



## LRAC Art Headlines



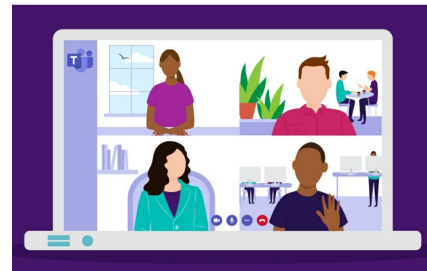
### LRAC News Brief

#### Public Review of LRAC FY22-23 Biennial Plan

The Lake Region Arts Council solicits reaction to its preliminary biennial plan before it is approved and submitted to the Arts Board.

The public is invited to hear and provide feedback on the FY22-23 LRAC Biennial Plan at the March 16, 2021 business meeting, which will start at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held virtually by GoToMeeting. The public may join the meeting by contacting the LRAC office, email: [LRAC4@LRACgrants.org](mailto:LRAC4@LRACgrants.org), or call 218.739.5780.

#### Public Reaction Sought



#### LRAC Biennial Plan FY22-23

The Biennial plan will outline how LRAC will prioritize our resources for the next two years. The plan's goals and outcomes are based on the feedback we received from over 170 responses to our Needs Assessment Survey, in-person interviews with regional artists and arts organizations, and statewide data related to the impact of COVID 19 on the arts.

Maxine Adams  
Executive Director  
Lake Region Arts Council

[Click here to view LRAC Biennial Plan FY22-23](#)



### Artist Opportunities

**Call to Artists:  
Horizontal Grandeur  
Exhibition  
@ The Stevens County  
History Museum**



It is our great pleasure to announce the Call to Artists for our annual Horizontal Grandeur juried art exhibition at the Stevens County History Museum in Morris, Minnesota. The exhibit will run from June 17 – November 12, 2021, and we are now accepting submissions. Please see the attached Call to Artists for specific dates and deadlines.

Any artist residing in a US state or Canadian province with a prairie can enter their original work. Artists of all ages are welcome to submit their work. All genres will be considered, from painting to photography to sculpture – anything inspired by the prairie and made by you! Original pieces only. The entry fee is \$7.00 per piece with a maximum of six entries. For more information, visit [www.stevenshistorymuseum.com/horizontal-grandeur](http://www.stevenshistorymuseum.com/horizontal-grandeur), email [grandeur@stevenshistorymuseum.com](mailto:grandeur@stevenshistorymuseum.com), or call 320-589-1719.

**The deadline to submit electronic images is Friday, April 30, 2021, at 11:59 pm.**

We encourage you to like and follow Horizontal Grandeur on Facebook!

We look forward to seeing your work!

[Click here for more information](#)



## Featured Arts Mentorship Program Mentor

**Molly Johnston:**  
**Dancer, Teacher, Choreographer &  
Arts Mentorship Program Mentor**

Molly Johnston is a dancer, teacher, choreographer, screendancer, and co-founder of DanceBARN Collective. Her roots lie in Minnesota, but dance has taken her from the land of 10,000 lakes to Philadelphia, PA (BFA, University of the Arts), Eugene, OR (MFA, University of Oregon) and back to Minnesota where she worked as Zenon Dance Company and School's school coordinator before moving to rural Minnesota to pursue her passion for creating dance in rural communities.



Since making the big move to small town Minnesota, Molly has cohosted the annual DanceBARN Festival and curated many other events, classes, and workshops in the region. Molly resides on Silver Lake in Battle Lake, MN with her husband and two sons and is excited about continuing the collective effort of creating professionally charged dance in the community she loves.

[Click here for the DanceBARN Collective Website](#)



## Featured Event

**The FMVA BIG Art Exhibition:**  
**At The Hjemkomst Center**  
**March 15 - May 16, 2021**

For two months each spring, the work of the Fargo Moorhead Visual Artists fills our 4th Floor Gallery at the Hjemkomst Center. The pieces come from art educators, emerging artists, and established artists from right here in the Red River Valley. The group regularly includes ceramicists, glassblowers, photographers, videographers, illustrators, sculptors, painters, and



woodcarvers — and many of these folks also serve the community as our local teachers, professors, graphic designers, writers, welders, farmers, bartenders, and students. Their work offers one of the largest and most comprehensive local art shows in the region. Each piece is identified with artist statements and each year brings new themes, media, and artists. The FMVA BIG Art Exhibition is the place to see local art in Fargo-Moorhead.

