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# ArtsNews!

## Congratulations to Timothy Wollenzien!

LRAC Needs Assessment Survey \$200 Winner



Timothy Wollenzien, the Exec. Director of the FM Choral Artists took the LRAC Needs Assessment Survey and was randomly chosen as our \$200 survey participation winner.

Thanks to all who participated in the survey. We received 136 responses. Your comments and opinions will influence LRAC's Biennial plan for 2023-24. The Biennial plan defines where

LRAC will invest our time and resources to carry out our mission, "To encourage and support the arts in West Central Minnesota". Survey results will be presented at the January 17 LRAC Board meeting.

We are also grateful for your suggestions for improvement. With your input, we will continue to improve and be innovative with our grants and services.

**Maxine Adams**  
*Executive Director*  
Lake Region Arts Council

[Click here to see a  
summary of the survey](#)

# Arts Mentorship Program Applications Open!

Arts Mentorship Program Applications:  
Available Until the Midnight/Sunday, January 22, 2023 Deadline



LAKE REGION ARTS COUNCIL is excited to announce the opening of the FY23 Arts Mentorship Program applications!

The Arts Mentorship Program is a widely respected and highly coveted scholarship program. This year's application process opened Friday, December 16, 2022 with some exciting changes! Previously, only students from grades 9-11 were eligible to apply, but LRAC is expanding student eligibility to include both the 8th and 12th grades. In addition, the number of scholarships available has increased from fourteen to seventeen! **The deadline to apply is midnight, Sunday, January 22, 2023.**

Scholarships are available for all artistic mediums that include music, visual arts, dance, creative writing, theater, photography, set design, media arts, etc. Students attending public/private/home schools, and live within the LRAC 9-county region (Becker,

Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin), are selected each year to be part of this one-of-a-kind mentorship program that takes place between June 1 and mid September. Each mentorship gives students the opportunity to study with an arts professional or college-level professor for 15 hours, or attend a camp/workshop to help increase and enhance their artistic skills. Awards are made on the basis of commitment and potential for artistic development.

*This activity is made possible in part by a grant from the Lake Region Arts Council with funds appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature.*

[Click Here to Access Applications](#)

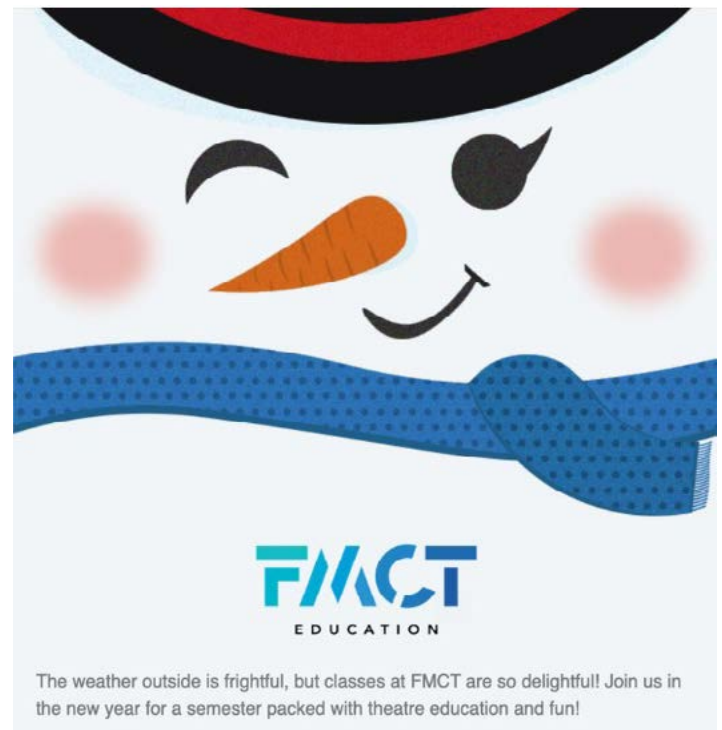
# FMCT Presents: Acting & Musical Theater Classes

Fargo Moorhead Community Theatre

Saturday, January 14, 2023 - 9:00 AM through  
Saturday, March 11, 2023 - 9:00 PM

Hjemkomst Center and/or Moorhead Center Mall

FEE: \$120 - \$96 for 8 Weeks



**Acting Classes:** Actors will explore the core principles of acting, including voice and movement, theatre vocabulary, objectives, and obstacles, as well as the importance of risk-taking and ensemble building.

**Musical Theater Classes:** Students of all abilities will explore various forms of dance, learning basic technique/movements and simple combinations. Students will also tackle vocal selections to accompany their movement! Body awareness, physical coordination and expression, as well as group collaboration will also be a focus.

This class is appropriate for students on the Autism Spectrum, those with Down Syndrome, severe ADHD, or any other developmental or sensory processing disorders.

Students will perform in a showcase on the final day of class, March 11.

