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LRAC January Art Headlines

Rebecca Davis, New LRAC Executive Assistant/Artist Mentor Coordinator

On Thursday, Dec. 14, the LRAC Executive Committee interviewed three applicants for our open Executive Assistant/Artist Mentor Coord. position. After careful consideration, we unanimously agreed to offer the position to Rebecca Davis.

Rebecca comes with a wealth of experience as an LRAC Board member, LRAC Artist Mentor/ teacher, MN State Arts Board member and current Vice Chair, Arts Advocate, and past Springboard for the Arts Rural Program Coordinator. Rebecca lives in Vergas, MN and her personal expression of art is as a classical pianist. We are delighted to have her join the LRAC office and look forward to working with her.



Rebecca Davis & Maxine Adams.

The LRAC Executive Committee would like to join me in a heartfelt thanks to Kari Kjesbo, who is serving as the interim Executive Assistant. Her help has been invaluable in keeping the office running smoothly. During the first part of January, Kari will continue to help at the office, as Rebecca transitions into the Executive Assistant/Artist Mentor Coord. position.

[LRAC Website](#)

Lake Region Artist Mentor Program is Looking for Applicants

Are you a high school student, **grades 9-11**, who loves drawing, writing, music or performing? Would you like a **\$600 scholarship** to work on your art this summer?



Lake Region Arts Council wants to provide up to **16 students with a \$600 Artist Mentor Summer Study Scholarship**, to work one on one with a professional artist or attend a workshop. Scholarships available for writing, performing arts, music, dance, visual arts, photography, etc. Study will start in June and end Oct. 1. 2018.

Open to students, grades 9-11, living in Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, Wilkin counties, who attend public or private schools or are home schooled.

Students who apply will go through a selection process, if selected, they will be assigned a Mentor or registered for a workshop and spend up to 15 hrs. this summer studying their chosen art form.

Deadline to apply for a \$600 scholarship is Feb. 1, 2018.

To apply, go to <https://lrac4.org/> and click the red "Apply" button in the upper right hand corner. Follow the instructions and if you need help contact the LRAC office at:

Email: LRAC@LRACgrants.org

Daytime Phone: 218-739-5780

After 5 pm phone: 218-671-8552

Need to know more?

[Contact the LRAC office](#)

[Check out the LRAC Artist Mentor Guidelines.](#)

[Check out the LRAC Artist Mentor Tip Sheet.](#)

Featured Event

The Wonder Bread Years

Thur. Jan 18th - 7:30 pm

Adults \$25, Students \$12.50.

Buy 1 Adult ticket get 1 Student ticket

free

Historic Holmes Theatre

806 Summit Ave.

Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

218-844-7469

<http://www.dlccc.org/holmes.html>



Seinfeld writer and Tonight Show veteran Pat Hazell's hilarious show celebrates all things Baby Boomers from Hula Hoop contests and lawn darts to Big Wheels and riding in the "way way back" of the Country Squire station wagon. Childhood memories have never been funnier!

Pat Hazell is one of the original writers for NBC's Seinfeld, a veteran of The Tonight Show, a critically acclaimed playwright and a contributing commentator to National Public Radio. He is recognized for his genuinely funny Americana humor and his salute to nostalgia.

Historic Holmes Theatre

Featured Artist

Jon Thompson
JT Maui Designs

2017/18 LRAC Arts Resource Expert Cohort member



Jon Thompson, Jewelry,
A.R.E. Cohort member

JT Maui is named for Jon Thompson, artist and Excelsior native who spent more than a dozen years on the island of Maui before returning to his home state of Minnesota. Jon uses natural stones, driftwood and sea-glass to create mixed metal bracelets, necklaces, earrings and chokers for men, women and kids. His custom jewelry is both wearable and affordable.

This year, Jon is one of 10 artists participating in the LRAC Arts Resource Experts Cohort. The Cohort artists will be taking part in a series of activities such as workshops and individual career planning sessions. These activities focus on career development and setting and achieving career goals.

