



LRAC Art Headlines



LRAC News Brief

Join us for MCA Virtual Arts Action Week
March 14-18

Register to participate and help protect the arts
funding you love.

Minnesota's premiere arts gathering will again be online! You are needed to help “rally the troupes,” recognize this community's resilience, and make our voice heard at the State Capitol. With your action—online and as part of Zoom calls with legislators—we can help legislators understand the importance of the arts to guarantee funding at this critical time. We may be online again this year, but we can still connect and work together to advance our community. (And hey, we won't need to worry about the annual Advocacy Day snowstorm!) MN Citizens for the Arts is a recognized national leader in arts advocacy. Arts Action Week helps to preserve our Legacy Amendment and state grant funds.

Photo credit: Amy Stearns and Betsy Roder at past Arts Advocacy Day



[Register for Arts Advocacy Week here.](#)



Featured Artist

In Memory of Kirk Williams:
Painter, Sculptor & Antiques
Assemblage Artist

May 9, 1949 - February 8, 2022

Article and photo credit, Pioneer Public TV

Kirk Williams was born in Fergus Falls Minnesota. Studying Graphics at Tacoma, WA and Fine Arts at the Minneapolis College of Art & Design in 1970, contributed to his foundation as an artist. Deciding to continue his education outside of the classroom and in what we call the “real world,” Kirk learned the hard way, through trial and error to perfect his art. Appearing in many shows across the Midwest, and displaying his art in galleries in the Metro area gave Kirk Williams the ability to reach a wide and diverse audience. Developing his own style, Kirk's main mediums included – pastels, sculptures and assemblages of antique & collectible items.



Diagnosed with a critical heart condition at age 33, Kirk Williams spent the majority of his life with a ticking time bomb in his chest. That didn't stop this Fergus Falls artist from becoming a truly unique and prolific artist, creating beautifully surreal pastels, sculptures, and assemblage artwork made from antiques.

Williams lived for the expressions he saw when his patrons purchased a piece of art. "That moment" [of seeing that expression]. "We came all this way for that moment. It was worth it. It was wonderful," he said. "I keep going," Williams said about his advancing illness. "I'm not going to stop until I'm gone."

Kirk was recently featured on Pioneer Public Television's "Postcards". Click below to watch the video.

"Inspiration comes from the world and all that is around us, passion comes from the heart." -Kirk Williams

[Click here to visit Kirk's Website](#)

[Click here to view Kirk's "Postcards" video on Pioneer Public TV](#)

[Visit Kirk Williams Obituary](#)



Featured Event #1

Concordia College presents: "Apollo Chamber Players"

Concordia College
Christiansen Recital Hall/
Hvidsten Hall of Music
7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 12



The Apollo Chamber Players is renowned for its innovative, globally inspired programming and multicultural music commissions. Winner of Chamber Music America's Residency Partnership award, the quartet has performed for sold-out audiences at Carnegie Hall and is the first American chamber ensemble to record and perform in Cuba since the embargo relaxation. Apollo launched a project to commission 20 multicultural works by the end of the decade and the completed 20 x 2020 project features a roster of the world's leading composers. Apollo's residency will include master classes as well as a public performance.

[Click here for more Concordia College Cultural Events](#)



Featured Event #2

Andria Theatre presents: Disney's "Frozen Jr."

Andria Theatre
618 Broadway St.
Alexandria, MN 56308

March 3 - 5, 2022 @ 7:30pm
March 6, 2022 @ 2:00pm
March 10 - 12, 2022 @ 7:30pm
March 13, 2022 @ 2:00pm



Disney's Frozen, Jr. opens up the first week in March at the Andria Theatre. It features 55 young actors, hundreds of handmade costumes, three new songs (only available in the musical version), visual effects and lighting that are almost worth the price of admission alone.

The story: When their kingdom becomes trapped in perpetual winter, fearless Anna joins forces with mountaineer Kristoff and his reindeer sidekick to find Anna's sister, Snow Queen Elsa, and break her icy spell. Although their epic journey leads them to encounters with mystical trolls, a comedic snowman, harsh conditions, and magic at every turn, Anna and Kristoff bravely push onward in a race to save their kingdom from winter's cold grip.

[Click here for Andria Theatre Website & Tickets](#)



LRAC Main Gallery

Emerging Artists Exhibit

When: Now until March 15
Where: LRAC Main Gallery
137 S. Mill St.
Fergus Falls, MN

For many of the emerging artists in this exhibition, this is their first gallery exhibition and LRAC is excited to open the gallery doors to the public with this multi-media exhibition.



