

# VOICES

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## SMAHC Awards \$40,920 in Art Projects and Local Arts Development Grants

The Board of Directors of the Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council voted to award a total of \$40,920 to local arts organizations under the SMAHC Arts Project Grant Program and the Local Arts Development Grant Program. The SMAHC Arts Project Grant Program provides area organizations with up to \$4500 in matching funds to produce or present high quality arts events. The SMAHC Local Arts Development Grant Program provides up to \$4000 in matching funds to local arts organizations to strengthen their capacity to provide quality arts activities.

The most recent grant awards recipients in the SMAHC Arts Project Grant Program are:

- **Dawson Boyd Arts Association**, in the amount of \$3230 for their 2008-09 Concert Series
- **Prairie Dance Alliance**, in the amount of \$4500 for their Production of "Alice in Wonderland"
- **Friends of the Orchestra**, in the amount of \$3000 for the SMO Spring Concert with Route 68 Big Band
- **Prairie Arts Chorale**, in the amount of \$2555 for the *Slice of Minnesota, A Musical 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday*
- **Pioneer Public Television**, in the amount of \$3140 for the Television Broadcasting of the SW Minnesota Orchestra
- **Crow River Area Youth Orchestra**, in the amount of \$2600 for their 2008-09 CRAYO Music Season
- **Calumet Players**, in the amount of \$1745 for their Children's Theatre Trek "Get Up and Go" & "Romeo & Winifred"
- **Dassel-Cokato Community Education**, in the amount of \$2000 for the theatre production "More Fun Than Bowling"
- **Crow River Arts Inc**, in the amount of \$1352 for their *Youth Art Exhibit & Music Event*
- **Tyler Arts Council**, in the amount of \$698 for their 2008-09 Concert Series
- **Prairie Wind Folk Music & Bluegrass**, in the amount of \$3800 for their Concert Series
- **Prairie Arts Continuum**, in the amount of \$4365 for Community Theatre Production of "The Music Man"
- **Crow River Arts/Crow River Singers**, in the amount of \$1500 for their 2008-09 Crow River Singers Concert Series
- **Business, Arts & Recreation Center, Inc**, in the amount of \$435 for the Callens Family in Concert

The most recent grant award recipients in the SMAHC Local Arts Development Program are:

- **The Little Theatre**, in the amount of \$729, to be used to supplement existing Little Theatre music equipment.
- **Willmar Area Arts Council**, in the amount of \$1811 which will be used to update their website and artist registry.
- **River Song**, in the amount of \$3460 for a marketing package that includes website development and printing marketing materials.

SMAHC would like to congratulate all of the above recipients and the communities in which they will take place.

## Upcoming Deadlines

**Individual Artist Development & Career Grants:** The deadline for Individual Artist Development & Career Grants is **December 1, 2008**. **Please Note:** This date has been set earlier than in previous years. This grant program is designed to aid artists in their career development. The earliest Project Start date for this grant is **February 1, 2009**.

**Prairie Star/Prairie Disciple Award:** The deadline for submitting nominations for the Prairie Star and Prairie Disciple award is **December 1, 2008**.

**Challenge Grants :** The deadline for Challenge Grants (Round 2) is **January 2, 2009**. Arts organizations that have an upcoming planned fundraising drive or membership campaign can apply for this program. The earliest Project Start date for this grant is February 2, 2009.

**Grant guidelines and application forms** for all programs are available on the SMAHC website: [www.smahc.org](http://www.smahc.org).

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## ART STUDY OPPORTUNITY GRANT FOR EDUCATORS

Last year SMAHC reinstated the **Art Study Opportunity Grant for Educators** program. This program was originally piloted in 2004 and is designed to encourage K-12 classroom teachers, as well as private teachers in the SMAHC region to study how to better deliver the arts to their students. Teachers may apply for reimbursement, up to \$500 for registration fees and/or tuition, as well as other related costs (books, materials, mileage, meals and lodging when appropriate) to attend classes, workshops or seminars that will provide them with the tools to deliver arts in their classrooms. Classes may be in any art discipline (i.e. visual, music, literature, film, dance, media arts, theatre, etc.). Classes may be for credit or noncredit. We especially encourage non-art educators who are expected to teach art in the classroom to apply for this grant. May 1, 2009 is the deadline for this year's Art Study Opportunity Grant for Educators. Projects must begin June 1, 2009 or later. These are the grants that were awarded last spring.

