



LRAC January Art Headlines

LRAC News Brief

\$600 SCHOLARSHIPS

LRAC ARTS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Deadline to apply, Jan. 23, 2019

The **Arts Mentorship Program** provides scholarships to a limited number of students, currently in grades 9-11, that attend public, private or home school and live in our nine-county region. The program offers students the opportunity for study with a professional in their chosen field (e.g. music, visual arts, creative writing, media arts, architecture, drama, costume design, dance, etc.) during the summer months. These scholarships, valued at \$600, are awarded based on student commitment and potential for artistic development. Our “mentors”, some of the most well respected professionals in the country, are carefully vetted and often teach at institutions such as Concordia College, University of MN/Moorhead, University of MN/Morris, etc.



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 for Arts Mentorship Program Application](#)



Cultural and Heritage Events

"Ordinarius"

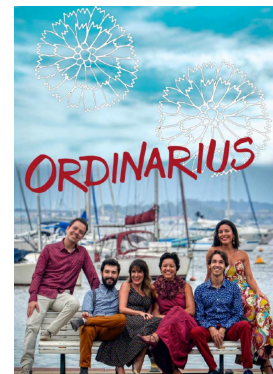
Brazil's Award-Winning Vocal Group

A Center for the Arts

January 12, 2019, 7:30 pm

With vibrant harmonies set to Brazilian rhythms and a joyous stage show, ORDINARIUS has breathed new life into Brazil's most beloved songs, from traditional choros to the music of Carmen Miranda.

Ordinarius was introduced to American presenters at the APAP Conference in New York City in January 2017 and will be making their U.S. debut in 2018 with a national tour of Performing Arts Centers, Universities and showcase clubs.



In 2012, Ordinarius competed with nine other Brazilian vocal groups and was awarded Second Place in the National Vocal Group Competition promoted by “Brasil Vocal”, at the Bank of Brazil Cultural Center (CCBB) in Rio de Janeiro. In this same year, the group released their first CD, which was acclaimed as one of the 100 best of the year, being preselected for the Brazilian Music Awards.



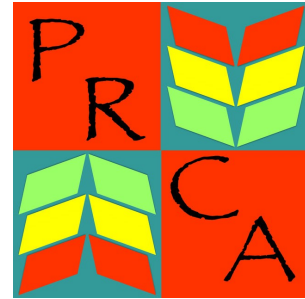
Featured Event

"NEEDLE AND THREAD"

Needle Arts Exhibit

Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance

January 8 - February 16, 2019



The Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance (PRCA) will host an exhibit from January 9, 2019 to February 16, 2019 that will illustrate the state of the needle arts as they are practiced today. PRCA is interested in work ranging from traditional embroidery techniques to exploratory boundary stretching art.

The exhibit, titled "Needle & Thread", will be a companion exhibit to "Through the Needle's Eye", featured in the 21st National Exhibit of the Embroiderers' Guild of America (EGA), to be hosted by Stevens County Historical Society (SCHS), 116 W 6th St, Morris, MN 56267, January 14, 2019 to March 30, 2019. **Go to:**

<http://www.stevenshistorymuseum.com/events-and-exhibits/ega/> for more details about classes, events and other exhibits.

A small number of pieces will be selected and presented in the gallery space of the PRCA's Prairie Art and Gifts, 630 Atlantic Ave, Morris, MN 56267.

[Click here for PRCA Website](#)



Featured Artist

Victoria Hanna:

Textile Artist

LRAC 2019 Artist Cohort Participant



Victoria Hanna is originally from Canby, Minnesota, currently lives in Fergus Falls, and has been weaving, spinning, knitting, felting, crocheting and even tatting for over 30 years. Victoria considers herself a weaver. She adds, "However, as looms are hard to fit into the car or pull out of a purse, I usually have a portable project with me to keep my hands and mind busy". Thus, her embroidery series, which has filled that role for much of the last two years, was born. She continues, "The premise was to start with a blank linen square and to create an intimate imaginary topography, reminiscent of a satellite image, an aerial photograph or an especially interesting section from a topographical map". Victoria keeps the format small for both aesthetic and practical reasons. She wants viewers to "come close and really connect" with each piece.

Ms. Hanna graduated as a honors student with a MA in Art, concentrating in Fibers.

[Click here for Artist Cohort Video](#)



LRAC Gallery Exhibits

Main Gallery

"Artists Across MN" Exhibit

Exhibit dates: January 7 - February 28, 2019
Gallery hours, M-F, 9-5
137 S. Mill St., Fergus Falls, MN

Artists from all across Minnesota submitted work to be considered for LRAC/McKnight Main Gallery's "Artists Across MN Exhibit". Our Gallery Committee was challenged to select the best 20 pieces from over 160 submitted works of art. The final selections feature a wide variety of art mediums, techniques, career levels and geographic representation.



