



Featured in this issue: Introducing Arts Resource Experts, Mindful Exhibit, Upcoming Grants, Other Opportunities

LRAC August Art Headlines

Hot New Ideas Introduced in Aug.

LRAC launches two new programs.

August may signal the end of summer but, here at LRAC, it is the beginning of a new year. This month I am excited to share with you, two new LRAC projects.



LRAC will launch the new Arts Resource Expert program by hiring Jacinta Zens as our first Arts Resource Expert. Please see Arts Resource Expert article below for more details.

LRAC will also kick off our new Equitable Access program, designed to remove barriers for accessing LRAC grants and services. LRAC wants to make sure grants and services are available regardless of national origin, race, color, creed, religion, disability, gender, status with regard to public assistance, gender preference, marital status or political affiliation.

Based on the demographics of our region, we will be focusing on connections with the Native American arts community.

We also have a fresh new look at the LRAC4.org website. Keep checking our Facebook page for more updates.

-Maxine Adams, LRAC Executive Director

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New Arts Resource Expert Program

This year LRAC artists asked for more one on one support to help connect them with opportunities for grants, exhibition/performances, workshops, and collaborations.

We are responding by hiring Jacinta Zens as our first Arts Resource Expert. Jacinta's only job at LRAC will be to meet with artists, identify their needs and connect them to the best resources.

To increase accessibility, the Arts Resource Expert will be meeting with artists at locations throughout the Region.



Jacinta Zens,
LRAC Arts Resource Expert

Jacinta has helped in the development and organization of successful LRAC Arts Resource Fairs in 2014 and 2016. She has a long history of building connections between artists and opportunities. She also has experience promoting and organizing events.

This first year, as we develop the Artist Resource Expert program we will work with a cohort of 10 artists. Cohort artists will meet the criteria of geographic representation in the 9 county LRAC area, representation of artistic disciplines and commitment to their art. After the first year, the program will expand beyond a limited cohort. Keep in mind that the Springboard for the Arts, Lake Region office will continue to offer Career Consultations and is an excellent resource for artists in our region.

-Maxine Adams, LRAC Executive Director

Featured Event

"Festival of the Lakes"

Lakes Chamber Music Festival

August 4 - August 26

[Alexandria United Methodist Church](#),

2210 6th Ave E,

Alexandria, MN



Described "Like manna from heaven", The Lakes Chamber's 25th Anniversary music concert series is from August 4th to the 26th, and will mark another opportunity to experience chamber music in an intimate setting in the Alexandria lakes area. Enjoy classical music played by world-renowned performers who come from the ranks of the Minnesota Orchestra, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, and other groups from around the US and Canada.

Adult tickets are \$15 for each of the first 6 shows; the August 26th finale adult ticket price is \$20. Tickets are available at Cherry Street Books in Alexandria.

Cherry Street Books
 5th and Broadway
 Alexandria, MN
 Phone: (320) 763-9400
[Festival Schedule](#)

Ticket Information

Featured Artist

Dr. Leigh G. Wakefield

Associate Professor, Clarinet, Woodwinds Method

Concordia College, Moorhead

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Dr. Leigh G. Wakefield can still recall that fall afternoon in 5th grade when he got his clarinet. Perhaps this is why he is spending his summer mentoring Jenna Hogetvedt, a high school student from Ulen-Hitterdal. Her high school teachers are excited for Jenna to study under Wakefield, and LRAC believes she shares Wakefield's passion of playing and studying the clarinet.