The emerging artists featured are; • Jess Schmid, of Ashby, MN – Aerosol and Acrylic Paintings. • Christy Goulet, of Dilworth, MN – Ribbon Skirt and Beadwork. • Lori Kurpiers, of Morris, MN – Sculpture and Fibers. • Danielle Patton, of Cyrus, MN – Acrylic Paintings and Mixed Media Fibers. • Katie Lou Sandberg, of Detroit Lakes, MN – Oil Paintings.

A reception for the artists will be held on March 15th, 2022 from 5:30-7 PM at the LRAC Gallery. (Details for the reception will be shared closer to the reception date with the current guidelines from the CDC).

Artwork credit, "1888" by Kaitie Lou Sandberg

"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."

[Take a virtual tour of the exhibit here.](#)

LRAC Main Gallery

Call for Artists, for "Portraits Exhibit"

When: May-June, 2022
Deadline to submit work: March 14, 2022
Artwork credit: "Isaac" by Scott Kiemle

Open to artists living in the LRAC 9 county region of Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Traverse and Wilkin. Work in all mediums accepted.

What is a portrait?

“A portrait includes the face and seeks to display the likeness, personality, and mood of the subject. A portrait is generally not a snapshot, but a composed image. The subject is often looking directly at the painter, photographer or sculptor in order to best engage the viewer.”

~Pulled from wiki “Portrait” definition.

Use the above description as a guideline. A portrait is created by the artist with themselves as the subject or someone else. Get creative, be thoughtful, engage with yourself or others and have fun!

Interested artists should submit up to 3-5 portraits for consideration. Click the link below to submit your work or go directly to <https://lrac4.org/galleries>



Submit artwork for "Portraits Exhibit"



LRAC Grant Announcements

Upcoming LRAC Board Grant Review Meetings

Board meetings typically begin at 6:30 pm and are open and livestreamed on the LRAC Facebook page for the public to observe the proceedings.

- Spring Project Grant Review, March 15, 2022
- Spring Legacy Grant Review, April 19 and 26, 2022
- Career Development Grant Review, May 17, 2022



LRAC Grant Opportunities

LRAC Spring Legacy Grants

Deadline Thursday, March 3rd, 2022 at 5:00 pm

Legacy Individual Grant, over \$42,800 available

Legacy Organization Grant, over \$171,500 available

Legacy Local Government Grant, \$10,000 available

Just three days left to submit your Legacy application! For returning applicants, save yourself time! [Click here for a brief video](#) about using our Copy Feature to get a jump start on your grant.

For any last-minute questions, please call the LRAC Grants Manager at 218-517-9760.



Click here to start your Legacy Application

LRAC Career Development Grant

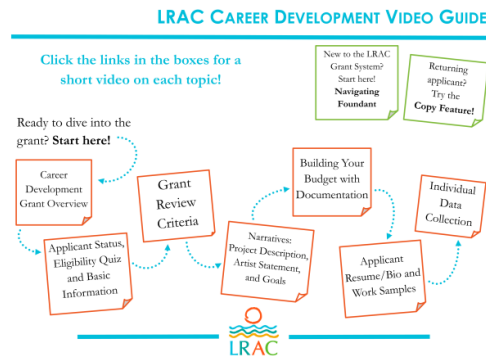
Over \$16,000 to be awarded

New this year! Funding limit increase

Individuals in the LRAC nine-county region may apply for up to \$2,000 for activities and projects resulting in career development and artistic achievement. Open to all disciplines; literary, music, performance, and visual arts.

Career Development Grant Important Dates:

- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 5:00 pm**
- Grant Review: Tuesday, May 17, 2022



The LRAC webinar system is under construction! Check out the first of our new series of mini instructional videos for the Career Development Grant by clicking the topic boxes on the document to the left (on desktop) or above (on mobile).

Career Development Grant Guidelines

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

LRAC Fellowship Grant

One \$5,000 grant to be awarded

Open this year to Music and Visual Arts disciplines

Eligible individuals in the LRAC nine-county region may apply for the LRAC Fellowship, intended to recognize, reward & encourage an outstanding individual. The 2022 Fellowship is open to music and visual arts disciplines. Check out the guidelines for some updates this year to the grant review process!



