

2014 Prairie Star: Emily Lodine



The Southwest Minnesota Arts Council is pleased to announce Emily Lodine of Magnolia, MN as the recipient of the 2014 Prairie Star Award, which recognizes an individual artist whose body of work has made a significant contribution to the arts over an extended period of time and who has best exemplified the highest quality of work in the SMAC region.

Janine Papik of Luverne, who, along with Tammy Makram, nominated Lodine for this award, says mezzo-soprano Lodine is “highly regarded for her impressive musical background. She has sung with numerous symphony orchestras through the United States, including performing at Carnegie Hall. In the opera world, Emily has been sought after to perform not only in the States, but also in Europe.”

Though her performances take her around the country, Lodine is firmly rooted in southwest Minnesota. A Chicago native, Lodine met Magnolia farmer Gary Overgaard on a flight to London. A long distance romance developed, and the two eventually married, with Lodine moving to rural Magnolia.

Lodine enjoys the peace and serenity of their farm, while still being able to travel anywhere to perform for audiences of all kinds. Asked about her hobbies, Lodine replied, “Reading, teaching, and becoming an Episcopal priest. I am a deacon now, and plan to become a full priest in February.”

Lodine’s memorable local performances include Lee Hoiby’s operetta *Bon Appetit*, in which she portrays Julia Child making a chocolate cake with the help of her sous chefs.

In his many performances with her, Southwest Minnesota State University music professor and Southwest Minnesota Orchestra music director Dan Rieppel says that Lodine “shows extraordinary versatility, flexibility, and the most profound artistry. That artistry can also bring a humorous side out – her *Bon Appetit* is truly a stitch.” Rieppel considers Lodine “one of Minnesota’s greatest vocal artists.”

“I wouldn’t be in music if not for my dad’s influence. He was a well-known organist in France and taught at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. I remember beginning to be interested in music and performing when I was about 7. I was very quiet, but I loved it.” Lodine went on to get a degree in music theory from Indiana University.

Lodine said she especially enjoys collaboration. “I really like to bring people together. I love to work with just about anyone. I love working with [Minneapolis-based soprano] Maria Jette and with the group Conspirare in Austin, Texas.”



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UPCOMING SMAC GRANT DEADLINES

All SMAC grants must be applied for online. Go to www.swmnarts.org for program guidelines, application tutorial, and the link to the online grant system.

August 1, 2014:

Art Projects & Arts Legacy Projects, Round I
Earliest project start date: September 15, 2014

Equipment & Facilities Improvement, Round I
Earliest project start date: September 15, 2014

Monthly Grants: Arts Organization Development,
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September 19, 2014:

Individual Artists (Developing, Career, & Legacy)
Earliest project start date: November 15, 2014

October 1, 2014:

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Arts Legacy Planning, & Start-Up

October 15, 2014:

Arts in the Schools, Round I
Earliest project start date: December 15, 2014

October 29, 2014:

Art Legacy Equipment & Facilities Improvement
Earliest project start date: December 15, 2014

GRANTWRITING WORKSHOPS

Check our website, www.swmnarts.org, for upcoming grantwriting workshops around the region. Learn about the requirements for your application and get your questions answered. Contact the SMAC office (800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org) to register.

Southwest Minnesota Council's programs, grant awards, & workshops are made possible by the voters of Minnesota thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund, by an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State's general fund, by a grant from the McKnight Foundation, and regional contributions.

SMAC Operating Support Grantwriting Workshops Postponed

The SMAC Operating Support grantwriting workshops that were scheduled for August 11 in Willmar, August 12 in Marshall, and August 13 in Worthington have been postponed. Look for further information in upcoming communications from SMAC.

Prairie Star Emily Lodine, *continued*

Craig Hella Johnson, artistic director of the Grammy-nominated professional vocal ensemble Conspirare, has worked with Lodine for many years. "Emily is at home on the concert and opera stage and is a distinguished artist, generous and warm. She is a consummate musician, and able to express so many things through her superb technique and artistry. Her voice has reached hundreds of listeners from the Berkshires in Massachusetts to the hills of Austin, Texas, to the many communities in Minnesota and throughout the Midwest. I have grown in respect and deep admiration for her with every musical interaction we have had."

Please join the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council board of directors, staff, members, and volunteers in honoring Emily Lodine for her accomplishments. The Prairie Star Award will be officially presented to Lodine at the SW MN Arts Council Annual Celebration on September 13, at the Marshall Golf Club, Marshall, MN.



ANNUAL CELEBRATION 2014

Saturday September 13, 2014 ■ 4:00 - 8:00 PM ■ Marshall Golf Club, Marshall

Celebrate the art and artists of the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council region at our 2014 Annual Celebration. Join us for an entertaining evening including a pottery exhibit, raffle, buffet dinner, and live music.