The FMVA Big Art Exhibition is a collaboration between the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County and the Fargo Moorhead Visual Artists.

[Click here for more information](#)



## Featured Artist

### Jenny Field: Visual Artist Painter - Acrylics and Oil

"I cannot recall a time in my life when I wasn't creating art or planning to create art. I remember being enthralled with the beautifully perfect colorful chaos of nature at a very young age. Inspired and moved by such artists as Kahlo, O'Keefe, Van Gogh, and Klimt, (to name a few), I knew that in this lifetime my primary need and goal was to create art.



My artistic style and technique has gone through several transformations. I am not confined to one concrete style and never wish to be. The current direction of my work is experimental expression through painting with acrylics and oil paints, using vivid saturated color and deeply textural surfaces.

Although my works are created to individually stand on their own as bright subjects of contemplation and symbolism, my goal is to consistently have my work viewed as a colorful, approachable, and relatable experience for the viewer. It continues to be my entire heart and undeniable desire to keep creating art and sharing it with the public."

***"Creating has been like breathing for me my entire life. My voice. My Strength. My life line. My catharsis in color, line, and movement."***



## LRAC Gallery Exhibits

### The LRAC Galleries will try something different in March

March 1-31, 2021, we will be hosting the annual 6A High School Art Competition. Although the Gallery space will not be open to the public, LRAC will be producing a video of the exhibit which will be available on the LRAC website and Facebook page. If the virtual exhibit proves to be popular, LRAC will consider adding the virtual format to our Gallery exhibits when we reopen to the public.



But for now, the public is welcome to view this exceptional display of talent from the region's high school art students, online or by taking a peek in our LRAC Gallery windows

The LRAC Galleries will remain closed to the general public until further notice.



## LRAC Grant Announcements

### 2021 LRAC Operating Support Grant

#### 14 Arts Organizations Awarded \$56,630 for 2021!

The LRAC Board reviewed 14 grants at their February Board meeting. Fortunately, there were sufficient funds to award all applying organizations full funding.



This will go a long way to maintain quality arts programming in 2021 while art organizations rebuild their programming and reach their audience base in the coming months.

If possible, LRAC encourages everyone to support our local arts organizations either virtually or, hopefully, in person this year.

[Read the 2021 Operating Support Announcement](#)



## LRAC Individual Grants

### LRAC Individual Grant Opportunities More Funding in the Career Development Grant!!

#### Time to wrap up your Spring Legacy Grant:

\$30,891 to be awarded,  
Increasing access to the Arts for the public and expanding artistic careers

- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 5:00 pm**
- Grant Review: Tuesday, April 20, 2021
- Grant Start Date: After May 21, 2021



#### LRAC Board approves more funding this year: **\$12,200 to be awarded** **\$5,000 was added to the total available funds for this year's grant round.**

**Career Development Grant:** up to \$1,200 per grant, to expand your work

- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 5:00 pm**
- Grant Review: Tuesday, May 18, 2021
- Grant Start Date: After June 19, 2021

#### Will 2021 be your year? Apply for the Fellowship Grant!

**Fellowship Grant-Literary and Performance Arts:** one \$5,000 award

- **Grant Round Opens: Monday, March 15, 2021**
- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 5:00 pm**
- Grant Review: Tuesday, June 15, 2021
- Grant Start Date: After July 1, 2021



# LRAC Organization Grants

## LRAC Spring Project Grant

Watch for the **Spring Project Grant Announcement** in the April 2021 ArtsNews newsletter.

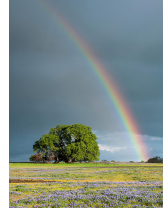


### 2021 Spring Project Grant Important Dates:

- Grant Review: Tuesday, March 16, 2021
- Grant Start Date: After April 17, 2021

## LRAC Spring Legacy Grant

**The Clock is Ticking, time to wrap up your applications!  
\$132,600 to be awarded**



The deadline is coming up this week. It's time to submit your Spring Legacy Grant Applications.