The public is invited to an **artist reception on Tuesday, January 15, 2019** from 5 - 6:30 pm at the LRAC/McKnight Main Gallery, 133 S. Mill St., Fergus Falls, MN. The exhibit will open January 7 and close February 28, 2019. The gallery is open M-F from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (closed from noon - 1:00 pm for lunch). This is a great opportunity to see artists that are new to our region and see new work from our favorite local artists.

The following artists will be featured:

Marcia Haffmans, Minneapolis, 3D Visual art
Kathy Hagstrom, Fergus Falls, collage/painting
John Beaudine, Lake Park, photography
Kristi Kuder, Battle Lake, textile sculptor
Sarah Guy-Levar, Ely, painting
Ashley Nordan, Minneapolis, woodblock print
Laurie Borggreve, Minneapolis, mixed media
Vicky Radel, Norcross, encaustic painting
Sima Amid Wewetzer, Marshall, painting
Diane F. LaMere, Plymouth, landscape painting
Paul Seifert, Vergas, painting
LeAnn Oman, Hermantown, painting
Alison Albrecht, Minnetonka, painting
Jewett Benson, Alexandria, painting
Ross Hilgers, Moorhead, ceramics
Jeffrey S. Thornton, Terrace, painting
Kim Bromley, Pelican Rapids, painting
Suyao Tian, St. Paul, painting
Emily Goredon, Woodbury, mixed media
Mary Nagel Klein, Wayzata, painting

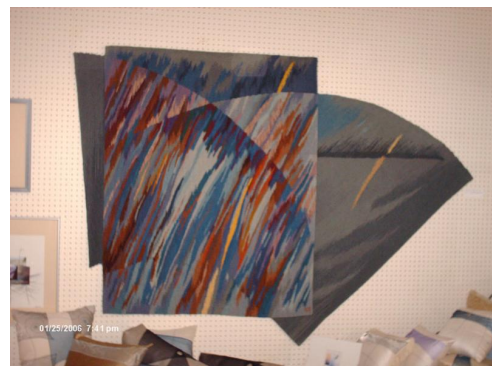
Photo credit: "Swans at Turquoise Lake" by Sima Amid Wewetzer

Solo Gallery

Mee Lee - Textile Artist

Exhibit dates: Dec. 1, 2018 - Feb. 25, 2019
Public reception, Jan. 15 from 5-6:30 pm
Gallery hours, M-F, 9-5
137 S. Mill St., Fergus Falls, MN

Mee Lee was born in Seoul, South Korea and became interested in textile art from her mother, who had a degree in fashion design. She received her Master's degree in Fine Arts from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA.



The following paragraphs are from her LRAC Artist Cohort Artist Statement:

"My artwork is about "thought of life" with abstract landscapes. My spiritual thoughts from daily routine life are layered over the landscape image with lines and colors.

I see beauty in the nature that God created for us: peaceful horizons, awesome sunsets, wondrous light beams, sweet spring rain, etc. My hope is to visualize these beautiful images with the spiritual thoughts of love, peace, hope, truth, and faith. My art allows me to thoughtfully search through peaceful meditation, a joyful life.

Specifically created abstract concepts set free expressions via color and lines. This allows me to create artwork seen through the mind's eye, as well as visually. It's an interesting concept, isn't it?

In fiber art, instead of painting on canvas with paint and brushes, I dye canvas fabric and put together the quilting, sewing, weaving, or stitching that make up the design. My palette is full of different dyed fabrics and threads. After I have completed my sketches in a small notebook, the excitement for me is to see the transformed textile pieces.

I hope you enjoy these pieces of art displayed in the gallery and hope you experience beautiful, meditative moments. too."

Photo credit: "Between the Two Horizon" by Mee Lee



LRAC Grant Award

Fall Legacy Grant Award Announcement \$54,824 awarded at the November Grant Review

One individual and six organizations were awarded Legacy grant funding at the Fall Legacy Grant Round totaling \$54,824. A wide range of creative projects will be part of the LRAC region thanks to the dedicated support of the Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund.



[Read the full announcement](#)



LRAC Individual Grants

Spring Legacy Individual Grant Application

YES! Spring!
\$26,138 to be awarded in the Spring Legacy Individual Grant Round.

Start thinking about your Spring Legacy Grant application. Begin doing your research now to prepare for the Spring LRAC Legacy Grant.