Spirit of the Region Raffle. A \$10 raffle ticket will get you the chance to a basket of specialty good made in the SMAC region (from wine to honey, beer to fudge). Raffle tickets sold in advance at the SMAC Office and by board members, and also at the event.

SMAC Gallery Exhibit. Craig Edwards of New London's pottery will be on display at the SMAC Gallery, located at 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

Prairie Star Award. Join us in honoring Emily Lodine of Magnolia, recipient of the 2014 Prairie Star Award, which acknowledges an artist who has best exemplified the highest quality of work in the SMAC region.

Prairie Disciple Award. Join us in honoring John Voit of Ghent, recipient of the 2014 Prairie Disciple Award, which acknowledges a person who has been instrumental in promoting the arts in the SMAC region.

Live Music. Enjoy the music of the Great Plains String Quartet of Worthington.

TICKETS: \$25 per person

Advance registration and payment is required by September 1, 2013.

Return the registration form at right with your payment to SMAC, PO Box 55, Marshall, MN 56258, or register and pay online at www.swmnarts.org.

No physical ticket will be sent or given, instead your name and information will be kept on our reservation list, ready to welcome you at the event.



RESERVATION FORM

Tickets are \$25 per person

Advance payment required - Remit by September 1

in party _____ Total enclosed: _____

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City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please list additional attendees in your party:

Name: _____ Town: _____

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* if there are more in your party, please use a separate sheet

I am unable to attend, but wish to make a donation of \$ _____

The McKnight Foundation will match new or increased donations!

No cost to attend the annual meeting & award ceremony only.

Grant review panelists needed for 2014-2015

Are you interested in . . .

- * learning about all the arts activities taking place in Southwest Minnesota?
- * discussing art and its impact on individuals & communities in our region?
- * networking with other regional artists and arts volunteers?
- * weighing in on SMAC's grant application process?
- * receiving free tickets to evaluate SMAC-funded arts activities?
- * being a part of bringing about arts funding in our communities?

If so, we'd love for you to consider being a grant review panelist for SMAC.

Panelists log in to SMAC's online grant system to read grant applications and do preliminary scoring based on the criteria for the particular grant program. Then they meet on a Saturday (panel meetings generally run from 9:00 am through mid-afternoon) to discuss the applications, finalize their scores, and make a funding recommendation to the SMAC Board of Directors. Meals and mileage reimbursement for the day are provided by SMAC. Panelists may serve on a panel for one or more grant programs, depending on expertise, interest, and availability.

Grant review panel dates for 2014-2015:

Art Projects / Art Legacy Projects

August 16, 2014 • January 10, 2015 • April 11, 2015

Legacy Equipment & Facilities Improvement

November 15, 2014

Arts in the Schools

November 1, 2014 • January 31, 2015

Art Study Opportunity for Youth

April 25, 2015

Individual Artists

October 11, 2014 • March 14, 2015 (if funds remain)

Panelists are appointed by the Board of Directors and serve a one-year term. To apply, go to <http://swmnarts.org/about/become-a-grant-panelist/> for a panelist application form and our conflict of interest policy. Return both, along with your resume, to info@swmnarts.org or PO Box 55, Marshall, MN 56258.

Changes to GiveMN.org



GiveMN.org, the site which you have been using to make online donations to SMAC and other area arts organizations, and which was formerly partnered with Razoo, is now working with a new technology

partner, Kimbia. Your account profile and giving history are still accessible on the new GiveMN.org. You will be asked to reset your password the first time you log in. Also, you will need to go to Razoo.com to view any of your tax receipts prior to July 1, 2014.

Many thanks to all of SMAC's 2013-2014 Grant Review Panelists!

Bobbie Alsgaard-Lien, Rushmore
Cheryl Avenel-Navara, Worthington
Kate Aydin, Hendricks
Lisa Bergh, New London
Cheri Buzzeo, Willmar
Dan Connolly, Renville
Ellen Copperud, Worthington
Bob Dorlac, Marshall
Craig Edwards, New London
Kristi Link Fernholz, Appleton
Kathy Fransen, Jackson
Mary Kay Frisvold, Garvin
Audrey Fuller, Granite Falls
Jais Gossman, New London
Beth Habicht, Worthington
Maggie Harp, New London
Mary Jane Mardesen, Rushmore
Sydney Masee, Appleton
Joyce Meyer, Canby
Tricia Mikle, Worthington
Suzanne Napgezok, Willmar
Barb Nelson, Hendricks
Paula Nemes, Marshall
Janet Olney, Willmar
Emily Olson, Pipestone
Joe Paddock, Litchfield
Helen Pedersen, Marshall
Carol Purrington, Marshall
Vonnie Saquilan, Granite Falls
Kathy Schaefer, Ghent
Bev Tellefsen, Granite Falls
Roberta Trooien, Hendricks
Kari Weber, New London
Jesse White, Currie
John White, Ortonville
Jeanne Whitney, New London
Mark Wilmes, Tyler
Tom Wirt, Hutchinson

Online Courses: Festival & Event Management



The University of Minnesota's Tourism Center is offering an online course in festival and event management this fall, followed by two additional sessions on food safety and sustainability practices.

