



## LRAC Art Headlines



### LRAC News Brief

#### Minnesota's Vibrant Creative Community is in Crisis

Excerpts of an article printed in the Minnesota Reformer by Sheila Smith, Exec. Dir. of Minnesota Citizens for the Arts



Gathering people together in community for experiences and education is the lifeblood of the arts, and on or around March 15 the gatherings suddenly stopped. No plays in theaters, no art fairs or galleries where artists could sell their wares, no community arts classes, no singing choirs, all abruptly silenced.

It's not just that Minnesota's emergency orders prevented large gatherings, although that is a part of it. It is also the growing realization that we don't know when people will be comfortable coming back to Minnesota's 1900 theaters, galleries and museums again.

A **WolfBrown survey** found that only 14-20% of arts attendees are ready to go back as soon as it's legally allowed. Park Square Theater recently polled their audience and nearly 42% said they won't return until there is a vaccine.

Before COVID-19, the arts and culture were contributing over \$2 billion annually to Minnesota's economy. Minnesota's 108,000 artists and creative workers were contributing to Minnesota's vibrant economy in thousands of other ways as entrepreneurs and creative gig workers. That work too suddenly came to a halt in March, as many workers were notified that their contracts had been canceled.

#### How can you help?

**Urge congress to pass the relief bill for the arts sector** Buy tickets and try out new online offerings from your favorite arts organizations. Commission a painting, song or other work of art from your favorite artist, and contribute to **Springboard for the Arts' Artist Relief Fund**. Know that they will need your help to survive this crisis.

Maxine Adams  
Executive Director  
Lake Region Arts Council

[Click here to read full article](#)



### LRAC Staff Contact Information

## Reaching LRAC Staff During COVID 19

The LRAC staff will continue to work from home, but you may now reach us directly at our new cell phone numbers. We will also continue to take phone messages at our LRAC main office number: 218-739-5780.

**Rebecca Davis:** Administrative Assistant, Arts Mentorship Program Coordinator and Artist Cohort Program Coordinator may be reached at 218.517.9761

**Betsy Ostenson:** Grants Manager, may be reached at 218.517.9760.

To protect the health and safety of all participating, LRAC grant reviews and Board meetings will be held virtually using GoToMeeting as long as necessary. The Galleries and office will remain closed to the public.



## LRAC Artist Cohort Program

### Announcing the Six FY21 Artist Cohort Program Awardees!

#### LRAC FY21 Artist Cohort Participants

Lake Region Arts Council is pleased to announce this year's participants in our FY21 Artist Cohort:

**Michael Burgraff** - Ceramics - Fergus Falls  
**Kandace Creel Falcón** - Painting - Erhard  
**Jillayne Hanson** - Painting - Barrett  
**Carmen McCullough** - Mixed Media - Detroit Lakes  
**Kelli Sinner** - Ceramics - Moorhead  
**Nancy Valentine** - Painting - Fergus Falls

#### *Meet the New*



Participants were chosen to provide the group with diversity of artistic disciplines, geographic representation and commitment.

**Cohort artist's activities** include the following and are at no cost to the artist:

- \*One on one career coaching and goal setting
- \*Professional 1-2 minute video for self-promotion
- \*The Artist Spotlight, where artists are featured in the LRAC newsletter, Facebook, LRAC Artist Registry and LRAC Solo Gallery
- \*Reserved registration for the 12 session Work of Art series by Springboard for the Arts, that promotes career development
- \*How to create a professional Bio/Artist Statement workshop
- \*Components of a professional website workshop
- \*Grant writing workshop
- \*Grant proposal proofreading and editing
- \*Professionally photographed samples of their work
- \*Networking opportunities with other artists

**"This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through funding from the Lake Region Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage fund."**

[Click here for videos of former Artist Cohort participants](#)



## Featured Event

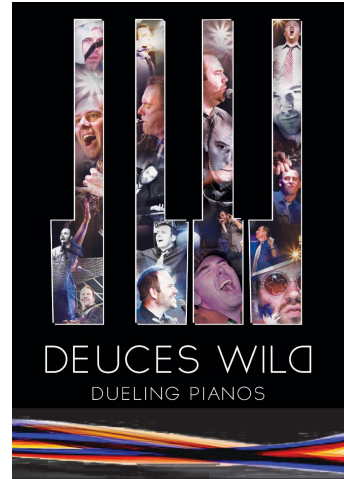
### "Deuces Wild - Dueling Pianos" @ A Center for the Arts

September 25, 2020 @ 7:30PM  
124 W Lincoln Ave  
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Individual Tickets On Sale July 1, 2020

Adults \$30  
Students \$10

Back by popular demand, Deuces Wild! Dueling Pianos fill theaters with loads of laughter and tons of interaction – making it the most unique, memorable and intimate theater experience you'll ever have! You'll be amazed by their full bodied range of music and genres, and entertained to no end by their performers who've been acting crazy together for over twelve years. Suitable for all ages, you're sure to have the time of your lives.



[Click here for A Center for the Arts Website](#)



## Featured Virtual Event

### Virtual Festival: "Riverfront Fine Arts Festival" from Northfield Arts Guild

September 12 & 13, 2020



From Saturday, September 12 through Sunday, September 13, 2020 the Guild's 2020 Virtual Riverfront Fine Arts Festival will feature a tremendous variety of local and regional artists offering their works for sale, accompanied by online artist interviews, art making demonstrations and studio tours.

The Guild's 2020 Virtual Festival will be accessible to visitors and shoppers through a dedicated web page that will include detailed artist profiles, links to participating artists' websites, and engaging videos, artist interviews and virtual studio tours. From the 2020 Virtual Festival dedicated web page, patrons will be directed to shop participating artists' online stores.

