



## LRAC Art Headlines



### LRAC News Brief

#### For All LRAC Arts Organizations Free Webinar: Arts Going Virtual

June 4, 2020, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Virtual Live/Online

This event is co-sponsored by Lake Region Arts Council and MN Council of Non Profits.

Let's discuss how nonprofits can respond to these challenging times through alternative forms of arts presentation.



For the time being, social distancing is vital. Public gatherings or events have been postponed or cancelled. The Minnesota's arts and creative sector are being tested and challenged as never before. This webinar will give you an opportunity to hear how other organizations are coping.

The Greater Minnesota Virtual Networking events are designed to keep us connected across the state. Each of the networking events will have a short presentation (10-20 minutes) along with plenty of time for networking and discussion on the designated topic. Bring your questions and expertise on arts going virtual! With our cameras and microphones on, we can stay connected, learn, and support one another.

[Click here to register for the Webinar](#)



### 2020 Arts Mentorship Program Announcement: Mentorship postponed until Next Summer/2021

Tuesday evening, April 14, 2020, Maxine Adams, Executive Director of Lake Region Arts Council/LRAC presented the LRAC Board members with feedback from Arts Mentorship Program scholarship recipients, Program mentors and LRAC staff. After reviewing this information, and in light of the most recent developments with the Coronavirus Pandemic, the LRAC Board decided it is in the best interest of both students and mentors that this year's Arts Mentorship Program not move forward with an online option. Instead, they voted to postpone the mentorship until next summer 2021 in order to provide a

comprehensive and successful mentorship experience by utilizing our signature “one-on-one” in person format. The postponement until next year is contingent upon the status of the Coronavirus Pandemic and any "stay at home" instructions at that point in time.

We did not come to this decision lightly. First consideration was given to answers from a Mentorship Survey, where the vast majority of students, although willing to do the mentorship online, (‘troopers’ that they are! ) expressed their preference to wait until next summer to work with their mentors, who agree with this strategy. We also took into consideration the information and direction given to us by President Trump’s Coronavirus Task Force.

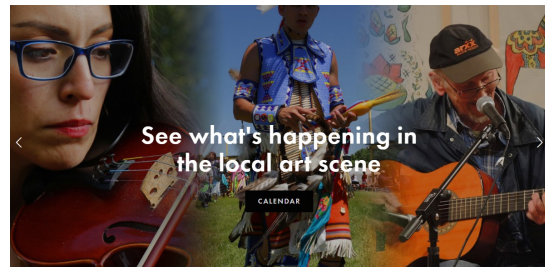
It is an honor and privilege for LRAC to provide both students and mentors with an Arts Mentorship Program experience. Our nation needs the gifts, talent and artistic contributions of students and professional artists alike - more than ever!



## Virtual and Online Activities and Events

**Find Them On the LRAC Arts Calendar:**  
**Links to Virtual Tours and Online activities!**

Visit the LRAC Arts Calendar for access to virtual gallery tours or participate in virtual/online classes and workshops!



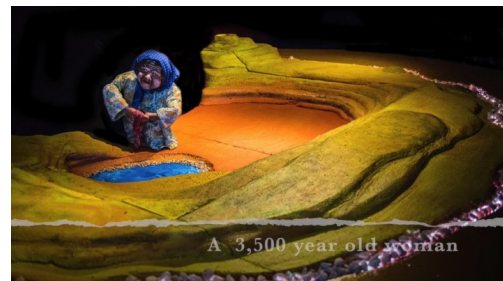
[Click here to visit the LRAC Arts Calendar](#)



## Featured Virtual Event

**"Through the Narrows":  
Presented by Z Puppets  
Rosenschnoz**

A 3500 year-old Jewish woman recounts her crossing of the Red Sea as a 6-year-old Cherokee boy bears witness to the Trail of Tears. Together, they fill in parts of history that often go missing.



With the music by Greg Herriges, slide across centuries and continents to travel the rich emotional landscape from struggle to triumph. Directed by artist/activist Laurie Witzkowski and featuring images of the puppets, by photographer Bruce Silcox, puppetry artists Shari Aronson and Chris Griffith (Cherokee tribal member) weave a story inspired by their own ancestries.