**Pat Finnestad, Marshall** attended a workshop, "Using Literacy Centers to strengthen your reading and writing instruction: Make and Take Institute." The workshop was presented by the Bureau of Education & Research Institute. The focus was on realistic ways to set up, organize, develop and keep learning centers appropriate and interesting for the many learning levels a teacher has in a classroom, from the emergent readers and writers to the most fluent. Finnestad found this to be an excellent opportunity to increase her knowledge and materials. Her passion in teaching is working with children on literacy and this "workshop fit the bill". She has already made plans for her room arrangements to accommodate new ideas from the seminar.

**Lucy Tokheim, Dawson** attended a Digital Photography class taught by Nancy Norwood at the Perpich Center for Arts Education. This workshop included introductions to the digital cameras and Adobe Photoshop with an emphasis on artistic uses for the 7-12 classrooms. Tokheim said this class exceeded her expectations, and the teacher was an excellent artist and communicator. There was a focus on classroom use and developing resources and lesson plans to bring back to the students.

**Barbara Schueler, Echo** went to the Grand Marais Art Colony for a class on Adventures in Wheel and Hand Built Pottery Making. This class was taught by Dorian Beaulieu, who taught basic wheel throwing as well as hand building ideas. She also taught how to mix glazes and build your own wood burning kiln. Schueler learned so much from this workshop and plans to bring this information to her classroom and build a ceramic studio. The Lakeview administration was very excited about this project and has agreed to purchase 3 new pottery wheels as well as other ceramic materials. Schueler had a wonderful week of learning and doing.

**Sue Neumann, Winsted** and **Jodi Sanken, Brownton**, attended the workshops, "Artful Teaching in The Language Arts" and "Artful Teaching in Math and Science." The Language Arts workshop explored techniques, strategies, and activities to help learners develop understanding of story, poetry, grammar, and writing through artistic venues. The Math and Science workshop explored how the integration of music, visual arts, drama, and dance into mathematics and science will help develop critical thinking, creativity, motivation and engagement in learning. The techniques, strategies and activities presented in these workshops increased the level of understanding in these sometimes challenging academics areas for learners. Sanken learned to engage the students "Minds & Bodies" through movement & integration across the curriculum. She has discovered that by using as many senses as possible the concept will "stick". Neumann was actively involved in a group that developed ideas on how they to creatively integrate music, visual arts, drama and dance into their daily lessons. They did a lot of learning from one another's ideas, and the instructor kept them engaged in learning throughout the workshop. The goal of both workshops was to walk away with ideas that will help them creatively engage all students to become active learners who enjoy learning through the arts.

We encouraged teachers to be thinking about applying for an Art Study Opportunity Grant for the Educators grant next spring

### VOTE NOVEMBER 4TH

#### The Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment

- What is it and how could it benefit Minnesota?
- How will it benefit the arts? And how will it benefit land and water conservation and parks?
- Where will the money go?
- And, why a constitutional amendment? Why now?

Here are 2 websites that will give you the answers to these questions:

[www.mncitizensforthearts.org/news/current-legislation](http://www.mncitizensforthearts.org/news/current-legislation)  
[www.yesformn.org](http://www.yesformn.org)

**Be informed and vote! Let your voice be heard! Not voting is the same as voting "NO."**



**GALLERIES**

**Nobles County Art Center;** 2pm to 4pm; Admission - Free; 407 12th Street, **Worthington**. Gallery Hours are Monday through Friday, 2-4:30 PM; call 507-372-8245 for more information.

**Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC)** - Oct. 28 through Nov 29: Carol Ceynowa, Luverne, Pottery and Oils; Dec. 2, - Jan. 10: Sima Wewetzer, Lynd: Abstract paintings; 109 N. 3rd St., **Marshall**. 507-532-5463. Hours: Tues-Fri 11-4:30 pm & Sat 11-2 pm. [www.mafac.net](http://www.mafac.net)

**The WEAC Gallery** - Willmar Education and Arts Center is located at 611 Fifth Street SW, **Willmar**. Coming exhibits: Oct. 29-Nov 24, silent auction; Nov. 24-Dec 22, Kim Wendlandt, mixed media; For more information, Call (320) 231-8560.

**Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society**, 812 Fourth Avenue, **Windom**; The Remick Art Gallery is a changing art gallery showcasing local and regional artists along with thematic shows. The gallery changes five times a year. Hours: Monday -Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM. Contact the museum for the yearly schedule— 507) 831-1134

**The Barn Gallery**, 321 4th St. SW, **Willmar**, 320-235-9500, [www.thebarntheatre.com](http://www.thebarntheatre.com)

**Java River Cafe in Montevideo** hosts art exhibits every month and hosts musicians, poets, and performers; 210 S. 1st Street, **Montevideo**; Visit [www.javarivercafe.com](http://www.javarivercafe.com)

**Tokheim Stoneware** 2057 361st Avenue, **Dawson**; visit their website at [www.tokheim-stoneware.com](http://www.tokheim-stoneware.com)

**Clay Coyote Pottery** 17614 240th St. **Hutchinson**; See [www.claycoyote.com](http://www.claycoyote.com) for gallery hours or email Betsy or Tom at [claypot@hutchtel.net](mailto:claypot@hutchtel.net);

**Daily Grind Gallery**, 316 W. Main St., **Marshall**, 507-537-9565 features new artwork monthly

**NOVEMBER**

**November 1 Barbary Coast Dixieland Band** performing at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, **Pipestone**; 8:00 PM; Tickets: Adults-\$15, Students-\$5; Call the Box Office for tickets: 877-722-2787.

**November 1 & 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov 2 at 2 p.m. Southwest Minnesota State University Theatre presents "Fuddy Meers"** a comedy by David Lindsay-Abaire. Fine Arts Theatre, SMSU, **Marshall**. For more information, call (507) 537-7103.

**November 2 The Schubert Trio** sponsored by the Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, performing at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts, Marshall High School, **Marshall**; 4:00 PM. Tickets are on sale - Call (507) 532-5463 or email [mafac@starpoint.net](mailto:mafac@starpoint.net)

**November 6-9 36th Annual Norsefest Celebration**, in **Madison**; Visit [www.ci.madison.mn.us/](http://www.ci.madison.mn.us/) for more information (click on the Events link)

**November 6-8, 13-15 Gilligan's Island the Musical A Dinner Theatre** - Musical Comedy Directed by: Jim Fahey at Peace Center – Peace Lutheran Church, **Hutchinson**; Doors open: 5:30 PM , Dinner served: 6:00 PM, Show starts: 7:00 PM. Visit their website at [www.hutchtheatre.org](http://www.hutchtheatre.org) or call 320-587-2599 to reserve seating.

**November 7 Filmmaker Ali Salim and Tom Pope** will be speaking about Sweet Land on Friday, November 7 at the Palace in **Luverne**. The film will be shown at 6:00 p.m., followed by a discussion of the film at 8:00 p.m. For more information, email [tmakram@iw.net](mailto:tmakram@iw.net)

**November 11 SMSU Jazz Ensemble** performing at Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th Street, **Dawson**; All proceeds from this concert will benefit the Memorial Auditorium State Curtain Fund 7:30 PM; For information, call 320-769-2955 Ext. 246 or visit [www.dawsonboydarts.org](http://www.dawsonboydarts.org)

**November 11 The Singing Legionnaires** from Sioux Falls, SD, performing at the Pipestone Performing Arts

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 Location: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Brief Description of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Center, **Pipestone**; 8:00 PM; Tickets are \$5.00. Call the Box Office for tickets: 877-722-2787 or 507-825-2020

**November 14-16 Don't Hug Me** sponsored by Friends of the Arts, **Renville**; The 14th & 15th - 6:00 p.m. for dinner followed by the play, and on Sunday, November 16 at 2 p.m. at the RCW High School Small Gymnasium. For further information, call 320-329-3514.