Important Legacy Grant Dates to remember:

- Grant Round Opens: January 7, 2019
- **Grant Writing Webinar, Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019, 6:00 pm**
- **Grant Deadline: midnight, Tuesday, March 5, 2019**
- Grant Review: April 16, 2019 (mark your calendar if presenting)



[Register for the Legacy Individual Grant Writing Webinar](#)



Upcoming LRAC Grants for Individuals

Looking Ahead to 2019

January is a great time to dream, plan, and set goals.

Could a LRAC Grant help move you forward this year? There are three grants available to individuals thanks to funding from The McKnight Foundation.



These grants focus on career development, artistic growth, creativity and discovery.

#1 Career Development Grant: apply for **up to \$1,200** to take a class, create new work, study one on one, advance your artistic career. Open to all disciplines in LRAC region. **Deadline: April 2, 2019**

#2 LRAC Fellowship Grant: one **\$5,000 grant** will be awarded in the **Literary or Performance disciplines** this year. This grant focuses on your artistic challenges and accomplishments from the last five years. **Deadline: May 7, 2019**

#3 Artist Quick Start Grant: apply for \$750 to study, work, create, or expand your artistic goals, open to all disciplines in LRAC region. **Deadline: August 6, 2019**

[Learn More about LRAC Individual Grants](#)



LRAC Organization Grants

LRAC Spring Project Grants

\$19,305 will be awarded this Spring.

Apply for up to \$3,000 per grant to fund your organization's next artistic event, concert, workshop, artist residency.



If you missed the Spring Project Grant Writing Webinar, there's still time to get up to speed. Learn all about the application by clicking the link below:

Important Spring Project Grant Dates:

- **Spring Project Grant Deadline: midnight, Tuesday, February 5, 2019**
- Grant Review, Tuesday, March 19, 2019
- Spring Project Start Date: after March 20, 2019

[Check out the Spring Project Grant Writing Webinar](#)



Spring Legacy Organization Grant Application

\$104,533 to be awarded in the Spring Legacy Organization Grant Round.

LRAC is looking for great art opportunities; projects, exhibits, concerts,

performances, workshops, presentations, artistic activities, etc. to be part of the 2019 Spring Legacy Organization Grant Round.

Arts organizations, non profit organizations, public institutions such as schools, colleges, universities, cities, towns and counties are all eligible to apply for LRAC Legacy Grants.



Important Legacy Grant Dates to remember:

- Grant Round Opens: January 7, 2019
- Grant Writing Webinar, **Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 4:00 pm**
- **Grant Deadline: midnight, Tuesday, March 5, 2019**
- Grant Review: April 16, 2019 (mark your calendar if presenting)
- Grant Start Date: after April 17, 2019

[Register for the Legacy Organization Grant Writing Webinar](#)



Other Opportunities

Perpich Arts High School

Academic Intensive Training in the Arts

Perpich Arts High School is a public, tuition-free high school for MN juniors and seniors located in Golden Valley, MN. A resident hall option exists for eligible students.



It offers rigorous academic curriculum with concentrations in

- Dance
- Literary Arts
- Media Arts
- Music
- Theater
- Visual Arts

Applications for the 2019-20 Academic School Year are due February 1, 2019

[To Learn More, check out The Perpich Arts High School](#)

VSA The Kennedy Center

January Lighting Talk Series: Free Webinars

January's Voices from the Field series will feature weekly lightning talks by five experts who have found a balance of inclusion in the arts. For art teachers, special educators, teaching artists, and administrators



January 3 at 11:30 am: [Invitation to Learning Through Inclusive Theater Production](#)

January 8 at 11:30 am: [Wake Arts Inclusive Project case study](#)

January 15 at 2:00 pm: [How the Guitar Elective Can be the Most Inclusive Class](#)

January 22 at 11:30 am: [Presenting an Inclusive Visual Arts Experience](#)

January 29 at 11:30 am: [Dance Movement in Time.](#)

Click on each of the webinar title for the registration link.
Start time have been converted from Eastern to Central time zone.

Engaging Donors, Volunteers and Influencers

Coming to Fergus Falls, January 22



As your nonprofit moves into a new year, could you benefit from a system for streamlining how you engage with the those individuals who most impact your work?

Join recognized sponsorship leader B. Parker Harrington on January 22 in Fergus Falls to learn the fundamentals of how small- to medium-sized nonprofits can engage experienced volunteers, connect with essential influencers for broader community understanding, steward potential donors (corporate sponsors, individuals, foundations) to fund your mission, or a combination of all three.

Learn how to simplify your engagement process and produce better outcomes and virtually eliminate the need for cold calling.

Event Details:

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

West Central Initiative, Fergus Falls

\$55 for MCN members / \$90 for nonmembers

[Click Here to Register for Donors, Volunteers and Influencers](#)



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