



LRAC Art Headlines



LRAC News Brief

End of an Era, Thank You for Your Well Wishes!

Yes, it's finally here, December 2021. After a delightful celebration at the LRAC Annual Meeting in July 2021, five months of working with Miranda Lape, the new Grants Manager, and multiple meetings and phone calls with everyone, I've reached the end of the year and my official retirement.

Special thank you to artist Faythe Mills, Glenwood for the portrait.



As this is my last LRAC Arts News Newsletter, I wanted to express my gratitude to the arts community for their hard work and quality arts programming during my tenure here at LRAC. It has been exciting and challenging to work with so many individuals and organizations as they pursued and realized their artistic goals.

A lot has changed since I started back in December 2009. The Legacy Arts and Cultural Heritage funding was just rolling out and the first LRAC online grant system was brand new. Over the years, the board review transitioned from paper copies to flash drives to Google docs. The grant writing workshops were in person at the LRAC office and are now 24/7 webinars. Next, LRAC began utilizing its second online grant system and the files became paperless. We were well prepared for the abrupt transition to virtual meetings and remote work in March 2019 and continued on despite the pandemic.

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to:

- Thank you for jumping through the hoops to complete the grant applications.
- Thank you for becoming friends over the past 12 years.
- Thank you for the beautiful artistic moments while attending events.
- Thank you for the amazing visual arts in the office and now in my home.
- Thank you for the well wishes and kind thoughts on my retirement!

I am leaving you in good hands with Miranda Lape. It's been an enjoyable transition working with her, bringing her up to speed on the arts organizations and activities in the LRAC region. She is a great addition to the LRAC office, and together with Maxine and Rebecca, along with Naomi, Jess, Steve, Jackie and Scott, the future is bright for LRAC.

When more time on my hands, I hope to attend more artistic opportunities in the region in the coming years. I am dusting off my sewing machine, checking out the seed catalogues, digging out my scrapbooking supplies, and pulling out the home improvement tools. I am renewing my passport and brushing up on my French for future travels when the time is right.

Au revoir et merci beaucoup!

Betsy Ostenson



Arts Mentorship Program Scholarships

Application Process Closes 11:59 on Sunday,
January 16, 2022

If you are currently in grades 9-11, attend public, private or home school, and live in the Lake Region Arts Council's nine-county region - this scholarship opportunity is for you. **No formal training is required!**

The Arts Mentorship Program offers a limited number of students the opportunity for study with a professional in their chosen field (e.g. music, visual arts, creative writing, media arts, architecture, theater, costume design, dance, etc.) during the summer months. Each scholarship, **valued at \$600**, is awarded based on student commitment and potential for artistic development—**no formal training is required**. Our carefully vetted mentors are experts in their chosen fields. 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 to Apply!](#)



Featured Artist

Joeseph Allen - Visual Artist & Photographer

Joseph J. Allen is a citizen of the Sicangu Lakota Oyate and is also a direct descendant of the White Earth Ojibwe Nation. Born in 1964 in Eagle Butte, North Dakota, he is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and currently lives in rural Sugarbush Township in the White Earth Nation.

Allen has been creating and exhibiting his art for over 25 years and received a 1993 McKnight Photography Fellowship. His photographs are in the collections of the Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum, the Minnesota Historical Society, and the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community archives. Allen is Project Director of the Gizhiigin Arts Incubator in Mahnomon, MN.



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



Featured Event #1

"Youth Printmaking Classes" with

Artist Naomi RaMona Schliesman

Kaddatz Galleries
111 West Lincoln Ave
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Grades K-4:
Fee: \$10 per 2-day

Session 1
January 8 & 9, 1-3PM

Session 2
January 22 & 23, 1-3PM

Classes are taught by teaching artist Naomi RaMona Schliesman during 2-day sessions that are tailored to the skill level of each age group. The kids will learn special techniques for lino-cut reliefs, mono-prints and have multiple prints and cards to take home from the two day workshops! This workshop is so much fun and a great way to learn a new process and skill! **Please note that sessions 1 & 2 in each age group will cover the same material.**



[Click here to Register](#)



Featured Event #2

"Deuces Wild Dueling Pianos"

