



LRAC Art Headlines



LRAC News Brief

Return of In-Person LRAC Annual Meeting

July 20th at Carlos Creek Winery

Following the CDC and Minnesota guidelines for in-person gatherings, we are excited to announce that the LRAC's Annual meeting will be in person this year.



The public is invited to help us celebrate Lake Region Arts Council's 44th year. Our annual banquet will be held on Tuesday, July 20 at the Carlos Creek Winery, Alexandria, MN.

This is the evening when we recognize our retiring board members and celebrate the arts in the region. We will also be honoring the 2020 LRAC Fellowship recipient, Kenyon Williams, and the FY21 LRAC Fellowship recipient who will be chosen at the June 15 Board meeting.

Watch your email for a "Save the Date Invitation" and RSVP form.

Maxine Adams
Executive Director
Lake Region Arts Council

Remembering our 40th Annual Meeting at the Rourke Gallery



LRAC Job Opportunity

LRAC seeks Grant Program Manager

Ever think it would be great to work at LRAC?

It doesn't happen very often but we have a job opening. Betsy Ostenson is retiring at the end of 2021. We are excited for Betsy and to find our new Grants Program Manager. Click on the link below to view the job description and application process.



**The deadline to apply June 11, 2021.
All applications must be done online.**

[Apply for position](#)

Virtual Event

AACT Fest 2021 (hosted by The American Association of Community Theatre)

Virtually - from June 14 to June 20

We would like to share with you a wonderful opportunity to improve your craft, an experience the biennial AACT National Theatre Festival - AACTFest 2021. The American Association of Community Theatre will be hosting the the AACTFest 2021 - virtually from June 14-June 20.



Have you always wanted to attend an AACTFest but could never afford the travel expenses? Well here's your chance to experience all that this national festival has to offer. Enjoy all the performances, adjudications, speakers and workshops that you expect from this national festival. AACTFest 2021 will be held as a virtual festival so you can enjoy it all from the comfort and safety of your own home. And without all the travel, food and hotel expenses. This may be a once in a lifetime opportunity!

The AACT Fest 2021 will have over 50 workshops, special events, keynotes, celebrity appearances, 12 National Company Theatre performances, and networking, all geared towards artists, volunteers, administrators, and technicians involved in community theater.

[Click here for registration and more information](#)



Featured Artist

Kathy Hilde: Graphic designer, Teacher, Illustrator, Creative consultant and Speaker

Born, raised and living in Moorhead, MN, Kathy is an artist, graphic designer, teacher, illustrator, and creative consultant and speaker with a passion and pondering for color, words, creative and intuitive connections, and expressions.

With over 25 years of experience in a myriad of creative niches, her work is intuitively inspired, bold, and vibrant. Her classes, talks and consulting, are a successful mix of inspiration, motivation, and innovation. She cultivates and encourages a nonjudgmental, free flowing environment for growth and change.



Kathy is also an advocate for wellness! Wellness of mind, body, and spirit. Supporting natural, holistic forms of nourishment and healing, it is her intention as a spiritual being having a human experience to leave this world a kinder, more loving, more colorful, and more connected place having been given the gift of residing here.

Ms. Hilde is also a mother of two amazing adult children, and Nanna to two wonderful grandsons. **Best. Gifts. Ever.**

Wishing you an abundant life full of creative connections!

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



Featured Event

28th Great American Think-Off Philosophy Essay Contest Live Debate June 12, 2021

Philosophers & Artists Reception:
Friday, June 11, 2021 @ 6:00pm

Think-Off Live Debate:
Saturday, June 12, 2021 @ 7:00pm

New York Mills Cultural Center
24 N Main Avenue
New York Mills, MN



Four essayists have won \$500 and a weekend trip to New York Mills, MN in June to participate in the live philosophical debate. During the debate, the finalists argue their side of the question, "Which is more important: to win or to play by the rules?" Two finalists will assert that winning is more important, while the other two finalists will argue that playing by the rules is more important.

