



LRAC Art Headlines



LRAC News Brief

Is your town interested in having a welcoming, vibrant and busy Main Street?

Check out our new Artists on Main Street Program

Deadline to apply Friday, October 7, 2022



The Lake Region Arts Council (LRAC) and West Central Initiative (WCI) are excited to announce a new opportunity for small towns in our region who are interested in building their capacity and experience in collaborating with their creative community. Cities must be located in Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse or Wilkin counties.

Artists on Main Street provides technical assistance, training, and financial support, to one town under 5,000 in population in west central Minnesota that wants to learn how to effectively collaborate with their creative community. Towns that are actively working on Downtown/Main Street revitalization and are interested in leveraging the talents of artists and creatives to build more vibrant and just rural economies, enhance civic life, and respond to challenges and opportunities are encouraged to apply.

Funding for the first year of this pilot project is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Lake Region Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage fund.

As always, if you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact us by email: LRAC4@LRACgrants.org or by phone 218.739.5780.

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[Click to Apply for Artists on Main Street Program](#)



FY23 LRAC Artist Cohort Applications are Open!

Does Your Arts Career Need a Boost?

**We're Looking For 6 Artists
Who Want To Advance Their Careers**

**All activities will be virtual via Zoom
(in-person/networking cohort gatherings will be optional)**



LRAC invites artists living in Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse and Wilkin counties to participate in LRAC's Artist Cohort Program. Applicants must be willing to work intensively for ten months on advancing their careers, and are expected to make a commitment to participate fully in all activities and opportunities.

Cohort activities and opportunities include:

*one-on-one career coaching & goal setting *professional photoshoot for headshot and photographs of your work *a professional 2 minute video for self-promotion *access to Springboard for the Arts' 12 session "Work of Art" series *Artist Statement & Bio tutorials *features in LRAC newsletter & Facebook *cohort show in LRAC Small Gallery *participation in LRAC "Talking Circles" hosted by experienced, professional artists *grant proposal proofreading and editing, **and more...**

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 5:00pm MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

Cohort participants announced Tuesday, September 27, 2022

The Artist Cohort Program begins Monday, October 3, 2022

[Click Here to Apply](#)



Featured Event #1

**"Tiny Beautiful Things"
presented by Fire Pit Productions**

Lakes Area Theatre
4133 Iowa St #108
Alexandria, MN

**Thursday, Friday & Saturday
September 8, 9, & 10, 2022
All shows begin at 7:00pm**

Fee: \$15

Based on the best-selling book by Cheryl Strayed and adapted for the stage by Nia Vardalos, *Tiny Beautiful Things* personifies the questions and answers that "Sugar" was publishing online from 2010-2012. When the struggling writer was asked to take over the unpaid, anonymous position of advice columnist, Strayed used empathy and her personal experiences to help those seeking guidance for obstacles both large and small. *Tiny Beautiful Things* is a play about reaching when you're stuck, healing when you're broken, and finding the courage to take on the questions which have no answers.



[Click here for Tickets](#)



Featured Event #2

Glendalough State Park presents: "Kristi Kuder - Fun with Eco-printing and Cyanotype"

Glendalough State Park
25287 Whitetail Ln.
Battle Lake, MN

State Park Pass Required

(Fergus Falls Library offers 7-day passes free)

Friday, September 16, 2022

10:00am - 4:00pm

Attendees will explore the use of natural materials such as leaves, berries, grasses, and other botanicals common to this region to create prints using ecoprinting and cyanotype techniques. In this fun hands-on class attendees will leave with beautiful prints for card-making or framing capturing the flora of Lakes Country.

Student Supply List: Students might wish to bring clippings of interesting shaped plants from their backyard such as ferns, maple, oak, & grape leaves, grasses, pine needles, and flowers.

Kristi Swee Kuder is a fiber and installation artist with a BS degree from Minnesota State University - Moorhead, MN. She has taught workshops and intensives throughout Minnesota and serves as a board member and chair of the Art of the Lakes in Battle Lake. Kristi is an alumnus of St. Catherine Women's Art Institute, an LRAC McKnight Fellow and multiple MSAB Artist Initiative Grant recipient. Ms. Kuder's works have been in solo and group exhibitions regionally, nationally, and internationally.



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



Featured Event #3

"Metal Arts Festival" at Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance (PRAC)

Stevens County Fairgrounds
177 Co Rd 22
Morris, MN

Saturday, September 24, 2022

Noon - 5:00pm



- Live Metalworks Auction
- Silent Art Auction
- LIVE MUSIC featuring Dave Herzog's Island Time Steel Drums Band (<http://www.islandsteeldrums.com/>)
- People's Choice Competition: Vote for your favorite sculptures, \$600 in cash prizes for the winning artists!
- Food and Refreshments
- Help us showcase two decades of arts accomplishments and support the artistry of local welders and metal workers!

The PRCA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to connect our community by creating spaces to experience the arts in Stevens County, including the operation of Prairie Art & Gifts, our gallery located in Morris, MN. All proceeds from the Metal Arts Festival will benefit the PRCA and its mission.



Featured Artist

Merodie "Mimi" Seykora: Potter & Arts Mentorship Program Mentor

Mimi Seykora graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a degree in Fine Art as well a Teaching Certificate. "I have always enjoyed having coffee/tea out of a beautifully made pottery piece you enjoy holding just as much as you enjoy what it contains." Mimi's goal is to create functional pieces, designed to add joy and delight to ones life. From handles that fit and feel good, to surfaces full of texture and visual appeal, working in clay allows her the opportunity to share this love with customers no matter if it is a small mug or a wedding fountain.