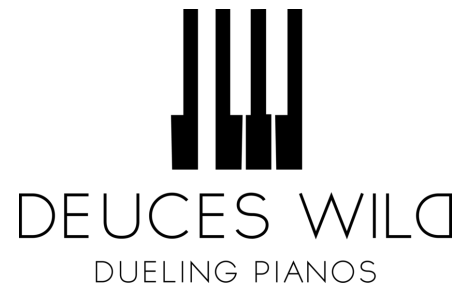
Historic Holmes Theatre
806 Summit Avenue
Detroit Lakes, MN

Friday, January 21, 2022
7:30 PM 9:00 PM

There are dueling piano shows...and then there is DEUCES WILD!

It's a clap along, sing along musical comedy show. Nobody does it like Dave and Ted!

For a pair of self-taught pianists from Minnesota, David Eichholz and Ted Manderfeld have mastered the sophisticated nuances of burlesque's best ribald and bawdy traditions. Deuces Wild! Dueling Pianos offers a Las Vegas-style show of comedy and extensive audience participation featuring an unlikely and surprising mix of music and parodies that range from classic rock and country to rap and show tunes. The key to their marathon of musical comedy, however, is the unabashed and completely liberated participation of audience members from 18 to 80.



[Click here for more Information and Tickets](#)



MSAB "Open Call for Grant Application Reviewers"

Minnesota State Arts Board

*Ensuring all Minnesotans have the
opportunity to participate in the arts*

**Minnesota State Arts Board seeking
reviewers for**

American Rescue Plan grant applications

The Arts Board needs involvement of Minnesota citizens – like YOU – from a variety of backgrounds to review American Rescue Plan grant applications remotely. These are general operating funds that can be used to help small and mid-sized Minnesota nonprofit arts organizations and arts affiliates rebuild and reopen as the COVID-19 pandemic wanes.

Reviewers will receive a modest financial stipend for their time providing feedback on applications and helping determine which will be recommended to receive funding. American Rescue Plan Grants will be distributed broadly, to help support the people and places that make up the critical infrastructure of Minnesota's arts community.

In brief, reviewers can expect to:

- Serve a three-week term remotely either February 7 - February 25, 2022, or February 28 – March 18, 2022
- Participate in training sessions online
- Read, score, and take notes on a set of 30-35 applications at your own pace using WebGrants online (no panel discussion required)
- Spend, on average, 25-30 hours total
- Receive a financial stipend of \$200

To learn more about the opportunity, visit: <http://www.arts.state.mn.us/reviewer.htm>.

Contribute your perspectives

The Arts Board offers accessibility services and materials in alternative formats upon request. Please contact the Arts Board's accessibility coordinator if you require an accommodation (i.e., ASL-interpretation; open captioning; audio description; large-print or Braille materials; etc.) to fully participate.

For more information about serving as a reviewer or accessibility, contact Jenea Rewertz-Targui, advisory review panel coordinator and accessibility coordinator

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The Minnesota State Arts Board is a state agency that stimulates and encourages the creation, performance, and appreciation of the arts in the state. It works to ensure that all Minnesotans can participate in and benefit from the arts.

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[Click here to Apply](#)



LRAC Grant Announcements

Upcoming LRAC Board Grant Review Meetings

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

- *No Grant Review in January 2022*
- Operating Support Grant Review, February 15, 2022
- Spring Project Grant Review, March 15, 2022



Fall Legacy Grand Round Final Results

The LRAC Board awarded 9 Organizations and 3 Individuals a total of \$89,855 for the Fall Legacy Grant Rounds for Organizations and Individuals. Click below to see what Legacy projects are coming soon to the Lake Region!

Grant Opportunities

Operating Support Grant for Organizations Now open for applications

The Operating Support Grants are now a tiered system! How much money your organization receives will depend on the bracket in which your expenses fall. With the new tiered system, the Operating Support grant will now run on a two-year cycle! Apply this coming January and your Operating Support Grant will be secured for the next two years. Apply today at the link below! Call the LRAC office for questions.