The debate among the four armchair philosophers - AJ Gil of Atlanta, GA/Angie Stehr of St. Paul, MN/Bill Sutherland of Eden Prairie, MN/and Daniel Tschida of Minneapolis, MN - is on Saturday, June 12, 2021. The finalists will be available to meet the public at the Great American Think-Off Kick-Off event the evening of Friday, June 11 @ 6pm during a Philosophers & Artists Reception at the Center. In addition to honoring the Think-Off finalists, the reception will also feature regional visual artists on display in the Gallery's "Happiness Project" exhibit. The reception is preceded by a Historical Walking Tour of downtown New York Mills, hosted by the Otter Tail County Historical Society.

The public is invited to attend the live debate in New York Mills, MN on Saturday, June 12, 2021 @ 7pm, to witness four armchair philosophers engage in lively civil discourse. Tickets to attend the live debate are just \$12 in advance, or \$15 at the door; students just \$5. All audience members get to vote in the contest to decide who will hold the title of America's Greatest Thinker for 2021.

COVID safety guidelines will be followed at all Think-Off events, including masks, distancing, and limited attendance. If you are not well, please do not attend.

[Click here for More Information & Tickets](#)



LRAC Grant Announcements

2021 LRAC Spring Legacy Grants \$167,450 Awarded in Legacy Grants

LRAC announces the final results of the Spring Legacy Grant Round held during two meetings in April: \$19,380 for two Legacy Individual Artist Grants, and \$128,513 for ten Legacy Organization Grants for a total of \$147,893 in arts workshops, concerts, exhibits, residencies and much more.



At the May Board Meeting, the LRAC Board approved committing projected end of the year FY 21 unused General and Legacy Funds. This additional funding increases the awarded Legacy Organization Grants to twelve grants, all fully funded for a total of \$167,450.

[Click here to read the full article!](#)

Career Development Grant

11 Career Development Grants were awarded at the Career Development Grant Review on May 18, 2021 for a total of \$12,705.



Watch for the Career Development Grant Announcement in the LRAC July Arts News.



LRAC New Grant Calendar

LRAC New Grant Year Starts July 1, 2021

Start planning ahead for the coming year! Check out the new LRAC 2022 Grant Calendar with all the deadline dates and grant review dates for the upcoming grant year.

FY22 GRANT CALENDAR JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022					
Grant Name	Grant Type	Grant Writing Window	Application Deadline Date	Grant Review Date	Grant Review Date
Artist Quick Start	Individual Artist (IRA), to fund activities and projects that enhance the artist career.	Available online after Monday, June 28, 2021	5:00 pm, Thursday, Aug. 5, 2021	Thursday, Aug. 21, 2021	Thursday, Aug. 21, 2021
Fall Project Grant	New public art organizations, non-profits, local governments and educational institutions.	Available online after Monday, July 12, 2021	5:00 pm, Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021	Thursday, Oct. 19, 2021	Thursday, Oct. 19, 2021
Fall Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage	New public art organizations, non-profits, local governments and educational institutions on older Arts , to fund or project for historic, local, regional, or state-wide projects.	Available online after Monday, August 16, 2021	5:00 pm, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021	Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021	Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021
Fall Legacy Arts & Cultural Heritage	Individual Artist on older Arts, to fund or project for historic, local, regional and state-wide Cultural Heritage organizations for the LRAC region.	Available online after Monday, August 16, 2021	5:00 pm, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021	Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021	Thursday, Nov. 11, 2021
Opening Support	New public art organizations will budget for their opening activities and fund their opening support.	Available online after Monday, Nov. 22, 2021	5:00 pm, Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022	Thursday, Feb. 11, 2022	Thursday, Feb. 11, 2022

Highlight:

- Arts Mentorship Program returns for students grades 9-11.

[Check out the LRAC FY22 Grant Calendar](#)



LRAC Individual Grants

Upcoming Individual Grant Reviews

2021 is the Literary and Performance Arts Fellowship

One \$5,000 grant will be awarded to honor, recognize and reward an outstanding individual in the LRAC region.

Important Dates:

- Grant Review: Tuesday, June 15, 2021



Watch for the Fellowship Announcement in the LRAC July Arts News.

LRAC Individual Grant Opportunities

LRAC Artist Quick Start Grant Opens July 6, Six Grants Available

It's time to start getting your plans in order. The next Artist Quick Start Grant is opening up Tuesday July 5, 2021. It's a quick turn around this year with one month to the deadline date.

Apply for \$750 to fund your supplies, equipment, classes, training, mentorship, marketing, time to create, etc...



