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Summer Solstice Event at St. Mathias

Friday June 28th
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
The Farm at St. Mathias
7579 St. Mathias Road
Brainerd, MN

Enjoy the longest sunset of the year field-side at the Farm with Lakes Area Music Festival. Summer Solstice is a
fundraising celebration of great food and music, featuring a quartet of opera singers performing familiar hits by Mozart, Rossini, Verdi, Bizet, and more. This annual fundraiser-complete with raffles and auctions-benefits our youth education programs, including the Music Mentor's Project which brings professional musicians into the public schools of our region to inspire young musicians.

Throughout the evening raffles, silent and live auctions, and opportunities to give will support our youth education programs. LAMF's Music Mentors Project brings musicians from the Minnesota Orchestra and Opera to the Lakes Area throughout the school year to reach over 2,500 K-12 public school students through classroom demonstrations, ensemble sectionals, and private instruction.

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS.

Greater Lakes Area Performing Arts Presents: Disney's The Little Mermaid

Showtimes
July 17th - July 19th | 7:30 p.m.
July 24th - July 26th | 7:30 p.m.
July 20th - July 21st & 27th | 2:00 p.m.

Located at the Pequot Lakes High School
30805 Olson Street, Pequot Lakes, MN

In a magical kingdom beneath the sea, the beautiful young mermaid, Ariel, longs to leave her ocean home to live in the world above. Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, Disney's The Little Mermaid is a hauntingly beautiful love story for the ages.

With music by eight-time Academy Award winner Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater, and a compelling book by Doug Wright, this fishy fable will capture your heart with its irresistible songs, including "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl" and "Part of Your World." A Pequot Lakes Community Theatre production by special arrangement with Music Theatre International, MTI Shows.
Lakes Area Fine Art Show

Friday, July 6th and Saturday July 7th
Fine Arts Show: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Located at the Live Well Journey Church in Nisswa

Hosted by Lakes Area Artists, this annual fine arts show and sale featuring original artistic mediums including: watercolors, acrylics, oils, pottery, hand-blown glass, photography, mixed media, prints, and more!

Artists this year include: Bill Grange, Steven Weagel, Kerry Kupferschmidt, Madonna Maves, Dan Devine, Patricia Lintner and Mary Hirman.
CALL FOR ART: Carnival of Curiosities

Come one come all! The Crossing Arts Alliance is seeking artists from across the land who have a penchant for the odd, the eccentric and who produce works that portray the wonder and allure of the circus spectacle. They are looking for vibrant color, vintage vibes and curious characters. All mediums will be considered, including, but not limited to painting, photography, drawing, printmaking, mixed media, fiber, and sculpture.

**Exhibition Dates:** August 9 - August 31

**Deadline for submission:** July 24

**Notice of Acceptance/Decline:** You will receive an email notice of acceptance no later than July 26

**Delivery:** All accepted work must be received in the gallery by August 2

**Opening Reception:**
Friday, August 9, 2019
5:00 to 7:00 pm Crossing Arts Gallery
711 Laurel St, Brainerd, MN 56401


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**Summer Harvest Dinner**
Presented by SPROUT

**Friday, July 26th**
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sprout Headquarters
609 13th Avenue, Door 8
Little Falls, MN

Dine with your farmer, wine with your friends at the third annual Summer Harvest Dinner at Sprout. Purchase your tickets today!
CLICK HERE TO BUY TICKETS

Five courses prepared by expert chefs, each featuring a local producer and the freshest offerings of Central MN, plus wine pairings at each.