Operating Support Grant Important Dates:

- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, January 6, 2022**
- Grant Review: Tuesday, February 15, 2022

[Click here to apply](#)

Spring Project Grant for Organizations Grant Round now open

\$20,194 to be awarded

Nonprofit art organizations, nonprofits, local governments, and educational institutions are eligible to apply for up to \$3,000, to fund productions, exhibits, touring art exhibits, and more! (No more than \$5,000 may be requested by an organization for the fiscal year.) Contact the office to get started on your Project Grant idea today!



Spring Project Grant Important Dates:

- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 5:00 pm**
- Grant Review: Tuesday, March 15, 2022

[Click here for the grant guidelines](#)

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

LRAC Spring Legacy Individual Grant Over \$42,800 to be awarded

New this Year, Legacy Individual Grant Limits

Legacy Individual Grants will be capped at a \$8,000 maximum. This eliminates the Fiscal Agent requirement for this grant. Legacy Individual Grants equipment requests will be capped at \$4,000 maximum. All applicants are encouraged to make a presentation to the LRAC Board at the April grant review.



Legacy Individual Grant Important Dates:

- Grant Round Open: Monday, January 10, 2022
- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 5:00 pm**

- Grant Review: Tuesday, April 19 and April 26, 2022

Individual Grant Guidelines

LRAC Spring Legacy Organization Grant Over \$171,500 to be awarded

There is more Legacy Grant funding this year!

This grant is open to nonprofit arts organizations (501c3 status), other nonprofit organizations to expand arts programming, and public entities. All Legacy Organization Grant applicants are encouraged to make a presentation at the Spring Grant Review on Tuesday April 19 and 26, 2022, which will be hybrid meetings!



Legacy Organization Grant Important Dates:

- Grant Round Open: Monday, January 10, 2022
- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 5:00 pm**
- Grant Review: Tuesday, April 19 and April 26, 2022

Organization Grant Guidelines

LRAC Legacy Local Government Grant \$10,000 to be awarded

The Legacy Local Government grant is back!

This grant is open to local governments. All potential applicants should contact the office to set up a meeting with Maxine Adams, the LRAC Executive Director.



Legacy Organization Grant Important Dates:

- Grant Round Open: Monday, January 10, 2022
- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 5:00 pm**
- Grant Review: Tuesday, April 19 and April 26, 2022

Local Government Grant Guidelines



Other Opportunities

Minnesota State Arts Board FY23 Operating Support Grant

The Minnesota State Arts Board has opened the first grant program for its fiscal year 2023 grant cycle (July 2022 – June 2023). Application materials and the online application portal are now available for the FY 2023 Operating Support grant program. Operating Support provides general support to high quality, established arts organizations that produce, present, or exhibit works of art; to organizations that provide a broad range of services to artists; and to community arts schools and conservatories that make arts learning available to Minnesotans of all ages and abilities.



Application deadline:

- **Friday, January 21, 2022, before 4:30 p.m**

MSAB Operating Support Information

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 Musicians](#)

The McKnight Fellowship for Musicians recognizes and supports mid-career musicians living and working in Minnesota who demonstrate a sustained level of accomplishment, commitment, artistic excellence, a distinctive musical voice, and a significant performing career over a period of time. Four \$25,000 Fellowships are available.

Application deadline:

- **Monday, January 24, 2022 at 3 pm CST**

[McKnight Fellowship for Book Artists](#)

The McKnight Fellowship for Book Artists recognizes and supports mid-career book artists living and working in Minnesota. The fellowship includes an unrestricted \$25,000 award alongside a range of career-building benefits. Two Fellowships are available.

Application deadline:

- **Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 12 pm CT**

[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

Chorus America Music Education Partnerships Grants

New Funding Opportunity for Music Education

Partnerships: Chorus America invites nonprofit organizations and schools to apply to the Music Education Partnerships Grants program. This new funding opportunity will award \$900,000+ in grants to support collaborations between community organizations and elementary, middle, or junior high schools during the 2022-23 school year. Applications are available now. Full guidelines and eligibility are available on Chorus America's website.



Application deadline:

- **Friday, January 28, 2022**

Chorus America's Website



LRAC Executive Director

Maxine Adams

Please contact the LRAC office for more information:
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LRAC4.org

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