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## LRAC October Art Headlines

### New LRAC Board Members!

#### Becker, Stevens and Wilkin Counties

Lake Region Arts Council is proud to introduce our newest members. Joining the Council are:

Leigh Nelson-Edwards, Detroit Lakes, Becker County  
 Joseph Ferriero, Morris, Stevens County  
 Joyce Manning, Breckenridge, Wilkin County



Leigh works as the 4-H Coordinator for Becker County and is a visual artist, Joseph is the Musical Theater Director for Morris Area Schools and Executive Director of Plays in Morris, and Joyce is the music teacher at St. Mary's Catholic school, K-8 in Breckenridge. Together they bring a variety of experience to the Board.

We welcome them and thank them for their service to the arts in our region.

[LRAC Website](#)

### Special News

#### LRAC IS LOOKING FOR 10 ARTISTS WHO WANT TO ADVANCE THEIR CAREERS.



As part of the new Arts Resource Experts program, LRAC is forming a cohort of 10 artists who will be intensively working on advancing their careers. The 10 artist cohort will be the first participants to have access to the concentrated support offered through the Arts Resource Expert program. There is no fee for participating in the cohort. Artist will be expected to make a commitment to participate fully in the 9 month long program. Program will include workshops, 1 on 1 consultations, developing goals, networking, publicity strategy, grant writing, connecting to other resources for artists, and writing a final report of their experience with the cohort.

Cohort artists will meet the criteria of geographic representation in the 9 county LRAC area, representation of artistic disciplines and commitment to their art. After the first year, the program will expand beyond a limited cohort. Keep in mind that the Springboard for the Arts, Lake Region office, will continue to offer Career Consultations and is an excellent resource for artists in our region.

If you are interested in being part of the cohort please email the LRAC office at: [directorLRAC@gmail.com](mailto:directorLRAC@gmail.com) for an application. **Deadline to submit application is Oct. 23, 2017.**

### Featured Event

**"Artist Mentor Showcase"**

A Center for the Arts  
 124 W. Lincoln Ave, Fergus Falls  
 October 21, 2017, 11:30 am  
 Free, and Open to the Public



2017 marked the 30th year of LRAC's Artist Mentor Program, in which 16 high school students worked directly with professional artists, one-on-one, or attended a summer art workshop.

- Administratively, the program continues to evolve and change as LRAC incorporates technology into its Artist Mentor reporting and tracking requirements, student surveys, and grant submittal process.
- Creatively, the program continues to evolve as technology turns out to be a new vehicle for creatives. Requests for awards from students in recent years include coding for visual gaming, creating digital game story lines, etc.
- Passionately, LRAC enjoys long serving relationships with its Artist Mentor students. Studying the arts ignites passion, focus, and determination.

The students who were selected by LRAC to participate in the program this past summer will perform or exhibit their art form at A Center for the Arts again this year. You are invited to celebrate their passion!



LRAC Artist Mentor Program  
[You Tube Video](#)

More Information about the  
 Artist Mentor Program

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## Featured Artist

**James Wedgwood**

Comedy, Ventriloquism &amp; More

Email: [info@jameswedgwood.com](mailto:info@jameswedgwood.com)

(800) 668-2119

*G.L. Berg Entertainment***JAMES WEDGWOOD**  
COMEDY, VENTRILOQUISM & MOREJames Wedgwood  
&  
Uncle Ernie

At the age of nine, one of James favorite aunts bought him a Danny O'Day ventriloquist doll for Christmas. Learning and practicing the basic skills of this ancient art throughout childhood, he did his first public performance in an 8th grade variety show.

After earning a B.A in Theatre from Indiana University and winning "Best Actor in Indianapolis" from the Indianapolis Encore Association, James moved to the Twin Cities where he acted, did commercials, performed with Dudley Riggs "Sunday/Monday Company" and even tried his hand at stand-up comedy.

