



LRAC Art Headlines



LRAC News Brief

LRAC Announces Changes to FY23 Grants

To make sure LRAC can carry out our mission “To encourage and support the vitality of the arts in West Central Minnesota”, we will be concentrating our resources in Fiscal Year 2023, starting July 1, 2022 (FY23), in ways to best support the artists and arts organizations in our region. LRAC is grateful for the conversations with our regional arts partners and artists. Their input, concerns, and encouragement have guided our planning for the year ahead.



These changes include:

- Artist Cohort programs

This year we see the return of our original Artist Cohort program, funded by the Arts and Cultural Fund. Applications for this program will open this fall. The Artist Cohort program will be offered every other year. The Artist Cohort will alternate with the McKnight-funded Artist of Color Cohort program.

- The Lake Region Arts Council and the West Central Initiative Fund are excited to announce a new opportunity for small towns in our region, that are actively working on downtown/Main Street revitalization. Together, they will offer the Springboard for the Arts, Artists on Main Street program, which will provide assistance and financial support to a town under 5,000 in population. Watch for future announcements of the start date of this program.

Funding for the first year of this pilot project is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Lake Region Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage fund.

See more grant changes in the Grant section of this newsletter.

As always, if you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact us by email: LRAC4@LRACgrants.org or by phone 218.739.5780.

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[Click to see LRAC Grant Information](#)



Featured Event #1

"Art and Craft Affair" presented by Art of the Lakes

Railroad Park
Hwy 78 and County Rd 83
Battle Lake, MN



Saturday, August 13, 2022
9:00am - 4:00pm

The Art & Craft Affair in downtown Battle Lake was launched in 1977 by the Art of the Lakes Association. Annually, this event draws nearly 5,000 visitors and is held on the 2nd Saturday of August at Railroad Park, located at MN Hwy 78 and County Rd 83 in Battle Lake.

The mission of the Art & Craft Affair is to offer display vendors an opportunity to market creative, handmade, original arts and crafts, and to offer fairgoers, of all ages and economic status, an opportunity to enjoy the event and discover items of interest for purchase.

[Click here for More Information](#)



Featured Event #2

"The Every Person's Guide to Opera" presented by Prairie Wind Players

Roosevelt Hall
202 Hawkins Ave
Barrett, MN



Friday, August 19 @ 7:30p.m.
Saturday, August 20 @ 7:30p.m.

The Every Person's Guide to Opera is a concert series targeted towards rural community members that do not normally have access to opera. This concert is designed to meet the needs of this community by creating a safe and fun learning environment through interactions with the audience. Throughout the concerts, performers will speak and interact with audience members, specifically answering their questions about the art form. The performers will also describe, in detail, what is taking place within each scene and what details are key for the audience to watch for.

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Featured Event #3

Minnesota Bound presents: Becky Albright - Gyotaku Fish Art

***Sunday, August 14, KARE 11/NBC @ 10:35pm**
***Saturday, August 20, KARE 11/NBC @ 6:30pm**
**Also Available on MN Bound Facebook & YouTube*
After Initial Airing



A longtime resident of the Alexandria lakes area, Becky Albright was raised in Henning, MN, graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, and was an educator in the Alexandria, MN school system until her retirement. She now pursues her own visual and fiber art interests.

With a current focus in making Gyotaku art incorporated with textile surface designs, Becky uses real fish and the traditional Japanese gyotaku printmaking technique to create unique fish art. Her art inspiration comes from the patterns and colors found in nature's wonders. *"Whether I am memorializing the beauty of fish through my Gyotaku fish rubbings or Eco printing and fabric dyeing with leaves and flowers, my hope is to inspire people to better appreciate and take care of nature in every way."*

[Click here for Ms. Albright's Website](#)



Featured Artist

Debora Harris: Flutist & Arts Mentorship Program Mentor

Flutist Debora Harris joined the faculty of Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, as Associate Professor of Flute in 2001. Prior teaching posts include Associate Professor of Flute at Minnesota State University Moorhead.



For the past 25 years, she has served as Principal Flute of the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony (also performing with the orchestra as a guest artist) and Fargo-Moorhead Opera Orchestra since 1989. Other orchestral positions include the Breckenridge Music Institute in Colorado, Peoria Symphony, and Wausau Symphony.

Since 2009, Debora has performed internationally as a member of the flute, sax, piano trio, Excelsior! Trio. In addition, she is a member of the flute-guitar duo, Harris-Coates Duo, which has released three CDs under the Barking Dog Records label and performed throughout the United States. About their CD "Dances in the Madhouse," New Millennium Guitar (Feb. 2001) writes, *"This music is simply ravishing, exquisitely arranged and played with all the tenderness and exuberance the music requires."* Flute Talk Magazine (Feb. 2003) writes, *"Harris plays beautifully, has a facile technique, and a smoothly-singing legato. Her intonation is impeccable."*

[Click here for more information about Debora](#)



LRAC Main Gallery

"Guest Juror, Tasha Kubesh Exhibit"

When: July 5- Sept. 30, 2022
Public Reception, Sept. 20, 5:30-7 pm
Art credit: "Dreaming" by Paul Siefert

The LRAC Main Gallery is hosting an exhibit of of 23 pieces of

art selected by guest juror, Tasha Kubesh.

Tasha Kubesh has over twenty years of experience working with contemporary visual artists and art in the Midwest region, specializing in the presentation of Modern American and regional Contemporary Art. Tasha has organized numerous exhibitions of emerging and well-established artists' work. She graduated from Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 2001, and studied at Parsons Paris School of Art and Design, Paris, France, and at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado.



