



## LRAC Art Headlines



### LRAC News Brief

#### LRAC Seeks New Board Members

##### Openings in Clay, Douglas, Pope, Traverse and Wilkin Counties

Do you love the arts?  
Looking for something new to do?



“Serving on the LRAC Board is an excellent way to be involved in all the Arts activities that happen in our region.” said Maxine Adams, LRAC Executive Director. She added, “Board members have a great deal of satisfaction in knowing that by awarding LRAC grants, they are helping to keep the Arts a strong and vital part of our communities.”

The LRAC Board consists of two representatives from each of the region’s nine counties, and is made up of a distinguished and diverse group of artist, art advocates and interested citizens. The LRAC Board provides guidance for the operations of LRAC and is responsible for reviewing all applications to LRAC Grant programs. LRAC awards over \$300,000 each year in grants to regional artists and art projects. The Board meets every third Tuesday of the month, except Aug. and Dec. Currently all meetings are virtual.

**Click on the link below to apply. Deadline is June 1, 2021**

Maxine Adams  
Executive Director  
Lake Region Arts Council

[Apply for LRAC Board Opening](#)



### 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](#)

## Artist Opportunities

### Art of the Lakes: en Plein Air Competition June - September, 2021

\$1000. - Best in Show  
\$500. - 2nd Place Award  
\$250. - 3rd Place Award  
\$75. - People's Choice Award  
\$50. - 5 Honorable Mentions



#### **Additional Awards to be announced.**

The Prairie Lakes en Plein Air art series is a festival of art education, exhibition, and competition open to professional and non-professional artists of all skill levels.

Throughout the summer, artists will be painting en Plein Air throughout our Battle Lake community and region. Visitors will have the opportunity to observe as the artists seek to represent the shifting light, extraordinary colors and textures of our varied rural landscape. Please practice social distancing, wear masks if less than 6 ft apart and do not block entrances/trafficways to businesses. Free to the public.

Attend Plein Air workshops lead by Lisa Stauffer, Dan Mondloch, Matt Kania, Scott Lloyd Anderson, and Grace Haverty.

[Click here for Artist Registration](#)



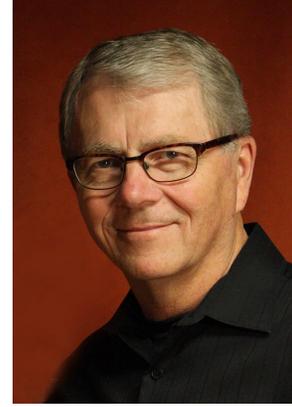
## Featured Artist

### Myron Sahlberg: Illustrator, Teacher, Mentor and Portrait Artist Extraordinaire

Myron works from his home studio on Lake Victoria in Alexandria, Minnesota. During his 20 year career as an illustrator he created illustrations for twenty different book and magazine publishers. Other clients included university sports programs and advertising accounts. During this same time he was invited to teach illustration in the Communication Art and Design department at the Alexandria Technical and Community College

in Alexandria, Minnesota. During his tenure there he taught drawing, painting and illustration classes to over a thousand students.

Myron has painted commissioned portraits for 30 + years. His paintings are in the permanent collection of two museums and many private collections. His paintings have been in several shows and galleries in Minnesota. Sahlberg's artwork is in the American Miniature Show at SETTLERS WEST GALLERY in Tucson, AZ., the MOUNTAIN OYSTER CLUB Western Art Show, Tucson, AZ, THE NATIONAL COWBOY MUSEUM Small Works, Great Wonders Art Show, Oklahoma City, OK, and the PHIPPEN MUSEUM Annual Miniature Masterpiece Art Show and Sale, Prescott, AZ.



***"Psalm 16:8 -11 is a favorite Bible passage that contributes to my personal perspective in life. "I keep the Lord in mind always . . . Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices." "Every day I paint is a great day!"***

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



## Featured Event

### And Now For Something Completely Different! - "TIM & JACOB ARE FRIENDS: SCRIPTLESS"

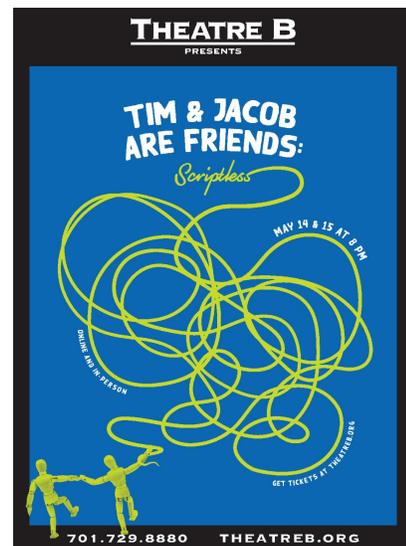
Friday, May 14 @ 8:00pm  
Saturday, May 15 @ 8:00pm

At Theatre B  
215 10th Street N.  
Moorhead, MN

Imagine standing on stage in front of an audience and not knowing any of your lines, or even what your story is about. For most people, that might be their worst nightmare. But not for a Theatre Improviser – and not when they have a friend!