**New this year:** All applicants may present to the LRAC Board at the April Grant Review. Make your selection to present when completing your application, (even if your request is less than \$10,000). Then watch for your scheduled presentation time for the April Grant Review. Why not pitch your project?!

### 2021 Spring Legacy Grant Important Dates:

- **Grant Deadline: Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 5:00 pm**
- Grant Review: **Tuesday, April 20, 2021 (presentation night)**
- Grant Start Date: After May 21, 2021

[Click Here for LRAC online grant website](#)



## Other Opportunities

### More McKnight Fellowships are Accepting Applications!

Each year, the McKnight Foundation offers a wide range of Fellowships, awarding \$25,000 grants to individuals. Each program is managed by the non profit organization that specializes in the each discipline.



Currently, there are fourteen different McKnight Fellowship programs with applications deadlines cycling through out the coming year.

[Click here to learn more about the McKnight Fellowships](#)

## FilmNorth Media Artists



The goal of the McKnight Artist Fellowships for Media Artists program is to identify talented Minnesota media artists whose work is of exceptional artistic merit and who are at a career stage beyond emerging. The fellowship program supports established artists by providing significant financial assistance, by creating opportunities to meet with local and national art professionals, by organizing a public discussion panel featuring the fellows, by providing assistance to attend a professional conference in New York or Los Angeles, and



by offering four free classes through FilmNorth during the fellowship year.

For questions about the fellowships or the application process, contact Eric Mueller, Program Administrator, FilmNorth, 651-644-1912, emueller@myfilmmnorth.org.

**Application Deadline is March 15, 2021.**

[Click here to learn more from Film North](#)

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## Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD) Visual Artists



The goal of the McKnight Visual Artist Fellowships program is to identify talented Minnesota visual artists whose work is of exceptional artistic merit and who are at a career stage that is beyond early career.

The fellowship program supports established artists by providing significant financial assistance, by creating opportunities to meet with local and national art professionals, by organizing a McKnight Discussion Series featuring the fellows and invited critics, and by working with the fellows to create an individualized professional development plan.

The next application cycle will open on January 29, 2021 and **close on March 26, 2021 at noon.**

[Click here to learn more from MCAD](#)

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## Playwrights' Center Theatre Artists



The McKnight Theater Artist Fellowships at the Playwrights' Center recognize theater artists other than playwrights. The Theater Artist Fellowship is open to actors, directors, dramaturgs, stage managers, and theatrical designers (including puppetry). It is also open to those choreographers and composers whose main body of work is in theatre.

The intent of the program is to recognize and support mid-career artists living and working in Minnesota who demonstrate a sustained level of accomplishment, commitment, and artistic excellence. The \$25,000 fellowships are intended to significantly advance recipients' art and careers.

**NOTE:** Advance notification of intent to apply is strongly encouraged (but not required). *Please click on the link below to read this year's special note about the application process due to the impact of the COVID19 Pandemic.*

The application deadline is **April 15, 2021.**

[Click here to learn more from PWC](#)

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## American Composers Forum Composers



The American Composers Forum encourages applicants from the full range of musical styles, and is committed to supporting a diverse pool of artists who demonstrate compelling artistic work. The intent of this program is to recognize and support mid-career

artists living and working in Minnesota who demonstrate a sustained level of accomplishment, commitment, and artistic excellence.

- Four fellowships of \$25,000 in unrestricted funds will be awarded. Awards are subject to state and federal income tax guidelines.
- Fellows also have an opportunity to attend an artist residency program coordinated by the Alliance of Artist Communities within two years of the fellowship program.
- Fellows will have an opportunity to present their work in the Second McKnight Composer Fellowship Biennial scheduled to take place in 2023. Each of the 2020 & 2021 McKnight Composer Fellows will be provided a budget up to \$2,000 to hire musicians and/or defray the cost for the presentation of their work. These funds will go directly to the hired artists or production cost specifically for the Fellow's programmed work. ACF's Vice President of Artist Services in consultation with the 2020 & 2021 Composer Fellows will hire all musicians and coordinate the production of the McKnight Composer Fellowship Biennial.
- Consultation, time, and resources from the ACF.
- Consultation, time, and resources from Springboard for the Arts

**Application Deadline is April 19, 2021, 11:59 pm.**

[Click here to learn more from the ACF](#)



## LRAC Executive Director

**Maxine Adams**

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