For hundreds of photos of Jon's most recent creations, please follow JT Maui photo galleries on Facebook. Or shop is store on Etsy.

JT Maui Designs

LRAC Gallery Exhibits

Main Gallery

Contemporary Native American Artist Exhibit

Jan. 8 through Mar. 2, 2018

Artist Talk & Reception

Jan. 16, 5-6:30 pm

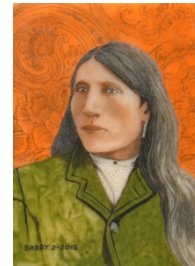
LRAC Gallery Hours, M-F, 9-5

Featuring:

Laura Youngbird, The themes in her work originated from experiences her family and particularly her grandmother had while at boarding schools and issues that surrounded their assimilation into non-Indian culture. "I am a mixedmedia artist, combining drawing, painting and prints."

Angela Babby's work is made entirely of the finest art glass, vitreous enamels, mortar and tile board. "My Lakota ancestry and the mysterious nature of glass inspire my fascination with making art. Glass contains light."

Javier Lara Ruiz, "Many of the themes I work with deal with contemporary Indigenous issues. I strive to research as much as possible to gain a greater understanding of Native Culture and to share my understanding of it. I am Maxica, Aztec and Dakota, Sioux."



"Jack Red Cloud" by
Angela Babby



by Laura
Youngbird

Both cultures influence my work."

Visit artists' websites: [Angela Babby](#) [Laura Youngbird](#)

Video: [Javier Lara Ruiz](#)



by Javier
Lara Ruiz

Solo Gallery

"Nikki Tucker, Solo Artist Exhibit"

Dec. 1, 2017 - Jan. 31, 2018

Artist Talk & Reception, Jan. 16, 5-7 pm

LRAC Gallery Hours, M-F, 9-5

During December and January, the LRAC Solo gallery will feature the work of Nikki Tucker. Tucker resides in Barrett, MN. Her work is primarily in oils, capturing realistic landscapes and portraits.



Oil by Nikki Tucker

Nikki will be giving an artist talk at the Gallery reception on Jan. 16, 5-6:30 pm. Public welcome.

"I don't have a need to alter the frank, glorious, arresting beauty already available to us on this earth, so I make it my work to capture it exactly as I see it to the best of my ability." -Nikki Tucker

[View Nikki's work by clicking here.](#)

LRAC Legacy Grants

\$55,633 Awarded to Eight Grants

Two individuals and six organizations were awarded \$55,633 in grants at the LRAC Fall Legacy Grant Round. There are three artist residencies; instrumental music, writing, and graffiti art, two new creative projects in dance and historical theatre, arts education classes, and two equipment purchases to increase access to the arts.

[To Read the full article Click Here.](#)



Legacy Grant Round Open for Applications

\$110,595 to be awarded in April 2018

From the comfort of your home or office, you may participate in the webinar without driving to Fergus Falls. The webinar is free and participants will need to register for the webinar in order to view it online

Legacy *Organization* Grant Writing Webinar

Discussion Topics: Legacy Grants

Application
Narrative

Budget: Excel
Spread Sheet

Evaluation &
Attachments

Submission
Process

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 4:00 pm.

[Click Here to Register for Organization Grant Writing Webinar](#)

Legacy Individual Grant Writing Webinar

Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 6:00 pm

[Click Here to Register for Individual Grant Writing Webinar](#)

2018 LRAC Grants for Organizations

Three Great Programs to Consider

LRAC invites your arts organization, school, city, or non profit to apply for arts funding in 2018. There are three great programs to consider based on your organization's status and project. Organizations may apply for one, two or three programs based on their status.



1. Operating Support, \$42,500, Deadline January 9, 2018

(Arts organizations in LRAC region, Annual expenses \$166,000 or less)

- Apply for 10% of your annual expenses to cover the basics.
- \$6,000 maximum award per organization
- Pays for daily expenses, staff salaries, equipment upgrades, renovations.