The Guest Juror, Tasha Kubesh Exhibit will be open July 5 until Sept. 30th, 2022 in the LRAC Gallery at the historic River Inn, 133 S. Mill St., Fergus Falls, MN. A reception for the artists will be held Sept. 20th, 2022 from 5:30-7 pm at the LRAC Gallery. Public is invited.

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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.



- August, no meeting
- September 20, Artist Quick Start Grant Review
- October 18, Fall Project Grant Review

LRAC Grant Opportunities

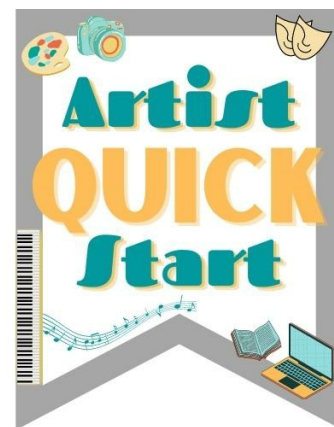
LRAC Artist Quick Start Grant Eight, \$1,000 grants to be awarded

Grant amount increased this year!

Eligible individuals in the LRAC nine-county region may apply for the LRAC Artist Quick Start Grant, intended for activities and projects resulting in career development and artistic achievement in all disciplines; literary, music, performance, and visual arts.

Artist Quick Start Grant Important Dates:

- Application available: July 4, 2022
- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 5:00 pm**
- Grant Review: Tuesday, September 20, 2022



[Apply Now](#)

LRAC Fall Project Grant
Up to \$3,000 for eligible organizations



FALL PROJECT GRANT

for organizations

5:00 pm

- Grant Review: Tuesday, October 18, 2022

20% match suspended this year

Eligible organizations in the LRAC nine-county region may apply for the LRAC Fall Project Grant. Project Grant activities must be directly involved in the creation, performance and/or exhibition of an artistic project. The Project Grant is open to all artistic disciplines.

Fall Project Grant Important Dates:

- Application available: July 18, 2022
- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, September 1, 2022 at**

Fall Project Grant Guidelines

LRAC Fall Legacy Grants For Individuals and Organizations

Individuals:

The Legacy Individual Grant provides up to \$8,000 to individual artists in the LRAC nine-county region, to increase Arts Access, Arts Learning and Arts and Cultural Heritage opportunities for all Minnesotans.

Organizations:

The Legacy Organization Grant provides funding to Arts Organizations (nonprofit), nonprofits with project that have Arts as the primary focus, local governments, and educational institutions in the LRAC nine-county region to increase Arts Access, Arts Learning and Arts and Cultural Heritage opportunities for all Minnesotans.



Legacy Grant Important Dates:

- Application available: August 22, 2022
- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 5:00 pm**
- Grant Review: Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Individual Guidelines

Organization Guidelines



Other Opportunities

USArtists International Application

Arts Midwest's Grow, Invest, Gather (GIG) Fund provides a flexible grant of \$4,000 that helps organizations bring artists into their community. This funding is available to organizations looking to present two highly engaging activities featuring a professional artist. Additional funds are available for projects that present US-based Indigenous performing artists. Funded projects must occur between January – June 2023. Nonprofit organizations, tribal communities, and local governments located in Minnesota and North Dakota, South Dakota, and the Native nations that share this geography are eligible to apply.



Application deadlines:

- **September 1, 2022 by 11:59 PM Eastern**

For projects taking place between December 15, 2022 and December 14, 2023.
Certification sheets and letters of invitation are due by September 8, 2022.

- **November 30, 2022 by 11:59 PM Eastern**

For projects taking place between March 15, 2023 and March 14, 2024.
Certification sheets and letters of invitation are due by December 7, 2022.

Minnesota State Arts Board Grants

The Minnesota State Arts Board (MSAB) is a state agency that stimulates and encourages the creation, performance, and appreciation of the arts in the state. MSAB offers grants to eligible Minnesota residents and organizations. They currently have two grant opportunities available. Please click the grant name for more information.



For Organizations: Creative Support for Organizations

This grant program provides support to help organizations deliver arts programming and meaningfully engage their communities in a time of transition. While Creative Support grants are designed to be flexible and allow for adaptable responses to unexpected changes during the grant period, applicants will be asked to align their activities with one of three program outcomes that address the intent of the legacy amendment and the Arts Board's goals.

Application deadline:

- **Friday, September 9, 2022, before 4:30 p.m**

MCAD–Jerome Fellowships for Early Career Artists

An independent jury of three arts professionals competitively awards four grants of \$12,000 each to early career Minnesota artists. Fellowships may be used to purchase materials, cover the production costs of new artwork, and supplement living or travel costs.

During the fellowship year, each artist receives three studio visits from professional critics, access to MCAD facilities, a culminating exhibition at the MCAD Gallery, a catalog with a critical essay on each artist's work, and the opportunity to partake in a public panel discussion.



Application deadline:

- **Friday, September 16, 2022 at noon**

Forecast Mid-Career Project Grants

Five grants, \$10,000 each to be awarded. This grant supports the creation of new, publicly accessible, temporary or permanent artwork anywhere in the state of Minnesota by a Minnesota-based mid-career public artist. Projects may be in any form or discipline, including performance, dance, storytelling, photography, film, sculpture, painting, and more.



Application deadline:

- **Monday, October 3, 2022**

Arts Midwest - Gig Fund Grant

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Application deadline:

- **Wednesday, October 5, 2022**

[2023 McKnight Fellowship for Fiber Artists](#)

The intent of the McKnight Fellowships for Fiber Artists is to recognize and support talented Minnesota fiber and textile artists whose work is of exceptional artistic and cultural merit, who have created a significant body of work over a period of at least 8 years, representing a sustained investigation and maturation of personal creativity, accomplishment, and commitment to the field of fiber art and Minnesota's arts ecosystem.



Application deadline:

- **Monday, October 10, 2022 at 11:59 PM**



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