His boyhood love of ventriloquism was rekindled when he met an agent who said "Put an act together and I'll get you some work." He continues to hone his craft to this day, working hard to maintain his reputation as, "The Most Fun You Can have Without Moving Your Lips!

Sunday, October 8, 1:30 pm at the University of MN, Morris

**MINNESHOWTA**

**You are Invited** to a 30-minute variety show, featuring a mixture of ventriloquism, local performers and one special puppet with an endless repertoire of one-liners!

[James Wedgwood Website with Videos!](#)

**LRAC Gallery Exhibits****Main Gallery,**

"Donald Clark &amp; Wil Shynkaruk Exhibit"

Oct. 11 through Dec. 22

Artist Talk &amp; Reception, Oct. 17, 5-6:30 pm

LRAC Gallery Hours, M-F, 9-5

Featuring works created by Donald Clark, photographer and faculty at MSU, Moorhead School of Media Arts and Design and Wil Shynkaruk, ceramic artist and Associate Professor of Ceramics at MSU Moorhead.

The exhibit will be a creative mix of photography and ceramics, playing the visual images of the photographs off the three dimensional shapes and colors of the ceramic pieces.

We hope you will join us Oct. 17 for a talk by the artists. This exhibit will be up until Dec. 22.

Quarry  
Photograph  
by  
Donald Clark**Solo Gallery,**

"Carmen Bruhn, Solo Artist Exhibit"

October - November, 2017

Artist Talk &amp; Reception, Oct. 17, 5-7 pm

LRAC Gallery Hours, M-F, 9-5

"When I paint, I let my intuition guide the creative process in hopes that part of my energy stays connected in my work. Somewhere along the process, it is my hope that my energy or spirit can translate into emotion. You know, there is magic in the act of painting, you just have to believe in the process." Watermedia artist Carmen Bruhn favors design that is inspired by both life and conceptual ideas that define form as elegant and modern. She loves to use bright colors, flat shapes and repetitious pattern.



Carmen Bruhn

Bruhn realized her passion for art and design while in architecture school in Panama. In her journey from her birth in the Republic of Panama to her current home in Detroit Lakes, Carmen's color pallet reflects her love of the ocean, the exuberant rainforest and the earthy colors of the Midwest. A life-long learner, she continues her formal and informal art studies through workshops, teaching and learning from other artists.

[More information about Carmen Bruhn on LRAC's Art Calendar!](#)

**Artists of Lake Region,**  
Lake Region Arts Council  
YouTube Channel Playlist



West central Minnesota is rich with talented artists of all kinds - painters, musicians, sculptors, writers, and many more. We hope you enjoy these videos, and become a subscriber to this channel!

<https://www.youtube.com/user/LakeRegionArts/videos>

Click Here to watch Artists of Lake Region on  
You Tube

## LRAC Fall Grant Rounds

### Three Grant Rounds with the New Foundant Software

It's a busy fall at LRAC. The new Foundant Online Grant system continues to be rolled out with three grant rounds in the cue. So far, the feedback has been positive from both applicants and LRAC board members.



#### Highlights

- **September**, \$4,500 total awarded to six artists, \$750 each.
- **October**, \$12,257 will be awarded in the Fall Project Grant Review on Oct.17, 2017.
- **November**, \$45,435 will be awarded in the Fall Legacy Grant Review on Nov. 21, 2017. (*Application deadline for Legacy Grants is midnight, Tuesday, October 3, 2017.*)

## Looking Ahead to Spring

### Have a Great Idea for a Project, But Missed the Deadline?

**Don't panic!!** Spring Grant Rounds will be available in 2018. Both Project Grants and Legacy Grants have a second grant round this fiscal year. Career Development for individuals will be offered in the Spring.



## Spring Grant Awards

- Project Grant: \$18,395, Deadline, February 6, 2018
- Legacy Grant: \$106,015 Deadline March 6, 2018
- Career Development, grants for up to \$1,200 each, Deadline April 3, 2018

### Why not start your research now!

Here some suggestions for getting a jump on the Spring grant round.

