Kokoro Center for Music and the Performing Arts
Offering Music Lessons

Music lessons are available to community members of all ages, and levels of experience. Lessons are available for piano, keyboard, voice, electric guitar, acoustic guitar, ukulele, flute, clarinet, oboe, saxophone, cornet/trumpet, french horn, trombone, euphonium/baritone horn, and tuba.

In addition, Sebastián Wilson-Webb, a composition major at Berklee School of Music, is
offering lessons in home recording. Singer-songwriter Greg Webb is offering classes in songwriting and poetry, and a class in live sound, and Kiki Carter Webb is offering classes in music theory, and a pre-school music class for ages 3-5.

The new non-profit has established a needs-based scholarship fund, and is accepting donations for the fund. The Kokoro Center is also accepting donations of musical instruments in good to excellent playing condition. There is a special need for electronic keyboards. For more information, message or email Kiki Carter Webb through the Kokoro Facebook page or at: kokoroperformingarts@gmail.com.

Community Gathering for the Wadena Crossroads Project

November 6th, 2019
1:30 PM to 4:30 PM
The Depot in Wadena

Don't miss your opportunity to help design the future intersection of Highway 10 & 71!

The intersection of Highway 10 and 71 is a well traveled place and with recent changes to the landscape, locals are working on a project to improve the intersection to instill beauty and welcome everyone to the city of Wadena. The Wadena Crossroads Project is funded by an arts based community development grant from FWAC and is seeking help from the community for ideas. A community meeting has been set up on November 6th, at the Depot where community members, architects and designers will collaborate on a vision for the future of the project.

The meeting will be held by committee members with visiting architects from Salmela Architect of Duluth. An internationally known architect, David Salmela, is the lead architect who works with his son, Kai Salmela. David is a former Wadena resident, and alongside his team of experienced architects have been winning awards for their work for over 30 years. Additionally, Laura Kamin-Lyndgaard from Coen + Partners out of Minneapolis will also be at the meeting. Coen + Partners is one of the premier design firms in Minneapolis that strive to bring conversation to the forefront of planning.

This dynamic brainstorming and visioning session for the community is open to everyone. If interested in attending the brainstorming session please register by sending your name and contact information to wcrossroadsproject@gmail.com or by contacting Vicki at 701-200-1375.
Saturday, November 23rd
7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
River Fitness

Take a step back in time to enjoy a night of vintage glitz and glam that was the traditional 1900-1920's style masked balls. Complete with dancing, live music, displays of local history and wonderful company. Light appetizers and non-alcoholic beverages will be served at the ball. Era appropriate attire is not required, but is encouraged. Costume contest will also take place.

For tickets, contact the Heritage Group North at heritagegroupnorth@yahoo.com or by calling 218.851.0898.

Mask Making Class for the Pine River Masked Ball

Worried about not having a mask for the ball? The Pine River Public Library is offering a Mask Making Class on Saturday, November 9th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM and on Thursday, November 14th, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Pick a session or do both. Mask and materials will be provided and is free to attend and create!
Don't miss the Emmy award-winning vocal ensemble headquartered in Minneapolis with multiple PBS specials, original music and over 2,000,000 albums sold. Enjoy their brand new holiday show. Enjoy the humor and soulful vocals that make a holiday tradition for so many.

Purchase tickets [HERE](#). $22 for Adults | $17 for 18 and under.

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**Lakes Area Music Festival Announces Winter Concert Series**

Throughout the off-season, the Lakes Area Music Festival keeps the music alive by producing a Winter Series of chamber music performances featuring members of the LAMF roster from the Minnesota Orchestra and from around the country.

Each of the four programs will be performed in Minneapolis on a Thursday evening, and Nisswa on the following Sunday afternoon. In the Twin Cities LAMF returns for another season as Artists in Residence at the Woman's Club of Minneapolis where every concert is proceeded by optional cash bar and food service (beginning at 6 p.m.). Every concert in Nisswa will be held at Lutheran Church of the Cross.

The Winter Series also enables the [Music Mentors Project](#) which sponsors musicians on each program to visit public schools of central Minnesota to perform for, instruct, and inspire 2,500 local youth every school year.

**Hebraic Dances**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 | 2 p.m.**  
**NISSWA. Lutheran Church of the Cross**

Works by Dmitri Shostakovich, Sergei Prokofiev, and Paul Schoenfield will be performed, each work full of sinuous melodies and Jewish dance tunes.

**Director's Recital**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 | 2 p.m.**  
**NISSWA. Lutheran Church of the Cross**

Ring in the new year with festival directors John Taylor Ward, baritone, and Scott Lykins, piano, presenting a vocal recital of music by Felix Mendelssohn, Robert Schumann, and more. Warm up from the cold with delights of the German romantics!

**The Harmonious Harp**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 29 | 2 p.m.**  
**NISSWA. Lutheran Church of the Cross**
LAMF harpist Emily Levin of the Dallas Symphony curates a program of her favorite chamber music. Joined by guests from the Minnesota Orchestra she will present a French program of works by Maurice Ravel, Jacques Ibert, and Jean Cras.

**Bohemian Spring**
**SUNDAY, MAY 10 | 2 p.m.**
**NISSWA. Lutheran Church of the Cross**

Join LAMF for the close of their Winter Series featuring Antonín Dvořák's sunny and lyrical Piano Quintet. Then springtime turns to summer as everyone awaits the arrival of our 12th annual festival season!

