April Showers Bring May Flowers and So Much More! Spend an evening enjoying a play, dinner theater, poetry readings and more. April brings an array of fun events and productions combined with art classes and music.

The Retirement Learning Center & Stage North Theatre Company Presents 'Stepping Out'

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, April 4th, 5th and 6th at 7:30 p.m.
April 7th at 2:00 p.m.
1001 Kingwood St., Brainerd, MN, 56401

Stepping Out is a comedy about the attempts of some working-class amateurs to overcome their inhibitions, and left feet, in a low-rent theater space in northern Minnesota. Mavis, a former professional chorus girl tries her hardest to teach the bumbling amateurs some tap steps before an upcoming recital. But before the dancing begins, Mavis must mediate the minor dramas that erupt among this motley, but lovable crew on their way to triumph at their recital. Award winning actress Liza Minnelli starred as Mavis in the popular film in 1984.
New York Mills Regional Cultural Center Presents Comedian C. Willi Myles

Friday, April 5, 2019 | 8:00 p.m.
New York Mills Regional Cultural Center
24 Main Avenue North | New York Mills
Tickets are $10 for students, $15 advanced, or $18 at the door.

A veteran performer and an extremely funny guy, C. Willi Myles has the gift of connecting people with each other through humor. After surviving his childhood growing up with nine sisters and one brother in Alabama, Willi moved to Minnesota to attend college and play football. With his stories about growing up in the south and acclimating to the cold of Minnesota, Willi tells extremely funny non-offensive stories and jokes and gives a unique spin to life's everyday challenges by applying humor to them. Light snacks and cash bar available. Recommended for ages 16+. Call 218-385-3339 with any questions and to purchase advance tickets.

Heartland Symphony Orchestra Presents The Joy of Youth Spring Concert

Saturday, April 6, 2019 | 7:30 p.m.
Charles D. Martin Auditorium
Little Falls Community High School
1001 5th Avenue SE, Little Falls

Sunday, April 7, 2019 | 2:30 p.m.
Tornstrom Auditorium
804 Oak Street, Brainerd

Join the Heartland Symphony Orchestra for their spring concert: The Joy of Youth. The HSO will be performing under the direction of Alexander Corbett. "Conductor Chats"
Great River Arts Spring Dinner Theater Presents: Harvey

Great River Arts
122 1st Street S.E.
Little Falls, MN 56345

Showtimes:
Thursday April 4th | 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Friday April 5th | 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Saturday April 6th | 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Sunday April 7th | 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday April 11th | 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Friday April 12th | 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Saturday April 13th | 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Sunday April 14th | 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Important times for Dinner Theater:
Doors & Drinks start at 5:00 p.m.
Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.
Performance at 7:00 p.m.

Important times for Sunday Matinees:
Doors: 1:00 p.m.
Show: 2:00 p.m.
Coffee & dessert served at intermission
Matinee General Admission - $20

Elwood P. Dowd is a kind man who has an unusual best friend whom Elwood describes as a six-foot, three-and-one-half-inch tall anthropomorphic rabbit called Harvey. Elwood introduces everyone to his unseen (presumably imaginary) friend but when his social-climbing sister, Veta starts to find Elwood's behavior embarrassing. She decides to have Elwood committed to a sanitarium. But when they arrive at the sanitarium, comedic error occurs and Veta is mistakenly committed instead of Elwood. Discover the story of accepting the people we love, just as they are. - Harvey by Mary Chase

Catered by the A.T. The Black & White Restaurant:
The menu features: Spinach goat cheese salad with fresh berries, almonds and a citrus vinaigrette. Creamy vegetable Alfredo pasta or pasta with a marinara meat
sauce (ground beef and Italian sausage), garlic bread sticks and for dessert, a chocolate molten cake topped with a fresh strawberry.

**Cost:**
Dinner Theater General Admission - $40
Tables may be reserved for groups of 8. For our records, we request that the table price of $320 be paid in full at the time of reservation.

Purchase tickets at [www.greatart.org](http://www.greatart.org) or by calling 320.632.0960.

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**The Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota Presents 'Wanting Memories: Worldwide Songs of the Journey Called Life**

**Friday, April 12th | 7:30 p.m.**
Cascade United Methodist Church, Deerwood

**Saturday April 13th | 7:30 p.m.**
Holy Cross Catholic Church, Onamia

**Sunday April 14th | 3:30 p.m.**
Tornstrom Auditorium, Brainerd

About "Wanting Memories, Worldwide Songs of the Journey Called Life" ....

