



LRAC Art Headlines



LRAC News Brief

Announcing: New Gallery Curator & Arts Calendar Editor

LRAC is pleased to welcome Naomi Schliesman

As an independent contractor, Naomi has become the new LRAC Main Gallery Curator and Arts Calendar Editor.



The LRAC Main Gallery will be hosting exhibits starting January, 2022. New this year, the exhibits will always be available virtually and if COVID restrictions allow the Gallery will be open to the public. LRAC is excited that Naomi has wealth of experience in curating exhibits and is herself a visual artist. Watch future ArtsNewsletters for more information about upcoming exhibits.

Naomi will also be working on the LRAC Arts Calendar. LRAC will be doing a promotional campaign in 2022 to increase the use of the Arts Calendar. Naomi will reach out to regional Chamber of Commerce offices, media outlets, and promotional partners with a goal of significantly increasing the number of visitors to the Arts Calendar website. Naomi will also be working with regional arts organizations to make sure they are posting their events and helping them fully utilize the website.

We are looking forward to working with Naomi, who can be contacted by email at:
Gallery Curator, gallerycurator4@gmail.com
Arts Calendar Editor, artscalendareditor@gmail.com

Maxine Adams
Executive Director
Lake Region Arts Council

[Click here to visit LRAC Arts Calendar](#)



Arts Mentorship Program Scholarships

Application Process Opens December 4, 2021

If you are currently in grades 9-11, attend public, private or home school, and live in the Lake Region Arts Council's nine-county region - this scholarship opportunity is for you. **No formal training is**

required!

The Arts Mentorship Program offers a limited number of students the opportunity for study with a professional in their chosen field (e.g. music, visual arts, creative writing, media arts, architecture, theater, costume design, dance, etc.) during the summer months. Each scholarship, **valued at \$600**, is awarded based on student commitment and potential for artistic development—**no formal training is required**. Our carefully vetted mentors are experts in their chosen fields. Through a vigorous and comprehensive outreach into our communities, LRAC makes every effort to ensure **Arts Mentorship Program** scholarships are **accessible to ALL eligible students** in Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse and Wilkin counties.



[Click here to Apply beginning December 4, 2021!](#)



Featured Artist

**Della Conroy - Visual Artist
Exhibiting @ Art of the Lakes**

**Art of the Lakes
108 Lake Ave. S
Battle Lake, MN**

A musician by training, Della Conroy has also found a place in the visual art world. In building a collection of work that reflects her interest in the beauty found in Western Minnesota, she paints scenes depicting the grasses, trees, rivers, and lakes found in that area. She has a strong feeling for the prairie landscape which she enjoys exploring with different mediums. Her soft but colorful landscapes exude peace, serenity, and calm.



[Click here to see Della's PBS' Video](#)



Featured Event #1

**Central Lakes Symphony Orchestra
presents: "Through the Eyes of the
Soul"**

**Alexandria Performing Arts Center
4300 Pioneer Road Southeast
Alexandria, MN, 56308**

Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm

\$15 – Adults
\$5 – Students ages 6-18
Free – children ages 0-5



The Central Lakes Symphony Orchestra is an organization dedicated to bringing quality

musical culture to West Central Minnesota.

The Central Lakes Symphony Orchestra proudly presents Betsy Husby, Violoncello, from the Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra, performing Prokofiev's "Sinfonia Concertante". Also on the program is the Orchestra performing Respighi's "Vertrate di chiesa" (Church Windows).

[Click here for the Central Lakes Symphony Website](#)



Featured Event #2

Lakes Area Community Concert Band: Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 12, 2021 - 4:00pm

First Lutheran Church
912 Lake Ave.
Detroit Lakes, MN

This performance is free and open to the public. Free will donations are accepted.

The Lakes Area Community Concert Band provides an opportunity for area instrumentalists to play and perform in the context of the concert band, while serving the lakes area as a provider of musical entertainment and community involvement.

The Lakes Area Community Concert Band performs their annual Christmas concert at First Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes. These talented area musicians will perform Christmas classics in the beautifully decorated First Lutheran Church.



[Click here for the Lakes Area Community Band Website](#)



MSAB "Open Call for Grant Application Reviewers"

Minnesota State Arts Board

Ensuring all Minnesotans have the opportunity to participate in the arts

Minnesota State Arts Board seeking reviewers for American Rescue Plan grant applications

The Arts Board needs involvement of Minnesota citizens – like YOU – from a variety of backgrounds to review American Rescue Plan grant applications remotely. These are general operating funds that can be used to help small and mid-sized Minnesota nonprofit arts organizations and arts affiliates rebuild and reopen as the COVID-19 pandemic wanes.

Reviewers will receive a modest financial stipend for their time providing feedback on applications and helping determine which will be recommended to receive funding. American Rescue Plan Grants will be distributed broadly, to help support the people and places that make up the critical infrastructure of Minnesota's arts community.