[Click Here for More Information](#)

**45+** LRAC has been making the arts accessible for over 45 years.

# Ballroom Dancing to Velvet Brass

Lakeside Ballroom - Glenwood

Sunday, January 22, 2023

3:00 - 6:00pm

Sunday, February 26, 2023

3:00 - 6:00pm

Sunday, April 23, 2023

3:00 - 6:00pm

FEE: \$15 per person

\$10 17-30 years old / or membership

Lakeside Ballroom

180 South Lakeshore Drive North

Glenwood, MN



We've got a great season of dance coming up!

Three Sundays have been reserved at Lakeside Ballroom in Glenwood, for the 18th season of the Winter Dance Club's "Ballroom Dancing to Velvet Brass".

Come, join us for the FUN of Dancing to Live Music!

See Winter Dance Club schedule and membership info by using the link below.

*\*COVID vaccination is required for members and guests.*

*\*Non-members are welcome to attend with dance admission.*

*\*Dress code is no jeans or shorts.*

[Click here for the Lakeside Dance Club Website](#)



Jan. 26 - 28, and Feb. 2 - 4 at 7:00 pm  
Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 at 2:00 pm

# ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST

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## One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Presented by Andria Theatre

Thursday, January 25, 2023 @7:00pm

Sunday, February 5, 2023 @2:00pm

Andria Theatre - 618 Broadway St - Alexandria, MN

FEE: Tickets \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door Members receive \$2 discount. Students \$5.

When Randle Patrick McMurphy gets transferred for evaluation from a prison farm to a mental institution, he assumes it will be a less restrictive environment. But the martinet Nurse Ratched runs the psychiatric ward with an iron fist, keeping her patients cowed through abuse, medication and sessions of electroconvulsive therapy. The battle of wills between the rebellious McMurphy and the inflexible Ratched soon affects all the ward's patients. McMurphy leads a revolt against Nurse Ratched in this stage adaptation of the Ken Kesey novel.

# LRAC

is committed to public transparency  
and fiscal responsibility.

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

# Anna Lassonde

Visual Artist and Fy23 LRAC

Artist Cohort Recipient

A Minnesota native, Anna Lassonde is a versatile artist based in Detroit Lakes, MN who works mostly in acrylics and collage, while often venturing into sketches, watercolor, photography and handmade paper. In addition to creating several series of holiday card sets and notecards that feature her playful farm animals, Anna has illustrated two children's books, ("A Day in the Bog with Frog and Dog" by Carol Grina 2021 and "Seraphina the Ballerina" by Dawn Duncan 2022), does commissions, murals, and teaches art classes for people of all ages.

Living on a farm in rural Minnesota, Anna finds her farm animals to be a constant source of inspiration. Her old, wise horse Mac and mischievous pony Ginger are often featured in her paintings, as are her dog, cat, parrots, and chickens. When painting farm animals, she works to capture their antics, moods, expressive eyes, and beautiful colors.

In 2019 she did two large mural projects - one in Lubango, Angola to paint a 120 foot spiritual mural at a missions hospital, and for the second she partnered with fellow artist, Nicole Gagner, to restore a 128 ft. historic mural by Del and Frieda Iron Cloud in Ashley, North Dakota.

In addition to making art, Anna shares the process of and passion for art with her community by offering various art classes, particularly for



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those without access to the visual arts or art materials. She worked in healthcare most of her life and saw that long-term care senior citizens really enjoyed the art classes she offered. Some residents wanted to continue creating outside of class time, so to meet this need Anna secured her first art grant to ensure senior citizens would have the opportunity to create art. She continues to make art accessible for others by offering painting classes and painting parties for individuals or events.

Anna Lassonde believes art is to be enjoyed by everyone no matter what skill level, and there is an artist inside of everyone!

[Click here for Anna's Website](#)





# LRAC Cohort Alumni Exhibit

LRAC Main Gallery

When: Jan. 9th-March 15, 2023

Gallery Hours, M-Thurs, 9 am-3 pm

Public Reception, February 21st, 5:30-7pm

133 S. Mill St., Fergus Falls, MN

Art credit: *Flair* by Patricia Wahl

LRAC is celebrating the 5th Anniversary of the Artist Cohort Program. Since 2017, over 30 talented artists have participated in the program. Each Cohort spent 10 months working on their career development goals. We invite the public to visit the LRAC Cohort Alumni Exhibit and enjoy a diversity of artistic styles and disciplines.

*"This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through the Lake Region Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage fund."*

[Click here to see some of our past exhibits from 2022](#)

# Hey! Where did the Grants section go?

Introducing our new monthly Grants Update newsletter!



This new format will allow us to better highlight the arts funding opportunities available to individual artists and organizations in our LRAC nine-county region. It will feature information on upcoming grant reviews, recent grants awarded, current and upcoming LRAC grants opportunities, and other local and state grants opportunities available to those in our region.

Keep an eye out for future Grants Update newsletters on the last Tuesday of every month!

**LRAC offers many grants for individuals, nonprofits, and public entities**



## Maxine Adams

LRAC Executive Director

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[LRAC4.org](http://LRAC4.org)

Serving the LRAC region: Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin counties.