"I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me to see the beauty in the world through my own eyes." These words, written by American composer Ysaye Barnwell for her now-famous piece, inspired the theme for The Legacy Chorale’s Spring 2019 Concert Series. Songs that lead us from despair to hope, doubt to faith, and hatred to love comprise a program filled with inspirational melodies from around the globe, including: "Spiritual," also written by Barnwell; a Swahili adaptation of The Lord's Prayer entitled "Baba Yetu" (from the Video Game Civilization IV); an exciting choral arrangement of Carly Simon’s hit, "Let the River Run;" "Famine Song," which features body percussion that mimics the sounds of rain; Leonard Cohen’s beautiful "Hallelujah;" and many more, including folk songs and spirituals.

**Free will donations accepted at the door and/or on their website at [https://legacychorale.org/contribute/](http://https://legacychorale.org/contribute/)**

For more information please visit The Legacy Chorale of Greater Minnesota's website at: [www.legacychorale.org/events](http://www.legacychorale.org/events) OR contact Anne McMahon by email at admin@legacychorale.org or by phone at 218-270-8212.
Central Lakes Community Preforming Arts Center Presents George Winston Solo Piano Concert

Friday, April 12th | 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Central Lakes College Chalberg Theatre
501 West College Drive, Brainerd

Spend an evening with celebrated solo pianist George Winston while supporting the Central Lakes College (CLC) Student Food Shelf. The Central Lakes Community Preforming Arts Center is partnering with the Student Food Shelf and asks that attendees bring a donation of canned food to the concert.

George Winston grew up mainly in Montana and also spent his later formative years in Mississippi and Florida. During this time, his favorite music was instrumental rock and instrumental R&B, including Floyd Cramer, the Ventures, Booker T & The MG’s, Jimmy Smith, and many more. Inspired by R&B, jazz, blues, and rock (especially The Doors), George began playing the organ in 1967. In 1971 he switched to the acoustic piano after hearing recordings from the 1920s and the 1930s by the legendary stride pianists Thomas ”Fats” Waller and the late Teddy Wilson. In addition to working on stride piano, he also at this time came up with his own style of melodic instrumental music on solo piano, called Folk Piano. Find out more at www.GeorgeWinston.com.

Tickets: $25 Adult / $18 Under 18 * Service fees apply to online ticket purchases. MPR members receive a $2/adult ticket discount.

To purchase, call 218-855-8199 or visit www.clcperformingarts.com

Long Prairie Chamber Orchestra Presents Water Songs

Saturday, April 13th | 7:30 p.m.
Long Prairie Grey Eagle Secondary School
Free Will Donations Accepted to support the continuation of orchestral music in Long Prairie.

Free Art Second Saturdays at Great River Arts

Saturday April 13th | 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Great River Arts
122 1st Street S.E.
Little Falls, MN

Free Art 2nd Saturdays area a great way to explore art topics and feed your child’s creativity. On the second Saturday of each month, students will create a fun, free art project. Space is limited, so call or stop in to reserve your child’s space. Register by Calling: 320.632.0960.

An Open Book in Wadena:
Book Ends Featuring Kathleen Novak

Saturday, April 14th | 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
The Uptown
224 Jefferson Street
Wadena, MN 56482

Kathleen Novak is a poet and writer who grew up on the iron mining range of northern Minnesota, the granddaughter of Italian and Croatian immigrants. A graduate of the University of Minnesota, she has worked as an English
teacher, independent marketing consultant and freelance writer. Her poems have been published in small literary magazines nationally. She has published two novels set in the iron range of Minnesota; Do Not Find Me "a taut and beguiling meditation on love, loss, secrets, and silences" (Kirkus Reviews) and Rare Birds a luscious paean of a particular place and time interweaving the stories of these odd and dear characters, who could not have guessed they would be so well remembered.

Book Ends is a monthly program connecting writers with readers. On second Saturdays, we invite an author to be interviewed, read a short portion of his/her book, answer questions from the floor, and autograph/sell books.

Fashion Trashion Runway Show

Runway Event April 18th | 7:30 p.m.
Great River Arts
122 1st Street S.E.
Little Falls, MN 56345

Fashion Trashion is a runway fashion and costume event in celebration of Earth Day! Students will spend two weeks creating costumes and outfits from re-purposed trash materials (we even have workshops to help out!) and show them off on our runway.

To get involved or register for the Fashion Trashion workshops, contact Great River Arts at 320-632-0960.

RUNWAY READY! FASHION TRASHION WORKSHOP (5TH GRADE AND UP)

Saturday, April 6th | 1:00 p.m - 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 13th | 1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m.
Cost: $32

RUNWAY READY! FASHION TRASHION WORKSHOP (K-4TH)

Saturday, April 13th | 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Wednesday, April 17th | Optional Studio
Time 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Cost: $17
Purchase Tickets: [http://greatart.org/youth](http://greatart.org/youth)

### The Crossing Arts Alliance Second Saturday

**Saturday, April 13th | Youth Art Classes**  
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
**The Crossing Arts Alliance**  
711 Laurel Street, Brainerd

Kids will be creating fun watercolor paintings with instructor Michelle Pfeiffer.