2. Project Grant: \$18,395, Deadline, February 6, 2018

(Arts organizations and public institutions such as k-12 schools, colleges, libraries, cities)

- Apply for up to \$3,000 per project for arts programming and events
- 20% match from applicant
- Multiple applications accepted, \$5,000 cap on total award
- Pays for performances, artist residencies, workshops, concerts etc.
- Start Date must be after March 20, 2018

3. Legacy Grant: \$74,200, Deadline March 6, 2018

(Arts organizations, public institutions, and nonprofit organizations)

- No dollar maximum amount and no match from applicant
- Funding for arts access, education and cultural heritage projects
- Pays for new and/or increased art programming and support
- Start Date must be after April 17, 2018

Check out the LRAC4.org website for more information on LRAC grant programs.

1. Watch the [LRAC Grant Writing Webinars](#)
 2. Read the [LRAC Grant Guidelines](#)
 3. Contact the [LRAC office](#) to discuss your potential grant project.
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2018 LRAC Grants for Individuals

Funding Opportunities to Move You Forward

Now is the time to move forward in the arts! LRAC has three amazing funding opportunities for individuals living in the LRAC region.



1. Legacy Grant: \$36,300, Deadline March 6, 2018

(Open to all individuals in all disciplines)

- No dollar maximum amount and no match from applicant
- Funding for arts access, education and cultural heritage projects
- Pays for projects which expand your artistic focus and increase access to the public art
- Start Date must be after April 17, 2018

2. Career Development Grant, \$7,800, Deadline April 3, 2018 (Open to all individuals in all disciplines)

- Apply for up to \$1,200 for your professional growth
- Funding for equipment, supplies, training, workshops, marketing, time to create
- Start Date must be after May 15, 2018
- Watch for updated Grant Guidelines and Webinar in the future.

3. LRAC Fellowship Award, \$5,000 to one person, Deadline May 8, 2018

(Open all individuals in **Music and Visual Arts** disciplines only)

- One \$5,000 award each year
- Focus is to recognize, reward and encourage their art and accomplishments
- Review is a five year look back
- Watch for updated Guidelines and Webinars in the future

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MN State Arts Board

Looking ahead to 2018

2019 MSAB Operating Support Grant

Operating Support provides general operating 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

FY 2019 application deadline is January 19, 2018. Funds must be expended by June 30, 2019

2019 MSAB Arts Learning Grant

Arts Learning is a grant program that offers funding for projects that help lifelong learners acquire knowledge, understanding, and skills in the arts. Projects must provide participatory learning and engage learners with skilled teaching artists and high quality artistic experiences.

Webinar and PowerPoint

Thursday, January 18, 2018, 3:00 p.m.

The Minnesota State Arts Board is offering a one-hour Webinar to help applicants prepare to apply for the Arts Learning grant program. The session will focus on program basics and applicant questions. The Webinar is free of charge, but advance registration is strongly encouraged. [To register, visit the Information Sessions page.](#)

Application deadline

FY 2019 application deadline is February 16, 2018.

[MSAB Website](#)

Regional Opportunities

Something to Think About...

Jerome Foundation Artist Fellowships



The Jerome Foundation is pleased to announce the first round of a new Artist Fellowship program that offers flexible, two-year grants to support the creative development of early-career generative artists in the state of Minnesota and the five boroughs of New York City. Artists may apply individually or together with other members of ongoing collectives or ensembles.

The Jerome Foundation supports artists who are:

- imaginative, rigorous, and well-executed;
- technically proficient and exhibit a high level of craft;
- compelling and has a distinctive vision and authentic voice;
- connects with intended audiences/participants;
- engaging aesthetically and experientially;
- bold and risk-taking;
- engaging in exploration and challenges to conventional artistic forms;
- expanding artistic practice within the field and arts community.

Each fellow will receive \$20,000 per year for two consecutive years, making the total cash award \$40,000 over the two-year period.

Timeline

1. Applications Open: December 17, 2017
2. **Deadline: Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 4 pm Central/5 pm Eastern Time**
3. Notification: No later than April 15, 2019
4. Start Date: May 8, 2019

[Click Here to learn more about Jerome Artist Fellowships](#)