In brief, reviewers can expect to:

- Serve a three-week term remotely either February 7 - February 25, 2022, or February 28 – March 18, 2022
- Participate in training sessions online



- Read, score, and take notes on a set of 30-35 applications at your own pace using WebGrants online (no panel discussion required)
- Spend, on average, 25-30 hours total
- Receive a financial stipend of \$200

To learn more about the opportunity, visit: <http://www.arts.state.mn.us/reviewer.htm>.

Contribute your perspectives

The Arts Board offers accessibility services and materials in alternative formats upon request. Please contact the Arts Board's accessibility coordinator if you require an accommodation (i.e., ASL-interpretation; open captioning; audio description; large-print or Braille materials; etc.) to fully participate.

For more information about serving as a reviewer or accessibility, contact Jenea Rewertz-Targui, advisory review panel coordinator and accessibility coordinator

Phone: (651) 539-2657, toll-free (800) 866-2787

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E-mail: Jenea.Rewertz-Targui@arts.state.mn.us

The Minnesota State Arts Board is a state agency that stimulates and encourages the creation, performance, and appreciation of the arts in the state. It works to ensure that all Minnesotans can participate in and benefit from the arts.

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[Click here to Apply](#)



LRAC Grant Announcements

Upcoming LRAC Board Grant Review Meetings

Board meetings begin at 6:30 pm and are open and livestreamed on the LRAC Facebook page for the public to observe the proceedings.

- *No Grant Reviews in December or January*



Grant Opportunities

Operating Support Grant Now open for applications!

The Operating Support Grants are now a tiered system!

How much money your organization receives will depend on the bracket in which your expenses fall. With the new tiered system, the Operating Support grant will now run on a two-year cycle! Apply this coming January and your Operating Support Grant will be secured for the next two years. Apply today at the link below! Call the LRAC office for questions.



Operating Support Grant Important Dates:

- Grant Round Opens: Monday, November 22, 2021
- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, January 6, 2022**
- Grant Review: Tuesday, February 15, 2022

[Click here to apply](#)

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

Artist Mentor Program Grant Round opens in December

See above for more information!

Artist Mentor Grant Important Dates:

- Grant Round Opens: Saturday, December 4, 2021
- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 5:00 pm**
- Auditions: Saturday, March 5, 2022

Spring Project Grant for Organizations Grant Round opens in December

\$20,194 to be awarded

Nonprofit art organizations, nonprofits, local governments, and educational institutions are eligible to apply for up to \$3,000, to fund productions, exhibits, touring art exhibits, and more! (No more than \$5,000 may be requested by an organization for the fiscal year.) Contact the office to get started on your Project Grant idea today!



Spring Project Grant Important Dates:

- Grant Round Opens: Monday, December 13, 2021
- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 5:00 pm**
- Grant Review: Tuesday, March 15, 2022

[Click here for the grant guidelines](#)



Other Opportunities

McKnight Artist Fellowships

Founded on the belief that Minnesota thrives when its artists thrive, the McKnight Foundation's arts and culture program is one of the oldest and largest of its kind in the country. Support for individual working Minnesota artists has been a cornerstone of the program since it began in 1982. 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.

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ARTIST
FELLOWSHIPS

There are currently three McKnight Artist Fellowship opportunities available for application. Click/tap on the name of the Fellowship to be taken to the application page.

McKnight Fellowship in Playwriting

The McKnight Fellowship in Playwriting recognizes and supports mid-career playwrights living and working in Minnesota who demonstrate a sustained body of work, commitment, and attributes of artistic merit. The fellowship, which runs July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023, includes: a **\$25,000 stipend**, an additional \$2,500 to support a play development workshop and other professional expenses, and \$1,400 in travel funds.

Application deadline:

- **Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 11:59 pm CST**

McKnight Fellowship for Book Artists

The McKnight Fellowship for Book Artists recognizes and supports mid-career book artists living and working in Minnesota. The fellowship includes an unrestricted \$25,000 award alongside a range of career-building benefits. Two Fellowships are available.

Application deadline:

- **Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 12 pm CT**

McKnight Artist Fellowship General Information

Chorus America Music Education Partnerships Grants

New Funding Opportunity for Music Education

Partnerships: Chorus America invites nonprofit organizations and schools to apply to the Music Education Partnerships Grants program. This new funding opportunity will award \$900,000+ in grants to support collaborations between community organizations and elementary, middle, or junior high schools during the 2022-23 school year. Applications are available now. Full guidelines and eligibility are available on Chorus America's website.



Application deadline:

- **Friday, January 28, 2022**

Chorus America's Website

Minnesota State Arts Board FY23 Operating Support Grant

The Minnesota State Arts Board has opened the first grant program for its fiscal year 2023 grant cycle (July 2022 – June 2023). Application materials and the online application portal are now available for the FY 2023 Operating Support grant program. Operating Support provides general support to high quality, established arts organizations that produce, present, or exhibit works of art; to organizations that provide a broad range of services to artists; and to community arts schools and conservatories that make arts learning available to Minnesotans of all ages and abilities.



Application deadline:

- **Friday, January 21, 2022, before 4:30 p.m**

MSAB Operating Support Information



LRAC Executive Director

Maxine Adams

Please contact the LRAC office for more information:
218.739.5780 or LRAC4@LRACgrants.org



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