At 10:00 a.m. meet the featured Member Artist, Patricia Lintner. A self-taught artist for 45 years, Patricia found her passion of art at an early age. She finds her inspiration from visualizing colors and how they play together in varying arrangements. She has a diverse portfolio that covers abstract acrylic paintings, oil and cold wax, mixed media collage, and soft pastel portrait drawings. View some of her interesting pieces on display, talk with her, and learn more about the process for creating her artwork.

From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. everyone is invited to view the gallery - the current exhibition, "Young At Art" will be on display. This annual exhibit features the work of students from local schools. The gallery displays are floor to ceiling color and exploration and one of our most well-received shows of the year.
Greater Lakes Area Performing Arts
Presents Elisa Korenne

Saturday, April 13th | 7:30 p.m.
Pequot Lakes High School
30805 Olson Street
Pequot Lakes, MN

Singer-songwriter and author Elisa Korenne writes intimately introspective songs and prose about her pathways, and the pathways of fringe figures in history. What binds these disparate life journeys is a profound and poetic sensitivity for the human condition. Elisa has performed both nationally and internationally. Her resume includes a variety of performing contexts, from singer-songwriter establishments to theatrical venues where she performs story-and-song concerts based on her character-study compositions.
Central Lakes Area Performing Arts Center Presents
Film Neither Wolf Nor Dog

Tuesday, April 16th | 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Central Lakes Community Performing Arts Center
501 West College Drive
Brainerd, MN

Witness a stunning, landmark performance from Lakota Elder, Dave Bald Eagle, who passed on after filming aged 97. Many would consider it to be one of the most important Native American films ever made. Purchase tickets at: www.clcperformingarts.com

Wadena County Historical Society Presents Minnesota Voices

Saturday, April 18th | 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Wadena County Historical Society
603 Jefferson Street North
Wadena, MN

Minnesota Voices is a free program featuring Minnesota writers and their work. To celebrate National Poetry Month, a panel of poets are chosen to read their original work.

Wadena County Historical Society Spring Legacy ~ Patrick Scully as Walt Whitman ~ Leaves of Grass

Thursday, April 18th | 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Robertson Theater
223 Jefferson Street South
Wadena, MN

This solo performance by Patrick Scully summons the spirit of one of America's greatest poets. Now approaching Whitman's 200th birthday (May 31, 2019) Whitman is also an important artist for this era; a poet who loved America, and used his writing to strategically transform what he believed needed to be changed. "Leaves of Grass -- Illuminated" reflects Whitman's Utopian dreams as well as his 19th-Century tribulations and presents fascinating aspects of Whitman's life, times, and work.

FWAC Seeking Representatives from Cass and Todd Counties

Are you interested in helping people have access to arts experiences in our region?
That’s exactly what members of the Five Wings Arts Council board of directors do as representatives of their home county and you might be a perfect fit for this responsibility.

Five Wings Arts Council is currently seeking a representative from Todd and Cass Counties to serve a three year term on its board of directors. Council members are charged with setting policy, as well as approving funding programs and services designed to improve the lives of the people in Region Five through arts and culture projects. They also review and make funding award decisions about grant applications submitted to the council. The volunteer board of directors meets 10 times per year, and is compensated for mileage to board meetings.

Council member candidates should have experience participating in, advocating for, and/or supporting the arts. Anyone interested serving in this capacity should submit a letter of interest stating their expertise, and resume to: Five Wings Arts Council, PO Box 118, Staples, MN 56479 or email vicki.fwac@arvig.net. Questions? Call 877-654-2166.

For more information about serving on the FWAC board of directors click here.

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**Grant Opportunities**

Five Wings Arts Council provides funding to organizations and artists in Cass, Crow Wing, Todd, Morrison or Wadena counties. A variety of grant programs are available to produce, present, and/or promote arts projects in Region Five.

The FWAC staff is ready and willing to assist applicants in providing feedback about project ideas and pre-review your grant application. Read on to find out more about each of our grant programs. If you have questions, please contact Vicki Chepulis, Grants & Program Coordinator, at 877-654-2166 or vicki.fwac@arvig.net.

[Overview of FY19 Grant Information](#)

**Links to Grant Guidelines:**
- [Community Arts Access Project Grants](#)
- [School Arts Project Grants](#)
- [General Operating Support Grants](#)
- [Individual Artist Grants](#)
- [Small Project Grants](#)

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**Other Opportunities and Resources**

- [Minnesota State Arts Board](#)
- [Jerome Foundation](#)
- [McKnight Foundation](#)
- [National Endowment for the Arts](#)
Springboard for the Arts