Dr. Leigh G.
Wakefield

Wakefield performed as principal clarinetist in the New Bedford Symphony and the Nashua Symphony, as well as being an active chamber musician in the Boston area. Currently he is principal clarinetist with the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Orchestra, the Fargo-Moorhead Opera Company, and a member of the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Wind Quintet, Concordia Wind Trio and Concordia Wind Quintet. Dr. Wakefield has performed at a variety of national and regional music festivals including appearances at the International Clarinet Fest, the International Double Reed Society convention and the Minnesota Music Educators convention. Dr. Wakefield is an Associate Professor of Music at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, where he is the Professor of clarinet, chamber music and woodwind methods. During his nineteen years at the college he has also been conductor of the Concordia College Cobber Band and the Concordia Jazz Ensemble. A firm believer in music education and the power of music to influence people's lives, he has served as a frequent adjudicator, clinician and guest conductor.

PBS: Musical Concepts, Leigh Wakefield: The Clarinet

Featured Arts Partner Organization

Plays in Morris

E-mail joe@playsinmorris.org

(320) 288-0277

<http://playsinmorris.org/>



Junior Players: "Stone Soup" Auditions August 10 & 11, 6pm at St. Mary's School"

Plays in Morris is a new theatre production group that is a family friendly performing theatre in Morris, MN. The Junior Players Club is a group of kids, ages 8-14, that perform and learn theatre. The purpose of the group is to learn all about theatre, acting, dancing, singing and to put on amazing performances. Plays in Morris helps teach children both self-reliance as well as collaboration with others in order to reach a goal. The students learn that there are many different pathways to develop a skill. Students strive to develop reasoning and creative thinking, as well as motivation, concentration and teamwork.

Plays in Morris welcomes students of all races/ethnicities, physical and cognitive abilities, sexual orientations, and gender identities.



Funding for Plays in Morris programming was in part by Lake Region Arts Council's Arts and Cultural Heritage (Legacy) grant funds.

For More Information

LRAC Gallery Exhibits

Main Gallery,

"Mindful: Exploring Mental Health through Art"

Provided by the Society for Contemporary Craft, Pittsburgh, PA

Aug. 8 through Oct. 6

at the LRAC Gallery and the Kaddatz Gallery

Opening reception, August 15, 5-7 pm

Artist Talk & Reception, Sept. 15, 5-7 pm

LRAC Gallery Hours, M-F, 9-5

Featuring works created by 14 contemporary artists, with an emphasis on the topics of anxiety, depression, suicidal thoughts and tendencies, and PTSD, the exhibition explores the impact that mental illness has on society, and how the arts can encourage positive self-expression and guide effective mental health promotion and treatment.

During the Springboard for the Arts' Kirkbride Arts & History Weekend, Sept. 15 & 16, additional workshops, artist talks and activities will coordinate with the exhibit around the theme of mental health.

This exhibit is made possible through the partnership of Springboard for the Arts, the Kaddatz Gallery, the Lake Region Arts Council and the Society for Contemporary Craft and will be the ONLY time it is exhibited in a rural community.

Sponsored by: Minnesota State Arts Board, Lake Region Arts Council, Lakeland Mental Health, and NAMI.

Solo Gallery,

"Arlene Sherman, Solo Artist Exhibit"

June - August, 2017

M-F, 9-5

Arlene Sherman has enjoyed painting for the past 35 years, especially in oil and watercolor. Her painting subjects often are of landscapes and flora from her travels to Norway, Switzerland and New Zealand.

Watch Sherman as she shares her technique in watercolors on Lake Region Arts YouTube channel. If you listen well, you will find what



Ian Thomas
Compensation
2011

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earthenware, slip,
mixed media
18" x 8" diameter

Photo: Ian
Thomas



Arlene Sherman

has been her secret to living happy and healthy. [Arlene Sherman, Painter](#)

Artists of Lake Region,
Lake Region Arts Council
YouTube Channel Playlist

West central Minnesota is rich with talented artists of all kinds - painters, musicians, sculptors, writers, and many more. We hope you enjoy these videos, and become a subscriber to this channel!

<https://www.youtube.com/user/LakeRegionArts/videos>



Click Here to watch Artists of
Lake Region on You Tube

Artist Quick Start Grant, \$750 Award

Act Fast, Deadline is Next Week, Tuesday, August 8th!