Combine the storytelling tradition of live theatre with the audience participation of a show like *Whose Line Is It Anyway*, and you've got a great recipe for Long-Form Improv. Unlike Short-Form Improv, which relies on games and gags, Long-Form Improv requires complex thinking and radical trust. In Long-Form Improv, actors weave a completely original story from audience suggestions. It might be very funny, but it has the potential to be so much more. Inventive performers can build a rich narrative, invest in character development, and open the possibility for unexpected discoveries and satisfying endings.

***Tim & Jacob Are Friends: Scriptless***, created by veteran improvisers Jacob Hartje and Tim Larson, and produced by Tucker Lucas, is Theatre B's own take on Long-Form Improv. "Improv is part of the larger Theatre world that hasn't been explored by this ensemble much in the past," says Tim Larson. "Jacob and I both love the artform and there aren't enough opportunities to see it live in Fargo. We also love sharing it with people who have never experienced a show like this as it is completely different from what you might typically see on the B stage."



[Click here for Tickets and Information](#)



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## LRAC Grant Announcements

### 2021 LRAC Spring Legacy Grants Watch for the full announcement next month

The LRAC Board reviewed 18 grants at their two April Spring Legacy Grant Reviews, both individuals and organizations.

The public announcement will be in the June Arts News



## LRAC Individual Grants

### Upcoming Individual Grant Reviews

May 2021

#### Career Development Grant:

- Grant Review: Tuesday, May 18, 2021
- Grant Start Date: After June 19, 2021



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

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## LRAC Individual Grant Opportunities

### 2021 is the Literary and Performance Arts Fellowship There's still time to apply!

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

Could this be your year?! Have you been creating amazing work in the past five years?! Then, why not apply for this year's LRAC Fellowship Grant?



This grant has no detailed budget, no equipment quotes, and no supplies list. Your resume and work samples and two letters of recommendations with resumes/website are the only required documentation.

#### Important Dates:

- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 5:00 pm**
- Grant Review: Tuesday, June 15, 2021
- Grant Start Date: after July 1, 2021
- First payment of \$4,500 will be awarded at the LRAC July annual meeting.

[Click here to Apply for the Fellowship](#)

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## LRAC Artist Quick Start Grant

### Looking ahead to the next Opportunity

Did you miss the Career Development Grant deadline in April? Don't panic. There's another LRAC grant opportunity coming up this year.

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

The new fiscal year 2022 starts July 1, 2021 with opening of the LRAC Artist Quick Start Grant.



### **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

Watch for the more information in the LRAC June Arts News Newsletter!



## **LRAC Organization Grants**

### **LRAC Fiscal Year 2021 Comes to a Close**

The LRAC Fiscal Year 2021 will be wrapping up June 30, 2021. With the awarding of the LRAC Spring Legacy Organization Grants in April, all LRAC organization grant programs will be completed for the year.



Watch for the LRAC new grant cycle starting after July 1, 2021.

- Fall Project Grants due **September 2, 2021.**
- Fall Legacy Organization Grants due **October 7, 2021.**

*Start planning your next LRAC grant application!*

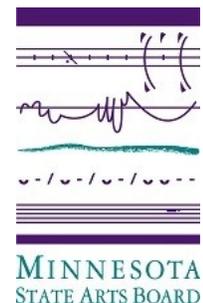


## **Other Opportunities**

### **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.

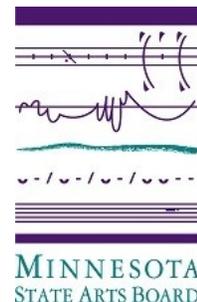
There are two applications deadlines:

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

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## **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](#)



## **More McKnight Fellowships are Accepting Applications!**

Each year, the McKnight Foundation offers a wide range of Fellowships, awarding \$25,000 grants to individuals. Each program is managed by the non profit organization that specializes in the each discipline.



Currently, there are fourteen different McKnight Fellowship programs with applications deadlines cycling through out the coming year.

[Click here to learn more about the McKnight Fellowships](#)

## **Northern Clay Center Ceramic Artists**

The McKnight Artist **Fellowship for Ceramic Artists** recognizes and supports outstanding mid-career ceramic artists living and working in Minnesota. Applicants should demonstrate a sustained level of accomplishment, commitment, and artistic excellence and may be working in any mode—functional, sculptural, relational, performative, etc.



Two \$25,000 grants are awarded annually. Fellowship support may be used for: experimenting with new techniques and materials; purchasing materials and equipment; collaborating with other artists; and pursuing education, exhibition, or travel opportunities. McKnight Fellowship recipients will be featured in a workshop and an exhibition with a corresponding catalogue at the end of their grant year.

**Application Deadline is May 21, 2021, 5:00 pm.**

[Click here to learn more from the NCC](#)



## **LRAC Executive Director**

**Maxine Adams**

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.