[Click Here to Register](#)

## Featured Artist

### Michael Burgraff: Potter & Artist Extraordinaire

Michael Burgraff, potter, painter, actor, set & lighting designer, woodworker, poet, music lover, teacher and director knew he was destined to be a creative being from an early age. “I guess I have always had and needed a creative outlet.”



He began coloring with crayons as a child with his mother, who was also a talented artist, and continued taking art classes through high school. In college he became immersed in theater. He says “Theater is an intensive art form, especially when taking acting, lighting, set construction, painting and so much more.”

He also discovered his interest in ceramics while attending college. “People were at the wheels with their arms deep in clay, music playing, all creating the assignment but with this incredible independence and individuality of form and style.” However, as much as he enjoyed learning about ceramics, it was just a distraction for him, and he continued to be consumed with his life in the theater.

Then Burgraff left college to go on a national theater tour and two decades passed without him ‘throwing’ a single pot. But shortly after his arrival in Fergus Falls, Burgraff met Lori Charest, Ceramics Instructor at MN State/FF who “lit the fire” for good. “It was no longer a distraction. I wanted to become a potter. I wanted to create ceramics. I purchased some equipment from a person leaving Fergus Falls, received a grant from LRAC and set up my own home studio. Now I enjoy time in the corner of my basement creating and listening to jazz.”

As Executive Director of A Center for the Arts in Fergus Falls, Michael continues to create pottery and develop his skills. “I am still working on that perfect cylinder. I play my Native American style flutes at night on the deck in the dark, design and build sets for theatre, take pictures with my camera, paint, write poetry and enjoy my pottery time. I truly would be lost without the arts in my life.”

[Click here for Burgraff Facebook Page](#)

## LRAC Gallery Exhibits

### Main Gallery

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

### LRAC Solo Gallery

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



[Click here to see the LRAC Artist Registry](#)



## LRAC Grant Announcements

### LRAC New Grant Calendar

Starting July 2020

LRAC announces the start of the next grant year beginning July 2020.



#### Here are a few highlights:

- **New** Deadline Day: **THURSDAY at 5:00 pm**
- **New** Written Grant Instructions for first time applicants.
- **New** Recorded Grant Writing Webinars, no live trainings.

Now's the time to start planning your grant application. Looking ahead to these deadlines:

- **August 6;** Artist Quick Start Grant (individuals)
- **September 3;** Fall Project Grant (organizations)
- **October 1;** Fall Legacy Grant (individuals & organizations)

LRAC New Grant Calendar



## LRAC Legacy Grants

### LRAC Spring Legacy Grants

Here's the full announcement for the Spring Legacy Grant Review!

- 1 Legacy Local Government Grant, \$10,000
- 2 Legacy Individual Grants, \$24,750
- 13 Legacy Organization Grants \$121,063



LRAC Spring Legacy Grant Announcement



## LRAC Individual Grants

### LRAC Career Development Grant -

Watch for the announcement in the July Newsletter.



### LRAC Fellowship Grant -

And the Fellowship Grant is Awarded to...

**\$5,000 will be awarded to one** individual in the music or visual arts disciplines.

- Grant Review is June 16, 2020
- Start Date is after July 1, 2020

**Watch for the announcement in the July Newsletter!**



## **Other Opportunities**

### **Minnesota Council for Nonprofits E-Learning Events**



#### **Nonprofit Personnel Strategies Beyond PPP: Where Finance and HR Meet - Virtual Training**

Many nonprofits have taken advantage of the much needed Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans and forgiveness. Unfortunately for some nonprofits, the financial relief of PPP is only temporary. This session focuses on personnel strategies and related financial effects for nonprofits who are faced with ongoing questions about service continuity, cost reduction, possible layoffs, program closures, and organizational survival. Join us as we consider various approaches to staffing as we manage through the fallout of the pandemic and look forward to gradual reopening.

How does your organization instill its values into hard choices about personnel cost reduction, decisions about who gets furloughed or has hours reduced, and if and how and when to bring your staff back together? Join us in a full discussion of where finance and human resources meet under difficult circumstances.

**Tuesday, June 09, 2020, 11:00 AM - 01:00 PM**

Virtual Live/Online

Fee: \$45 for MCN member / \$65 for nonmembers

[Register for the MCN Webinar](#)



### **LRAC Executive Director**

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