



# LRAC AWARDS NINE SPRING PROJECT GRANTS

FUNDED THROUGH A MINNESOTA STATE LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION

The Lake Region Arts Council, Fergus Fall, MN announces the results of the Spring Project Grant Round held on March 19, 2024. \$18,196 was awarded to nine projects to be held throughout the LRAC nine-county region. The available amount to be awarded was \$18,196, and a total of \$30,870 was requested. This Lake Region Arts Council Grant Program is funded through a Minnesota State Legislative appropriation.

## The Rourke Art Gallery Museum - \$1,700, Clay County

The Rourke Art Gallery Museum will use the grant to tour the "The Graphic Work of Susan Morrissey" exhibit through LARL branch libraries. The libraries include the Breckenridge Public Library, the Detroit Lakes Public Library, and the Moorhead Public Library. The exhibit will remain at each location for a period of seven weeks.

## Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance - \$1,750, Stevens County

Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance will produce a free, culturally inclusive community arts festival event with music, visual art, performance art, and arts experiences for the community. The event will take place September 7, 2024 at East Side Park in Morris MN and will feature music and dance performances in the bandshell, art displays, local artists, free art activities and demonstrations, an art contest, and silent and live art auctions.

## City of Vergas - \$2,500, Otter Tail County

The City of Vergas will use the grant to pay for a performance by the band, 'Pert Near Sandstone', on Main Street in Vergas, open and free to all ages. The band features a "string band revival" style of music "informed by American folk tradition lightly veiled in bluegrass". The performance is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, 2024 during the Community Club's Shops and Hops event.

## Act Up Theatre - \$3,000, Clay County

Act Up Theatre will produce the renowned musical production "Fiddler on the Roof", with music by Jerry Bock, lyrics by Sheldon Harnick, and book by Joseph Stein and pay the salary of the director for the show. The production will take place on the Gaede stage of the Roland Dille Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Minnesota State University-Moorhead and is expected to open June 11, 2024.



An example of Susan Morrissey's work that will tour the LARL branch libraries.



Nahui Olin Dance Troupe will perform at the PRCA community arts festival in 2024.



"Pert Near Sandstone" will perform in Vergas, MN in June 2024.



A photo from a production of "Macbeth" directed by Craig A. Ellingson. Ellingson will direct "Fiddler on the Roof" in 2024.

**Douglas County Library** - \$1,200, Douglas County

Douglas County Library will use the grant to sponsor an artist residency featuring a digital art workshops for teens. Workshops will run from June to August, 2024 and will be taught by local illustrator and sculptor Jax Rose. Teens in the Douglas County Area that will be in grades 6-12 in the 2024-25 school year are welcome to attend the free workshops designed to educate teens on digital art techniques and their applications as an art form.

**Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County** - \$3,000, Clay County

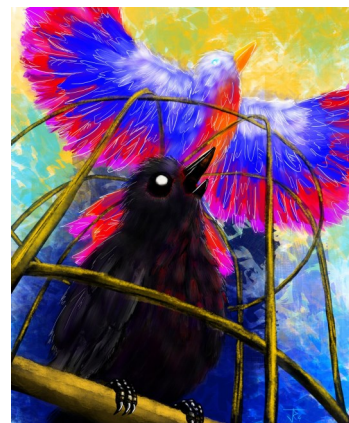
The Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County (HCSCC) will display the nationally recognized art quilt exhibit Quilt National '23. This exhibit features 27 of the finest art quilts produced in the world. The world-famous biennial juried art quilt competition reviewed 673 entries to select 81 quilts to tour in three collections. The exhibit will run at the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead, MN, from July 1-Sept. 30, 2024.

**Immanuel Church Building Association** - \$700, Grant County

Immanuel Church Building Association will use grant funds to sponsor a Syttende Mai (17th of May, Norwegian Constitution Day) celebration, offering ethnic fare, Scandinavian music and dance; include a traditional barnetog (children's parade); feature slides of Norway's scenery, costumes, art & architecture. This cultural celebration commemorates the signing of the Norwegian Constitution in 1814. It will be held on Friday, May 17, 2024 at the Immanuel Event Center in Barrett, MN.

**Kicks Band of Fargo Moorhead** - \$2,000, Clay County

Kicks Band of Fargo Moorhead will produce a jazz festival, to share the joy of jazz through performances by area musicians. This free-for-everyone jazz festival will be held at Gooseberry Mounds Park, Moorhead, MN on Sunday, August 4, 2024, from 12 pm - 5:00 pm, and will feature 6 area jazz groups. At Noon FM Kicks Band Youth Jazz Band (18 years old and younger), 12:50 A Festival Dixieland Band, 1:40 188th Army National Gaurd Jazz Band, 2:30 Jazz Avalanche, 3:20 Max Johnk Group, 3:20 4:10 Kicks Band of Fargo Moorhead.



"The Caged Bird", digital art, 2019, by Jax Rose. Rose will teach digital art workshops in 2024.



"Lifelines", Machine piecing, machine quilting, by Émilie Trahan. HCSCC will host a quilt exhibit in 2024.



A photo from a previous "barnetog" hosted by Immanuel Church Building Association in 2022.



The Kicks Band of Fargo Moorhead will produce an outdoor jazz festival in Moorhead in August 2024.

**Lakes Chamber Music Society - \$2,346, Douglas County**

Lakes Chamber Music Society will use the grant funds to produce a summer classical chamber music four-concert series, Alexandria Festival of the Lakes, and to pay for specific event production expenses: concert venue rental, concert programs, performance licensing fees (ASCAP), and piano tuning. The concerts will take place at 7PM on August 7, 10, 14, and 18, 2024 respectively. All concerts will be held at First Lutheran Church, 1655 18th Avenue, Alexandria, MN.



Guest artists pose for a picture at the 2022 Lakes Chamber Music Society's Alexandria Festival of the Lakes chamber music series.

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LRAC would encourage all eligible arts organizations to begin planning potential projects for Winter 2024 and Spring 2025. Arts organizations may apply for up to \$3,000 per Project Grant application with a limit of \$5,000 total for the fiscal year. Multiple applications are acceptable in each grant round. A 20% match is required for this grant.

The deadline for the Fall Project Grant is **Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 5:00 PM**. The Grant Review is Tuesday, October 15, 2024 and the project may start at any time on or after Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

The LRAC Project Grant Guidelines and a link to the LRAC online grant application are available at the LRAC website: [LRAC4.org](https://LRAC4.org).

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*LRAC is a nonprofit art organization that provides grants, resources, and services to the nine county region; Becker, Clay, Douglas, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse and Wilkin counties. Their mission is to encourage and support the arts in West Central Minnesota.*