**November 14-16, 21-23 A Ghost in the House**, The Green Earth Players at the Carnegie Cultural Center, 205 . Freeman, **Luverne**; Call (507) 283-2765 for more information.

**November 14, 15, 22, 23 "Slice of Minnesota: a Musical 150th Birthday Celebration"** concerts by the Prairie Arts Choral; 11/14-First Lutheran Church in **Marshall**, 11/15-Bunde Christian Reformed Church in **Bunde**, 11/22-First United Methodist Church in **Redwood Falls**, and 11/23-Faith Lutheran Church in **Spicer**. Concerts begin at 7:30 PM except the 11/23 which begins at 4:00 PM. For Ticket information, visit their website: [www.prairieartschorale.org](http://www.prairieartschorale.org)

**November 15 SMAHC Arts & Learning Grant Review-Panel Meeting** at the SMAHC Offices, **Marshall**.

**November 15 Julie Dregne & Jim Dyer** in concert at the Little Theatre, **New London**, MN. 7:00 PM; Tickets: Adults - \$8, Students - \$5; Concert tickets are sold at the door or you may reserve tickets by calling 320-354-2559 or email [ginny@newlondonlittletheatre.com](mailto:ginny@newlondonlittletheatre.com). Visit [www.newlondonlittletheatre.com/](http://www.newlondonlittletheatre.com/)

**November 21 George Maurer Jazz Group** performing at Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th Street, **Dawson**; 7:30 PM; For information, call 320-769-2955 Ext. 246 or visit [www.dawsonboydarts.org](http://www.dawsonboydarts.org)

**November 22 Ball in the House**, a five man soul/pop, R&B vocal acappela group from Boston performing at Memorial Auditorium, 714 13th Street, **Worthington**; 7:30 PM; For tickets and information, call (507) 376-9101, or email [fota@frontiernet.net](mailto:fota@frontiernet.net); Website: [www.wgtn.net/Auditorium/auditorium.htm](http://www.wgtn.net/Auditorium/auditorium.htm)

**November 22 SMSU/Community Concert Band Concert**, at the Fine Arts Theater on the campus of Southwest Minnesota State University, **Marshall**; 7:30 PM, Free; The guest conductor for the evening will be Dr. Christian Zembower, Director of Bands at East Tennessee State University. For more information, email [ginocchiojo@southwestmsu.edu](mailto:ginocchiojo@southwestmsu.edu)

**November 24-25 Auditions for "No Exit"** by Jean-Paul Sartre, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Theatre, Southwest Minnesota State University, **Marshall**. Call (507) 537-7103.

**November 26 SMAHC Board Meeting**, 7:00 PM at the SMAHC Offices, **Marshall**.

**November 28 Church Basement Ladies** at the Dassel-Cokato Performing Arts Center, 4852 Reardon Ave. S.W. **Cokato**; 7:00 PM, all tickets are \$25. visit [www.dc.k12.mn.us/artscenter](http://www.dc.k12.mn.us/artscenter) for more information.

## DECEMBER

**December 1, Deadline** for Individual Artist Development & Career Grants and Prairie Star & Prairie Disciple awards. Forms at available on the SMAHC Website: [www.smahc.org](http://www.smahc.org)

**December 4-7, 11-14,18-21 A Don't Hug Me Christmas Carol**, at the Barn Theatre, **Willmar**. All shows are at 7:30 pm, with the exception of Sunday matinees at 2:30 pm. Visit [www.thebarntheatre.com](http://www.thebarntheatre.com) for more information or call 320-235-9500.