Start the Fall with your Application to the Artist Quick Start Grant. Six grant awards for \$750 each will be awarded in September.

Funds could be spent on:

- *Trainings and Workshops*
- *Supplies and Equipment*
- *Marketing and Promotion*
- *Travel and Living Expenses related to Art Activities*



To Apply for the LRAC Artist Quick Start Grant, Click the [Apply](#) to create your logon profile.

[Click Here for the Artist Quick Start Grant Guidelines](#)

[Click Here for the Artist Quick Start Grant Tip Sheet](#)

APPLY

Coming Soon!

The Artist Quick Start Grant Writing Webinar will be live and recorded on August 1, 2017 at 4:00 pm. If you aren't able to attend it, it will be available on the LRAC4.org website on the [Tip Sheets and Webinars page](#).

LRAC Fall Project Grant Round

Apply for Up to \$3,000 per Project

The Fall Project Grant Round will award \$12,257 for art events and activities through out the LRAC region. Applicant may apply for more than one Project Grant. A 20% match is required for the project.

The Project Grant application is open to:

- K-12 Public Schools and Community Education Departments
- Arts Organizations with non profit status
- Government entities such as towns, cities and counties
- Libraries and Museums
- Colleges and Universities



Highlights:

Deadline: Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Grant Review: Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Project Start Date: After Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Start your logon profile in the new LRAC online grant system and begin your application today. Click on the [Apply](#) button on LRAC4.org

[Click Here for the Project Grant Guidelines](#)

[Click Here for the Project Grant Tip Sheet](#)

Project Grant Writing Webinar

Did you miss the Project Grant Writing Webinar?

It's was recorded and will soon be available to view 24/7 for your convenience. Register for the webinar and watch it when you are ready.

APPLY

Fall Legacy Grant Round Opens in August

Two Grant Writing Webinars to Learn the New System

Fall Legacy Grant Applications for Individuals and Organizations are opening in August. New this year! LRAC Legacy Grant Writing Webinars to help you learn about the new online system.

To register for the Legacy Grant Writing Webinars, click on the links below:

[Click Here for Legacy Organization Grant Writing Webinar,](#)

Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 4:00 pm

[Click Here for the Legacy Individual Grant Writing Webinar,](#)

Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 6:00 pm



If you aren't able to join us for these trainings, the recordings will become available on the LRAC4.org website under the [Tip Sheets and Webinars tab](#).

Highlights

Grant Deadline: Tuesday, October 2, 2017

Grant Review: Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Project Start Date: Wednesday, November 22, 2017

[Click Here for Legacy Grant Guidelines](#)

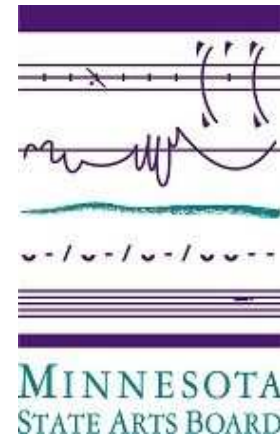
[Click Here for Legacy Tip Sheets](#) (revised versions coming soon)

MN State Arts Board

FY 2018 Cultural Community Partnership

The Cultural Community Partnership grant program is designed to enhance the careers of individual artists of color. Artists, at any stage in their careers, can apply for grants to help support collaborative projects. Applicants can collaborate on a project with another Minnesota artist of color or with a Minnesota nonprofit organization.

- **Deadline is Friday, September 8, 2017**



FY 2018 Partners in Arts Participation

Partners in Arts Participation grant program is designed to broaden opportunities for Minnesotans to participate in the arts. Grant funds may be used by Minnesota nonprofit health or human service organizations to integrate the arts into their programming or services. Applicants may choose to have their constituents engage in existing high quality arts experiences, and/or may work with an artist or arts organization to design experiences tailored to meet the needs of the constituents they serve.

- **Deadline is Friday, September 15, 2017**

Visit [MSAB Website](#)

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