1. Read the Grant **Guidelines**.
2. Watch the Grant Writing **Webinars**
3. Check out the Grant Writing **Tip Sheets**
4. Contact the LRAC office to discuss your potential project.

Check out the [LRAC4.org](http://LRAC4.org) website for more information on LRAC Grant programs.

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## LRAC Grant Writing Webinar Series

### Learn more about Grants with a Step by Step Program

**New this year!** LRAC has updated the Grant Writing Workshops into a new three step process. This system is designed to walk you through the learning curve to become a LRAC grant applicant.



### For Individuals

**Step 1:** Grant Writing for Individuals, General, Webinar  
Learn the basic about where and how to apply for a grant.

**Step 2:** Grants for Individuals, LRAC Region Specific, Webinar  
Learn which LRAC grant might be the right one for you.

**Step 3:** Specific LRAC Grants for Individuals  
Learn about Fall Legacy Grant, (Career Development & Fellowship to come)

### For Organizations

**Step 1:** Grant Writing for Organizations, General, Webinar  
Learn the basic about where and how to apply for a grant.

**Step 2:** Grants for Organizations, LRAC Region Specific, Webinar  
Learn which LRAC grant might be the right one for your organization.

**Step 3:** Specific LRAC Grants for Organizations  
Learn about Fall Project Grant, Fall Legacy Grant, (Operating Support to come)

**Take the first step,** go to the Tip Sheets and Webinar page on the [LRAC4.org](http://LRAC4.org) website.



## MN State Arts Board

### Congratulations MSAB Grant Awardee in the LRAC Region

#### 2018 Arts Learning Grant

##### New York Mills Regional Cultural Center, \$13,144

The NY Mills Cultural Center will collaborate with Z Puppets to conduct workshops focusing on movement and music for elementary school students that will culminate in a public performance incorporating the students as actors.

The MSAB 2018 Grant Application Deadlines are closed for the year. Watch for the next round of grant deadlines for 2019 programming. First up, Operating Support.



[Visit MSAB Website](#)

## Regional Opportunities

### Something to Think about...

#### Financial Training Coming to YOU!

##### Fundamental of Nonprofit Finance & Fundamental of Budgeting

Two workshops, one day, **October 26, 2017**, from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm, at the Fargo Moorhead Area Foundation Office.

#### Special Deal for Both Trainings!

*Offered by the Minnesota Council for Nonprofits and the North Dakota Association for Nonprofit Organizations.*

For more information, Contact: Joe Pederson, MCN  
West Central Minnesota  
Regional Coordinator  
(218) 443-6864



#### Music for Learning from Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) Classical MPR's Classroom Solutions

classicalMPR

The **Music for Learning** portfolio of programs is designed to foster student's passion for classical music. It's a go-to resources for materials that meet Minnesota K-12 music education standards. Some features include:

- Audio Playback - curated playlists,
- Class Notes: Artists - bringing musicians into the schools,
- Class Notes: Videos - series of videos for the classroom,
- Minnesota Varsity - high school level showcase for instrumentalists, vocalists and composers, and
- Play It Forward - instrument drive for students and schools programs.

Get started at [ClassicalMPR](#)

#### Perpich Arts High School coming near you!

##### October 24, 3:30 pm at Lake Region Arts Council

Learn more about opportunities at the Perpich Center for Arts Education!

Perpich is a state agency, and the high school a public, tuition-free high school for MN juniors and seniors. We have a dorm facility, so students from across the state can attend. Students study college-preparatory academics in the morning, then spend three hours of the afternoon in a concentrated study of their art area. The six arts are dance, literary art, media art, music (instrumental or voice), theater and visual arts.

For more information, Contact: Anne Johnson, Admissions Coordinator  
email: [anne.johnson@pcae.k12.mn.us](mailto:anne.johnson@pcae.k12.mn.us)  
Voice: (800) 657-3515



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