Join the featured farmers to dine and toast to the tastes of the season.
Do YOU Want to Make Public ART? Apply for One of the Forecast Artist Support Grants

2020 Grant Applications will open August 12, 2019
Application Deadline: October 16, 2019
Grant-Funded Period: January 1 - November 30, 2020

Forecast seeks to fund a diverse group of artists working in a range of public art practices and media. We place particular emphasis on supporting and amplifying the artistic work of artists of color, female artists, LGBTQ artists, immigrant artists, artists from rural communities, as well as non-traditional public artists. It is our value that our applicants, panelists, and grantees reflect the racial, cultural, gender, artistic, and geographic diversity of our state, and the stories and perspectives of the artists and communities we serve. Artists of color are strongly encouraged to apply.

ABOUT FORECAST
Forecast supports public artists through funding and training. Grants, technical assistance, learning opportunities and resources advance artists of all skill levels.

AVAILABLE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES
Mid-Career Project Grant
Supports the creation of a new, publicly accessible, temporary or permanent artwork anywhere in the state of Minnesota by a Minnesota-based mid-career public artist

Mid-Career Professional Development Grant
Supports Minnesota-based mid-career artists seeking to expand or advance their careers in the field of public art, through a project idea or participation in career-enhancing activities

Early-Career Artist Project Grant
Supports creation of a temporary or permanent public artwork anywhere in the state of Minnesota by an early-career Minnesota-based artist

Early-Career Artist Research & Development Grant
Supports early-career artists in public art related research and development or
with the planning phase of freely accessible public art installation or activity in Minnesota. Site permissions/approval must be uploaded in applications for Early-Career and Mid-Career Project Grants.

Please RSVP for The ABCs of Site Permissions workshop hosted at Forecast Public Art on Thursday, July 25, 2019.

**GRANT INFORMATION + APPLICATION ASSISTANCE**
The first grant information session will be held at All My Relations Gallery. Please join Forecast in learning more about the grants they offer. Check out this YouTube video on the 2019 Grant Information.

**ART NEWS**

**New Kinetic Sculptures at the Brainerd Public Library**

The Brainerd Public Library is now home to four new unique pieces of art! Sponsored by the Five Wings Arts Council and the Legacy Amendment’s Cultural Heritage Fund. The four new kinetic sculptures, with one nearly 20 feet tall are located right outside of the library. All four are handmade by Minnesota artist Lynn Charls.

**Minnesota Maker: Delina White’s Native Fashions are a Runway Hit**

Master Artist Delina White continues to take on the fashion world by storm with her custom designs that center around the
Anishinaabe culture. Read the Star Tribune’s latest on her work here.


ADDITIONAL ARTS OPPORTUNITIES

**Minnesota State Arts Board FY 2020 Artist Initiative Grant Application**
**Deadline June 28, 2019**
The FY 2020 Artist Initiative grant program is now open for application. The FY 2020 Artist Initiative Program Overview and Application Instructions are available on the [Minnesota State Arts Board](https://www.mnstateartsboard.com) website. The Artist Initiative grant program is designed to support and assist professional Minnesota artists at various stages in their careers by encouraging artistic development, nurturing artistic creativity, and recognizing the contributions of individual artists to the creative environment of the state of Minnesota. Grants will be awarded for projects that will enhance or expand the applicant's artistic skills or process, and advance the applicant's career by helping the artist generate greater visibility with and exposure to potential audiences.

**Minnesota State Arts Board FY 2020 Arts Tour Minnesota Grant Opportunity: Deadline July 12, 2019**
The Arts Tour Minnesota grant program is designed to provide Minnesotans greater access to high quality arts activities regardless of geographic location. Grants may be used to support Minnesota presenters hosting professional tours by Minnesota and non-Minnesota artists, or to support Minnesota artists and arts organizations touring existing artworks to Minnesota communities that are outside of their home region. The program is open to tours featuring visual, literary, and performing arts.

The FY 2020 Arts Tour Minnesota grant program is now open for application. The application forms and instructions for the fiscal year 2020 Arts Tour Minnesota grant cycle are now available. The program overview and application instructions are available on the [Arts Board Web site](https://www.mnstateartsboard.com).

**FWAC Seeking a Representative from Cass County**

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 County 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