**The Crossing Arts Alliance Presents the KRINGLE MARKET**
**Saturday, November 9th**
**From 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**
**711 Laurel Street, Brainerd**

Don't miss the fun-filled Holiday art market when it opens on Saturday, November 9th. Everyone is invited from 9:00 to 5:00 for hot cider, treats, live music, and an amazing selection of artist-created art and fine craft perfect for unique holiday gift-giving.

Kringle Market runs through December 24th at The Crossing Arts Alliance located at 711 Laurel Street in downtown Brainerd. Business hours are Tues - Fri 10:00 to 5:00 and Saturdays 10:00 to 2:00.

Want a sneak peek and a chance to win wonderful door prizes? Crossing Arts Members can join us for a members-only event on Friday November 8th from 5:00 to 7:00. Memberships start at $35 and can be purchased at the door. Find more detail here - [KRINGLE MARKET INFO](#)

**Art Opportunities at Great River Arts**

Spend time together with family or friends making beautiful art for the upcoming holidays. All tickets must be purchased in advance.

Space is limited for these classes, so call 320.632.0960 or visit greatart.org/adult-opportunities, or stop in during business hours to register.
Great River Arts Center is located at 122 SE 1st Street in historic downtown Little Falls. It is open Wednesday-Friday 11am-6pm and Saturday 10am-2pm. Visit their website at [www.greatart.org](http://www.greatart.org) or "like" them on Facebook to be notified of other upcoming events.

**Jewelry Workshop With Debby Hess**

Wednesday, November 6 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
$35 Non-Member/$30 Member  
Pre-Registration is REQUIRED

Jewelry maker Debby Hess will be onsite at Great River Arts to lead a class on making this charming wire nest with precious stones and "family" tag, along with matching earrings (as time allows). Participants will be able to choose the number and color of stones, as well as the color of chain and wire. No experience necessary, but be sure to bring your reading glasses!  
Also, GRA's cash bar will be open for this event.

**Watercolor Birch Tree Painting Workshop With Duane Barnhart**

Saturday, November 9 from 2:30 - 5:30 pm  
$40 Non-Member/$35 Member  
Pre-Registration is REQUIRED

Local artist Duane Barnhart, whose work is currently being shown in Great River Art's Main Gallery (Sept. 5 - Oct. 31), will be teaching a watercolor Birch Tree painting class. Materials included, no experience necessary, and by the end, you will have your very own fine art, complete with mat board to fit in a standard 11x14 inch frame (frame not included). GRA's cash bar will be open for this fun afternoon of painting!

**Glass Mosaic Workshop With Laura Ruprecht**

Saturday, November 16 from 12:30 - 4:30 pm  
$35 Non-Member/$30 Member  
Pre-Registration is REQUIRED

Laura Ruprecht, who was an exhibiting artist in our 2019 Juried Art Exhibition, will be showing us how to create a glass mosaic piece. Materials provided, no experience necessary. At the end of the class, students will have their very own 8x10" glass mosaic art to bring home (pictured here).

**Holiday Jewelry Party Workshop With Debby Hess**

Wednesday, December 4 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
$35 Non-Member/$30 Member
Pre-Registration is REQUIRED

Holiday party with jewelry maker Debby Hess! She will be back onsite at Great River Arts to lead a class on making holiday ornaments; one to keep plus one to give! These beautiful Minnesota charms will be pre-stamped with a heart and the word "home", unless a short name (customization up to 8 letters) would be preferred. Students will decorate it with the beads and either mount it on red ribbon or have the option to make a more elaborate metal ornament hanger for it. No experience necessary, but be sure to bring your reading glasses! There will be cookies to snack on and GRA's cash bar will be open and available for this event.

PLEASE NOTE: when purchasing tickets, you will need to contact Debby directly if you would like something OTHER than "home" stamped on your Minnesota charm. She can be reached at 320-492-4377; please specify that you will be taking her class at Great River Arts, and the spelling of what you want pre-stamped on your two charms.

ART NEWS

DO YOU HAVE A NEWSLETTER IDEA?
Are you an artist or an arts organization that is interested in being featured in the FWAC monthly newsletter? Contact Vicki at vicki.fwac@arvig.net for more information.

**Our Annual Holiday Newsletter is already in the works. If you have a holiday event and want it to be featured in the newsletter please send it Vicki no later than November 20th.

ADDITIONAL ARTS OPPORTUNITIES

Applications Now Open! 2020 McKnight Fellowships for Fiber Artists

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP, ELIGIBILITY, AND APPLY

Fiber art is thriving in Minnesota, and the field's growth has been validated by McKnight Foundation's expansion of its McKnight Artist Fellowships program to include two $25,000 fellowships to be awarded each year to midcareer fiber artists living and working in Minnesota.

The application process is now open, and will close Friday, November 8, 2019 at 5 PM CST. The selection of the first two McKnight Fiber Art Fellows will be announced at the end of 2019, with the fellowship dates running January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020.

In addition to the cash award in support of their studio work and practice, McKnight Fiber Art Fellows will participate in an exhibition at Textile Center, studio visits, critiques, and public discussions with nationally renowned critics and curators. Fellows will also receive professional development support and access to Textile Center's staff expertise and networks, retail shop, state-of-the-art dye lab, and library of more than 30,500 books and periodicals.
FWAC Seeking a Representative from Cass & Morrison 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 Cass and Morrison 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.

FWAC 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

ADDITIONAL ARTS RESOURCES

Other Opportunities and Resources