**December 5 & 6 Christmas Concert** performed by the Southwest Minnesota Men's Chorus (formerly the Marshall Area Men's Chorus). Friday, December 5 at St. Stephens Church in **Marshall** and Saturday at St. Paul's Church, **Walnut Grove**; Starting time is 7:00 PM; Tickets are \$6.00 and \$20 for a family. Call 507-859-2154

**December 5-7, 12-14 "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year**, The Al Opland Singers performing at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, **Pipestone**; [www.pipestoneminnesota.com](http://www.pipestoneminnesota.com) for ticket information.

**December 5 & 7 Winter Concert** by the Crow River Singers; Friday, 12/5 at 7 PM at the Hutchinson Charter School, 1000 5th Ave. SE; Sunday, 12/7 at 2 PM at the Peace Lutheran Church, **Hutchinson**; Tickets are \$6, Children, Free; See [www.crowriverarts.org](http://www.crowriverarts.org) for more information.

**December 6 Opera House Christmas Show** at the Lake Benton Opera House, **Lake Benton**; For ticket information, visit [www.lakebentonoperahouse.org](http://www.lakebentonoperahouse.org) or call (507) 368-4620

**December 6 The Nutcracker**, presented by the Continental Ballet Company at Memorial Auditorium, 714 13th Street, **Worthington**; 7:30 PM; For tickets and information, call (507) 376-9101, or email [fota@frontiernet.net](mailto:fota@frontiernet.net); Website: <http://www.wgtn.net/Auditorium/auditorium.htm>

**December 6 A Very Prairie Christmas** featuring the Southwest Minnesota Orchestra, the SMSU Community Concert Band, the Jazz Ensemble, the Concert Choir, Bella Voce and Men's Glee Club at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts, Marshall High School, **Marshall**; 7:30 PM. Tickets: \$5.00 general admission. Tickets are available at the door.

**December 8 & 9 Auditions for "The Secret Garden"** based on the novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett. 7 p.m., Fine Arts Theatre, Southwest Minnesota State University, **Marshall**. For more information, call (507) 537-7103.

**December 11 Sister's Christmas Catechism The Mystery of the Magi's Gold**, at Memorial Auditorium, 714 13th Street, **Worthington**; 7:30 PM; For tickets and information, call (507) 376-9101, or email [fota@frontiernet.net](mailto:fota@frontiernet.net); Website: <http://www.wgtn.net/Auditorium/auditorium.htm>

**December 11-13 at 7:30 p.m. and December 14 at 2 p.m. SMSU Drama Club presents "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change,"** a musical with Book and Lyrics by Joe DiPietro and Music by Jimmy Roberts. Black Box Theatre, Fine Arts 112, SMSU, **Marshall**. General Admission (TBA). Call (507) 537-7103.

**December 11-14 Country Christmas - 2008**, Lac qui Parle Players performing at the Prairie Arts Center, **Madison**; 7:00 PM (11th), 7:30 PM (12th), 4:00 PM & 7:30 PM (13th), and 2:00 PM (14th); Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$6 for students. For more information, call (320) 698-3665

**December 14 A "Celtic Holiday"**, instrumental & vocal music by the Celtic Music Wizard, Laura KacKenzie along with Michael Bissonnette and Gary Rue, appearing at Shetek Bend in Tracy, sponsored by the Fine Arts Council of **Tracy**; 3:00 pm; For more information, email [chrisschons@iw.net](mailto:chrisschons@iw.net) or call (507) 629-3114

**December 14 Tonic Sol Fa**, performing at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts, Marshall High School, **Marshall**; 7:30 PM. General Admission tickets: \$22.00; tickets are available from County Fair and HyVee food stores.