"I enjoy the parameters functional pottery challenges me with as much as I enjoy the freedom that comes with non-functional Raku, which is another side of my pottery experience. Still challenged by form, line, texture and shape as with functional pottery, Raku allows me to focus on the piece as it is and not how it functions. The exploration is limitless." With an education background, she enjoys teaching and helping people discover art.



LRAC Main Gallery

"Guest Juror, Tasha Kubesh Exhibit"

When: July 5- Sept. 30, 2022
Public Reception, Sept. 20, 5:30-7 pm
Art credit: "Peony" by Faith Mills



The LRAC Main Gallery is hosting an exhibit of of 23 pieces of art selected by guest juror, Tasha Kubesh.

Tasha Kubesh has over twenty years of experience working with contemporary visual artists and art in the Midwest region, specializing in the presentation of Modern American and regional Contemporary Art. Tasha has organized numerous exhibitions of emerging and well-established artists' work. She graduated from Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 2001, and studied at Parsons Paris School of Art and Design, Paris, France, and at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Guest Juror, Tasha Kubesh Exhibit will be open July 5 until Sept. 30th, 2022 in the LRAC Gallery at the historic River Inn, 133 S. Mill St., Fergus Falls, MN. A reception for the artists will be held Sept. 20th, 2022 from 5:30-7 pm at the LRAC Gallery. Public is invited.

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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 Website for the public to observe the proceedings.

- September 20, Artist Quick Start Grant Review
- October 18, Fall Project Grant Review
- November 15, Fall Legacy Grant Review



LRAC Grant Opportunities

LRAC Fall Legacy Grants For Individuals and Organizations

Individuals:

The Legacy Individual Grant provides up to \$8,000 to individual artists in the LRAC nine-county region, to increase Arts Access, Arts Learning and Arts and Cultural Heritage opportunities for all Minnesotans.

Organizations:

The Legacy Organization Grant provides funding to Arts Organizations (nonprofit), nonprofits with project that have Arts as the primary focus, local governments, and educational institutions in the LRAC nine-county region to increase Arts Access, Arts Learning and Arts and Cultural Heritage opportunities for all Minnesotans.

Legacy Grant Important Dates:

- Application available: August 22, 2022
- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 5:00 pm**
- Grant Review: Tuesday, November 15, 2022



[Individual Guidelines](#)

[Organization Guidelines](#)



Other Opportunities

Minnesota State Arts Board Grants

The Minnesota State Arts Board (MSAB) is a state agency that stimulates and encourages the creation, performance, and appreciation of the arts in the state. MSAB offers grants to eligible Minnesota residents and organizations. They currently have two grant opportunities available. Please click the grant name for more information.

[For Organizations: Creative Support for Organizations](#)

This grant program provides support to help organizations deliver arts programming and meaningfully engage their communities in a time of transition. While Creative Support grants are designed to be flexible and allow for adaptable responses to unexpected changes during the grant period, applicants will be asked to align their activities with one of three program outcomes that address the intent of the legacy amendment and the Arts Board's goals.



Application deadline:

- **Friday, September 9, 2022, before 4:30 p.m**

[MCAD–Jerome Fellowships for Early Career Artists](#)

An independent jury of three arts professionals competitively awards four grants of \$12,000 each to early career Minnesota artists. Fellowships may be used to purchase materials, cover the production costs of new artwork, and supplement living or travel costs.

During the fellowship year, each artist receives three studio visits from professional critics, access to MCAD facilities, a culminating exhibition at the MCAD Gallery, a catalog with a critical essay on each artist's work, and the opportunity to partake in a public panel discussion.



Application deadline:

- **Friday, September 16, 2022 at noon**

[Forecast Mid-Career Project Grants](#)

Five grants, \$10,000 each to be awarded. This grant supports the creation of new, publicly accessible, temporary or permanent artwork anywhere in the state of Minnesota by a Minnesota-based mid-career public artist. Projects may be in any form or discipline, including performance, dance, storytelling, photography, film, sculpture, painting, and more.



Application deadline:

- **Monday, October 3, 2022**

[Arts Midwest - Gig Fund Grant](#)

Arts Midwest's Grow, Invest, Gather (GIG) Fund provides a flexible grant of \$4,000 that helps organizations bring artists into their community. This funding is available to organizations looking to present two highly engaging activities featuring a professional artist. Additional funds are available for projects that present US-based Indigenous performing artists. Funded projects must occur between

January – June 2023. Nonprofit organizations, tribal communities, and local governments located in Minnesota and North Dakota, South Dakota, and the Native nations that share this geography are eligible to apply.



Application deadline:

- **Wednesday, October 5, 2022**

[2023 McKnight Fellowship for Fiber Artists](#)

The intent of the McKnight Fellowships for Fiber Artists is to recognize and support talented Minnesota fiber and textile artists whose work is of exceptional artistic and cultural merit, who have created a significant body of work over a period of at least 8 years, representing a sustained investigation and maturation of personal creativity, accomplishment, and commitment to the field of fiber art and Minnesota's arts ecosystem.



Application deadline:

- **Monday, October 10, 2022 at 11:59 PM**

USArtists International Application

USArtists International supports in-person and virtual performances by American artists at engagements at international festivals and global presenting arts marketplaces outside of the United States. The program funds individuals and ensembles across all performing arts practices and disciplines.

USAI provides grants of up to \$18,000 toward eligible expenses; please reference the guidelines for further detail.



Application deadlines:

- **November 30, 2022 by 11:59 PM Eastern**

For projects taking place between March 15, 2023 and March 14, 2024.

Certification sheets and letters of invitation are due by December 7, 2022.



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