LRAC Artist Quick Start Grant:

- Grant Opens: Tuesday, July 5, 2021
- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, August 5, 2021**
- Grant Review: Tuesday, September 21, 2021
- Grant Start Date: After October 22, 2021



LRAC Organization Grants

LRAC Fall Project Grant Apply for up to \$3,000

The LRAC Fall Project Grant round will begin accepting applications soon. The Project Grant is open to non profit arts organizations and non profits and public entities such as K-12 schools, colleges, towns, museums and libraries to provide arts activities and events in the LRAC region.



Highlights:

- For FY22, the 20% match is waived again this year as the public may return to attend arts events.
- **New this year:** Project Grant may fund *a series of related events or activities* with a connecting theme.

Important Dates

- Fall Project Grant: Opens Monday, July 12, 2021
- Fall Project Grant Deadline: **September 2, 2021 at 5:00 pm**
- Fall Project Grant Review: October 19, 2021
- Fall Project Grant Start Date: after November 19, 2021



Other Opportunities

MSAB FY2022 Grants Creative Support for Individuals: Applications Open Now

Creative Support for Individuals grants are flexible. They are meant to help artists and culture bearers adapt to a changing and challenging environment in which to work. By using their creativity and connection to community, this grant program will help Minnesota artists and culture bearers maintain their visibility and financial sustainability.



Grantees will be able to use funds to sustain their practice and stay

relevant and connected to audiences, participants, students, or communities now and in the future.

Here are a few examples for how the funds may be spent:

- To develop and deliver alternative ways to meaningfully engaging Minnesotans in the arts during the pandemic and after;
- To pay salaries or fees for artists, contractors, or collaborators;
- To seek professional development or training that enables planning or adaptation;
- To purchase supplies, equipment, or services needed to accomplish grantees' priorities.

Applicants may apply for \$2,000 to \$6,000 with no cash match requirement. Grants will be awarded in November 2021 and January 2022 respectively.

There are two applications deadlines:

- **Friday, June 4, 2021, before 4:30 p.m.**
- **Friday, August 6, 2021, before 4:30 p.m.**

MSAB FY2022 Grants **Creative Support for Organizations: Applications Open Now**

Creative Support for Organizations is designed to support arts organizations, and nonarts organizations that regularly offer arts programming, as they rebuild, reimagine, and continue to adapt their arts programming in response to the changing environment caused by the global pandemic.

Grantees will be able to determine how best to use funds to stay connected to audiences, participants, students, or communities that participate in their regular arts programming. By using their creativity and connection to community, this grant program is intended to help Minnesota organizations maintain the long-term viability of their arts programming so that Minnesota residents and communities will maintain access and connection to the arts.

Applicants may request between \$5,000 - \$25,000. No cash match is required.

Organizations can submit an application by the first or second deadline, but not both. There is no advantage to apply to the first versus the second deadline. The likelihood of being funded is the same for both deadlines.

There are two applications deadlines:

- **Friday, June 25, 2021, before 4:30 p.m.**
- **Friday, October 1, 2021, before 4:30 p.m.**

MSAB Creative Support for Organizations Grant



Springboard for the Arts: **Apply for the Rural Regenerator Fellowship**

Springboard for the Arts is excited to expand on their 10 years of work in supporting and connecting creative rural leaders in the upper Midwest who are committed to strengthening their communities through art, culture and creativity with a new fellowship offering.



The Rural Regenerator Fellowship will facilitate long term learning and exchange across rural geographies and provide financial support to these leaders so they can think big as they grow, shift or expand their leadership efforts.

10 Fellows will be selected from communities of 50,000 people or fewer across the Upper Midwest (Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois and the Native Nations that serve those geographies). Fellows will be selected based on their demonstrated commitment to rural arts-based community development, their interest in sharing their own experiences and learning around this work with other fellows, and their desire to grow, adapt, or launch new work that will strengthen their community.

Fellows will receive \$10,000 in flexible funds to support their existing work and/or to launch a new project in their community.

[Check out the Info Session on May 21, 2021 at noon.](#)

- **Deadline is Friday, June 11, 2021**

[Click here to learn more Rural Regenerator Fellowship](#)



LRAC Executive Director

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