



## LRAC August Art Headlines

### LRAC News Brief

#### Regional Arts Organization Awarded FY19 MSAB Grants

LRAC would like to congratulate the following regional arts organizations for receiving FY 19 funding from the Minnesota State Arts Board.

##### FY 19 Operating Support

A Center for the Arts, Fergus Falls \$36,978  
Alexandria Area Arts Association, Alexandria \$15,000  
Historic Holmes Theatre, Detroit Lakes \$60,140  
Kaddatz Gallery, Fergus Falls \$32,807  
Theatre L'Homme Dieu, Alexandria \$15,000

##### FY 19 Arts Learning Grant

New York Mills Regional Cultural Center, \$12,272  
New York Mills

For additional info on MSAB grant programs and deadlines, click here:  
<http://www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/organizations.htm>

Photo credit: Peggy Burnet, outgoing MN Arts Board chair and incoming chair, Sean Dowse



### LRAC Welcomes New Board Member Representing Wilkin County

#### Laura Youngbird - Wilkin County

Laura Youngbird is an award winning artist and an arts educator. She earned her BS, BFA and MA from Minnesota State University, Moorhead with a minor in American Indian Studies. An enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa, Grand Portage Band, Laura currently lives in Breckenridge, Minnesota and is the Director of Native American Art at the Plains Art Museum in Fargo, North Dakota.



The themes in her work originated from experiences her grandmother had while at boarding schools and issues that surrounded their assimilation into non-Indian culture. Laura also explores the influences of Christianity on American Indian spirituality and life views.



## Featured Event

### Tuesdays in the Park @ The Band Shell in Detroit Lakes

Each Tuesday night at 7:00pm, local musicians and bands will perform in the beautiful band shell in the city park near the pavilion. If it rains, concerts will be moved inside of the Pavilion. Come early for the Habitat for Humanity Picnic!



August 02 - Sky Blues Band  
August 09 - Ulen Centennial Band  
August 16 - Doc & The Scrubs  
August 23 - Summit Productions One-Act Play  
August 30 - Lakes Area Community Concert Band



## Featured Artist

### Alexis Johnson - LRAC Artist Cohort, 2017-18 Digital & Watercolor Artist

Alexis Johnson is a self-taught watercolor artist who enjoys sharing her art, knowledge and skills with the people around her - doing her part to make this world a more visually appealing place to live. In addition to her time as a watercolor artist, Alexis has a degree in Graphic Design Technology from Minnesota State Community & Technical College which she used in her positions as Creative Director at Area Woman Magazine, Graphic Designer at Essentia Health and Lead Graphic Designer at Vanity Corporate Offices. But her talents don't end there. In 2015, she opened her Wheaton, MN floral shop, "The Floral Affair". It is clear that Alexis values the importance of creating art on a daily basis. Her philosophy is ... "get out there and create - even if you think you're not 'good' at it! Try something new and expand your comfort zone. You never know what you'll discover about yourself or about the world around you. That's exactly what I did and I am loving my new adventure!"



Art credit: "Woodland Rabbit" by Alexis Johnson



## Featured LRAC Service

### LRAC Webinars for First Time Grant Applicants

If you are a first time grant applicant, LRAC has several outstanding webinars that will help you:

- 1) Learn the basics about where and how individual artists or organizations can apply for a grant.
- 2) Learn which LRAC grant might be the right one for you or your organization.



These webinars are created by LRAC Grants Manager, Betsy Ostenson, and are ALMOST as valuable as having a one-on-one appointment with her!

Go to "Tip Sheets and Webinars" under "Grants" on the LRAC Home page or [Click Here for Webinars](#)



## LRAC Gallery Exhibits

### Main Gallery

"Guest Juror Nicole Soukop,  
MN Institute of Art Exhibit"

Exhibit: July 2 - Sept. 28, 2018

**Reception: September 18, 2018, 5:00 - 6:30 pm**

From the April 2018 LRAC "Call for Artists", fourteen artists and 20 works of art were chosen for this exhibit.



The exhibit displays a wide range of mediums - quilting, oil painting, sculpture, serigraph, resin sound installation, fiber art, photography, etc.