[Click here for more Festival Information](#)



## Featured Artist

### Lindsey Ann Ryding:

## Actress, Choreographer, Teacher & Arts Mentorship Program Mentor

Lindsey has been within the musical theater community for more than half of her life. In the last decade, she has choreographed over 25 different musicals—both full musicals as well as Junior adaptations. Her main focus is creating dance moves and effectively teaching them to individuals ranging in ages 9 through 50+. She has been the lead choreographer for the Andria Theatre's Student Theatre Program since 2012 and has also frequented community theatre productions, both plays and musicals, throughout the years. In addition to choreographing, teaching and participating in theatre, Lindsey is also an avid writer and enjoys writing both non-fiction and fictional stories as well as occasionally indulging in poetry.



## Featured 2020 Artist Cohort Winner

**Kelli Sinner:**  
**Ceramist, Papermaker, Foundation Design, Professor & 2020 Artist Cohort Recipient**



Kelli Sinner is currently a Professor of Ceramics at Minnesota State University Moorhead where she teaches ceramics, papermaking and foundation design. In 2015 she received MSUM's Excellence in Teaching Award.

Before moving to Minnesota, Kelli worked in New York City where she taught ceramics at Marymount College Manhattan, the 92nd Street Y, and the Educational Alliance. Kelli has completed artist residencies at the Zentrum fur Keramik in Berlin, Germany, and the Letterpress Residency at Penland School of Craft in Penland, North Carolina.

"Touching clay is about exploiting a moment that is soft, malleable, and full of potential. Touch reflects the thrill of living and the connectedness of the body with the mind. Completed ceramic forms become artifacts of contemporary society and a physical embodiment of time.

My art practice is diverse, and the materials and techniques I employ are project based. While clay is my primary medium, I also make paper, and create mixed media, interactive and utilitarian forms. The commonality of my work is that each piece is one of a kind. Every object I make represents an opportunity to solve a new problem, whether that problems is one of content, design, utility, or technique."

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



## LRAC Gallery Exhibits

### Main Gallery

LRAC galleries will be closed to the public until further notice.

### LRAC Solo Gallery

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## LRAC Grant Announcements

### LRAC Artist Quick Start Grant Six \$750 Grants to be Awarded

The Artist Quick Start Grant will be reviewed at the September Board meeting, Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

This meeting will be an online meeting, open to the public. To request an invitation to observed the grant review and business meeting, contact the office.



## LRAC Individual Grants

### LRAC Fall Legacy Individual Grant \$12,300 to be Awarded

Legacy Individual Grant is the "give back " grant which includes a public component requirement along with the artistic growth of the individual applicant.

#### Resources to Help You with the Application:

- [Grant Guidelines](#): Process and Procedures
- [Grant Instructions](#): Written Step by Steps
- [Grant Webinar](#): Audio Visual Step by Steps
- [Grant Tip Sheet](#): Highlights for beginners and returning applicants.



What to know more? We are here to help you! Contact the LRAC office to make an appointment to talk "one to one" about your potential project.

#### Legacy Individual Grant Important Dates:

- Grant Deadline: Thursday, October 1, 2020, 5:00 pm
- Grant Review: Tuesday, November 17, 2020 (**Presentations to Board**)
- Grant Start Date: After December 20, 2020 \*(contingent on available funds)



## LRAC Organization Grants

### LRAC Fall Project Grant for Arts Organizations \$12,870 to be Awarded\*

The LRAC Fall Project Grant is accepting applications from non profit arts organizations. Apply for up to \$3,000 per project. Multiple Project Grant applications are acceptable in this round with a maximum of \$5,000 awarded [er grantee each grant year.



### New This Year:

No 20% match requirement

Open to arts organizations only for Fall Project Grant round.

### Fall Project Grant Important Dates:

- **Grant Deadline**, Thursday, September 3, 2020, 5:00 pm
- **Grant Review**, Tuesday, October 20, 2020
- **Grant Start Date**, after November 21, 2020 (\*contingent on available funding)

## LRAC Fall Legacy Organization Grant

**\$49,300 to be Awarded\***

The LRAC Fall Legacy Organization Grant is accepting applications from non profit arts organizations.

- No Maximum and no Match requirement
- Support Artistic Programming and Education to provide Access to the Arts in the LRAC region.
- Open to Arts organizations only for the Fall Grant Round



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[Click Here to APPLY!](#)



## Other Opportunities

### MSAB Creative Support Grants

**Open to both Individuals and Organizations**

#### FY 2021 Creative Support for Individuals grant program

Application materials and application deadlines for this new grant program have been posted. Apply for \$2,000 to \$6,000 to fund your artistic pursuits in the coming year.

There will be one application deadline on **August 28** and one on **September 18**. Eligibility requirements, grant amounts, and application instructions are available on the [program page](#).



## **FY 2021 Creative Support for Organizations grant program**

Application materials and application deadlines for this new grant program have been posted. Apply for \$5,000 to \$15,000 to keep your arts organization up and running for the coming year.

There will be one application deadline on **August 24** and **one on September 11** . Eligibility requirements, grant amounts, and application instructions are available on the [program page](#).

**Individuals and Arts Organization in greater Minnesota, (LRAC region) are strongly encouraged to apply in this grant round. A designated pool of funding is earmarked for our geographic region.**

### MSAB Creative Support Grants



## LRAC Executive Director

**Maxine Adams**

Please contact the LRAC office for more information:  
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[LRAC4.org](http://LRAC4.org)

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