**December 30 Grant Writing workshop** for Art Projects and Local Arts Development grants. The workshop is free. Please call SMAHC to pre-register: (800) 622-5284 or email [smahcinfo@iw.net](mailto:smahcinfo@iw.net)

**December 31 Snow on the Porch VII**, Laugh-in Scandinavian Style, at Memorial Auditorium, 714 13th Street, **Worthington**; 7:30 PM; For tickets and information, call (507) 376-9101, or email [fota@frontiernet.net](mailto:fota@frontiernet.net); Website: <http://www.wgtn.net/Auditorium/auditorium.htm>

### UPCOMING IN JANUARY

**January 2 Deadline for Challenge Grants.** Forms are available on the SMAHC website: [www.smahc.org](http://www.smahc.org)

**January 2-4 Alice in Wonderland** by the Prairie Dance Alliance performing at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts, Marshall High School, **Marshall**; 7:30 PM. For ticket reservations call (507) 530-8252.

### OPPORTUNITIES

**Bush Artist Fellowships Program:** Applications are now available for Bush Artist Fellowships for 2009 and 2010. for more information on the fellowships, visit [www.bushfoundation.org](http://www.bushfoundation.org)

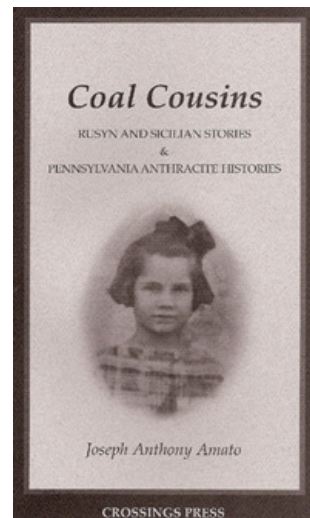
**Forecast Public Art's** annual grant program offers grants to Minnesota emerging artists. The deadline to apply for a 2009 grant is November 14. Information and application forms are available on their website: [www.forecastpublicart.org](http://www.forecastpublicart.org)

**The Big Read** is accepting applications from non-profit organizations to conduct month-long, community-wide reads between September 2009 and June 2010. Organi-

### **Coal Cousins**

A New Book by Joseph Amato

In the work that precedes *Coal Cousins*, *Jacob's Well: A Case for Family History* (February, 2008), master storyteller Joseph A. Amato follows his poor, obscure, and truly "mongrel" family through seven generations, demonstrating the power of the history closest at hand in building personal identity and connecting with America's past. Of *Jacob's Well*, well-known historian Jeffrey Burton Russell wrote: "Once again Amato shows his skill in joining the particular with the philosophical, the practical with the poetic, the brain with the heart. I believe that this is the best of all his good books."



Of Amato's yet more recent work *Coal Cousins: Rusyn and Sicilian Stories and Pennsylvania Anthracite History* (Spring, 2008), which focuses on the ethnic family history of Cathy Amato, editor of the *Marshall Independent* Dana Yost wrote, "It's a great piece of local and personal history with a lot of bigger social, economic, and cultural issues at work."

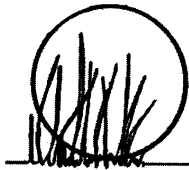
Both books are available at *Bound to Read* or by mail Crossings Press, 202 Park, Marshall, MN, 56258. Send \$30 for *Jacob's Well* and \$12.50 for *Coal Cousins*.

Others relevant books by Amato include *Bypass: A Memoir*; with David Pichaske, *Southwest Minnesota: A Place of Many Places* (2007); *To Call It Home: The New Immigrants of Southwestern Minnesota*; with John Radzilowski, *A Community of Strangers: Change, Turnover, Turbulence and Transformation of a Midwestern Country Town*; *Servants of the Land: God, Family, and Farm: The Trinity of Belgian Economic Folkways in Southwestern Minnesota*; and *When Father and Son Conspire: A Minnesota Farm Murder*.

zations selected to participate in The Big Read will receive a grant ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000. Read more about the Big Read here: [www.neabigread.org](http://www.neabigread.org)

**The American Composers Forum** has a large database of on-line opportunities on their website. Visit [www.composersforum.org/opportunities.cfm](http://www.composersforum.org/opportunities.cfm) to view these opportunities.

**\*\*\*SEE THE LATEST Calendar Events and Opportunities on the SMAHC website at [www.smahc.org](http://www.smahc.org)**



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