Art credit: Abstract Series #2 by Karen Ouren

### Solo Gallery

**Sarah Eckel - Mixed Media Artist**

In her new exhibit, "Unveiled Vulnerability", Sarah Eckel has chosen a unique display, similar to hanging scrolls, to tell her story. Through the use of these scrolls or curtains, Sarah shares her conflict and extreme discomfort dealing with issues pertaining to "positive body image". While her work is intended for public viewing, covering the pieces and allowing the viewer to unveil them creates a more intimate experience.



"Unveiled Vulnerability" will show in the LRAC Solo Gallery from August 1, - Sept. 30, 2018.

Photo credit: Reminiscent of a Fat Childhood, Sarah Eckel



## LRAC Individual Grants

### Artist Quick Start Grant

The application deadline is fast approaching for the LRAC Artist Quick Start Grant, provided by funding from The McKnight Foundation.



Now's the time to apply for \$750. Six grants will be awarded this year for a total of \$4,500.

**Artist Quick Start Grant Deadline: midnight, Tuesday, August 7, 2018**

Artist Quick Start Grant Review: September 18, 2018

[Click Here to Apply](#)

## Fall Legacy Individual Grant Application

LRAC will be awarding \$11,202 in Legacy Grants to individuals this fall.

To learn more about the Legacy Individual Grant application at the Legacy Individual Grant Writing Webinar. A recording will be available for the public after the webinar date.

**Grant Writing Webinar: Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018 at 6:00 pm.**

- *Legacy Grant Deadline: October 2, 2018*
- Legacy Grant Review: November 20, 2018



[Register for the Legacy Individual Grant Writing Webinar](#)



## LRAC Organization Grants

### LRAC Project Grants

It's time to start your Fall Project Grant Applications. Apply for up to \$3,000 per grant to fund art activities and events that will take place after October 2018.

Your organization may apply for more than one Project Grant in the Fall Grant Project Grant round. There is an annual \$5,000 maximum amount per organization. Funding provided by an appropriation from the MN State Legislature.

This grant is open to non profit arts organizations and public entities such as K-12 schools, colleges, universities, government units, libraries and museums located in the LRAC nine county region.



**Fall Project Grant, \$12,870**

- Webinar: July 31, 2018, 5:00 pm (**Recording available on LRAC4.org**)
- *Project Grant Deadline: September 11, 2018*
- Project Grant Review: October 16, 2018

[Click Here to Apply](#)

## LRAC Legacy Organization Grants

August is the time to plan your next Legacy Grant application. LRAC will award \$44,808 in funding to non profit organizations and public entities.

Start by attending the Legacy Organization Grant Writing Webinar. Learn all about the Legacy Grant application including the grant review criteria, budget, documentation, and funding categories.

**Organization Grant Webinar: August 14, 2018, at 5:00 pm**

- *Legacy Grant Deadline: October 2, 2018*
- Legacy Grant Review: November 20, 2018

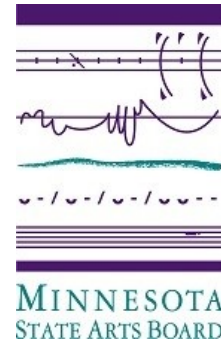




## Other Opportunities

### Minnesota State Arts Board

**Partners in Arts Participation Grant** is a grant program 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.



The deadline to submit applications is **Friday, August 31, 2018**. Proposed projects must take place between March 1, 2019, and February 29, 2020.

### MSAB FY2019 Partners in Arts Participation Grant

### Find out what it takes to attract national funding! September 28, 2018

If your organization doesn't think it's a candidate for funding from national foundations, think again.



One out of every five grants awarded in Minnesota comes from grantmakers outside of Minnesota. While acquiring national funding requires an understanding of the national funding environment and how to create a funding persona that gets you noticed, you might also be surprised to find out who some of the national players are funding in Minnesota.

Find out WHO these funders are and find out HOW to set your organization apart from the competition with the right kind of research, branding and communications to attract national dollars.

The conference is hosted by the Minnesota Council for Nonprofits and takes place at the Saint Mary's University Center, Minneapolis from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

### For more information on "National Foundations"



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