Fellowship Grant Important Dates:

- Grant opens: Monday, March 21, 2022
- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 5:00 pm**
- Grant Review: Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Fellowship Grant Guidelines



Other Opportunities

McKnight Artist Fellowships

The McKnight Artist Fellowships Program provides annual, unrestricted cash awards to outstanding mid-career Minnesota artists in 14 different creative disciplines. Program partner organizations administer the fellowships and structure them to respond to the unique challenges of different disciplines. Currently the foundation contributes about \$2.8 million per year to its statewide fellowships.

There are currently three McKnight Artist Fellowship opportunities available for application. Click/tap on the name of the Fellowship to be taken to the application page.

[McKnight Fellowship for Media Artists](#)

The McKnight Fellowship for Media Artists recognizes and supports mid-career artists living and working in Minnesota who demonstrate a sustained level of accomplishment, commitment, and attributes of artistic merit. The four \$25,000 fellowships are intended to significantly advance recipients' art and careers.

Application deadline:

- **Monday, March 14, 2022 at 5 pm CT**

[McKnight Fellowship for Composers](#)

The intent of this program is to recognize and support mid-career artists living and working in Minnesota who demonstrate a sustained level of accomplishment, commitment, and artistic excellence. Four fellowships of \$25,000 in unrestricted funds will be awarded.

Application deadline:

- **Monday, March 14, 2022 at 11:59 pm CT**

[McKnight Fellowship for Visual Artists](#)

McKnight Fellowships for Visual Artists has rewarded talented Minnesota visual artists whose work is of exceptional artistic merit and who are at a career stage beyond emerging. Six \$25,000 fellowships in the visual arts category are awarded, with the purpose of connecting fellows to national and international visiting critics, participating in a McKnight Discussion Series, and working with each fellow to pursue additional professional development opportunities.

Application deadline:

- **Monday, March 25, 2022 at 12 pm CT**

[McKnight Fellowship for Choreographers](#)

The McKnight Fellowship for Choreographers recognizes choreographers whose work is of exceptional artistic merit, who have created a substantial body of work over a period of time, and who are at a career stage that is beyond emerging. The three \$25,000 fellowships are intended to significantly advance recipients' art and careers.

Application deadline:

- **Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 3 pm CST**

[McKnight Fellowship for Dancers](#)

The McKnight Fellowship for Dancers recognizes dancers whose work is of exceptional artistic merit, who have created a substantial body of work over a period of time, and who are at a career stage that is beyond emerging. The three \$25,000 fellowships are intended to significantly advance recipients' art and careers.

Application deadline:

- **Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 3 pm CST**

McKnight Fellowship for Theater Artists

The McKnight Fellowship for Theater Artists recognizes and supports mid-career artists living and working in Minnesota who demonstrate a sustained level of accomplishment, commitment, and attributes of artistic merit. The \$25,000 fellowships are intended to significantly advance recipients' art and careers.

Application deadline:

- **Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 11:59 pm CT**

McKnight Artist Fellowship General Information

Tofte Lake Center Gaia Fenna Memorial Fellowship

Tofte Lake Center will host its seventh annual week-long residency fellowship for a Minnesota artist who exemplifies the spirit, passions, and values of artist and nature lover Gaia Fenna. Applicants must live in Minnesota. The Fellowship provides lodging in a private cabin and an honorarium of \$200 to help with meals and travel. Meals are the responsibility of the artist. Selection will be announced by April 15, 2022. Click the link above for additional information and to apply.



Application deadline:

- **Tuesday, March 15, 2022**

Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, USArtists International

USArtists International supports performances by U.S. artists at impactful international festivals and performing arts marketplaces outside the United States and its territories. The program supports the engagements of exemplary solo artists and ensembles across all performing arts disciplines including dance, music, theater, multidisciplinary work, and folk/traditional arts. USAI provides grants of up to \$18,000 toward eligible expenses; please reference the guidelines at the link above for further detail.



Application deadline:

- **Wednesday, March 30, 2022 by 11:59 PM ET**

Arts Midwest GIG Fund

Arts Midwest's Grow, Invest, Gather (GIG) Fund provides financial support to arts organizations for rebuilding and re-imagining creative engagement in their communities. Funds are intended for organizations to build their capacity by having multiple points of access to support presenting performing and visual artists of high artistic merit, virtually or in-person. Click the link above for more information.



Application deadline:

- **Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 11:59pm CT**





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Please contact the LRAC office for more information:
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Serving the LRAC region: Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant,
Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin counties.

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