist Fellowship General Information**



### **LRAC Executive Director**

**Maxine Adams**

Please contact the LRAC office for more information:  
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[LRAC4.org](http://LRAC4.org)

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