Sept 15 - Oct 24, 2014: Festival & Event Management

"Offered completely online, this comprehensive program provides event staff, festival organizers, and volunteers with the essential knowledge and organizational tools to successfully operate and sustain events as well as the community spirit associated with them. The foundation of festival and event planning is presented in engaging online sections with narrated presentations, videos, practical advice from experts, essential readings, emerging research and best practice examples. From site planning to succession planning and marketing to media selections, this course shares what you need to create, sustain or enhance your festival or event."

The six-week course runs from September 15 through October 24, 2014. The flexible online format allows you to access the materials for the week at your convenience, in addition to optional conference calls. The Tourism Center suggests allowing 4 to 6 hours per week to complete the coursework.

Two optional week-long "timely topic" sessions, also online, follow the six-week course, or can be taken as stand-alone courses:

October 27-31, 2014: Food Safety

"Festival and event planners will learn key food safety practices and methods to reduce food borne illness risks and ensure a safe event. Topics include your leadership role as an overseer of the event's food vendors, identify and control food safety hazards, licensing requirements for food vendors, and layout and design of event facilities. The course will be taught by four food science experts from the University of Minnesota."

November 3-7, 2014: Greening Events

"This one-week online course will discuss the event industry's approach to sustainability, the practices that events large and small have taken to facilitate sustainability, the production of a 'zero waste' event, and invites you to develop a toolkit (or update what you already have!) that your event can use to implement sustainability practices."

To register, go to www.tourism.umn.edu, click on "Education & Training", and then "Festival and Event Management."

For the Festival & Event Management course, register by August 25 and two people from your festival/event can take the course for the price of one. Enter code: CFM 2014. \$499 if registered by August 25 (includes Food Safety week!); \$599 thereafter.

For Food Safety and Greening Events topics, \$99 each if registered by October 6 and October 13, respectively;

AUGUST CALENDAR

**Indicates the project was funded in part with a grant from SMAC with funds provided by the McKnight Foundation, the voters of Minnesota thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund, or by an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State's general fund.*

***August 1 SMAC Grant Deadline: Art Project, Art Legacy Project, Equipment/Facilities, Arts Org Development, Legacy Project Planning.** Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

August 1-3 "Footloose!", Prairie Arts Center, **Madison.** August 1 & 2 at 7:00 pm and August 3 at 2:00 pm. Lac qui Parle Players production.

August 1-3 "The Wizard of Oz", Lake Benton Opera House, 118 E Benton St, **Lake Benton.** August 1 & 2 at 7:30 pm and August 2 & 3 at 2:00 pm. Information at www.lakebentonoperahouse.org or 507-368-4620.

August 3 Artist Reception: Bonnie Van Moorlehem, 2:00-4:00 pm, Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, **Worthington.**

August 4 Music On Mondays: Gloria Jean, 7:00 pm, Central Park, **Canby.** Gloria Jean performs the music of Loretta Lynn, Patsy Cline, Tammy Wynette, and Terri Clark. Organized by Canby Arts Council/City of Canby. Jim's Market grilled hamburgers will be served (\$6/meal) at 6:00 pm. Proceeds go to the Canby Theater Renovation Fund. Bad weather site: Canby Community Center. More info: Ruth Ascher at 507-223-7043 or srascher@frontiernet.net.

August 4-9 "Blithe Spirit", 7:00 pm, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 15 Franklin St SW, **Hutchinson**. Information at www.hutchtheatre.org.

***August 6 Ross Anderson Jazz Duo**, 5:00 pm, Central Park Market, **Cottonwood**. Central Park Market is a community gathering featuring music, vendors selling produce, baked goods, crafts, and meals served by local non-profit organizations. Info at www.facebook.com/CentralParkMarketinCottonwood.

August 6 A Little Night Music: Southwest Minnesota Orchestra, 7:00 pm, Liberty Park Band Shell, **Marshall**. Part of Marshall Area Fine Arts Council's free summer concert series.

***August 7 Art Unveiling: Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee!**, 11:00 am, Barn Theatre Lobby, 321 4th St SW, **Willmar**. Unveiling of 2014 Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee! poster art by Violet Dauk, and raffle art by Phil Scheevel, Deb Connolly, and Janet Olney.

August 7 Artist Reception: Pomme de Terre Pottery, 7:00-9:00 pm, KK Berge Gallery, 807 Prentice Street, **Granite Falls**.

August 8 & 9 Weekend Photography Workshop with Molly Schweinfurter, 30667 County Road 2, **Redwood Falls**. For photographers of all skill levels to develop your photographer's eye and improve your composition skills. Friday: 7:00-8:00 pm at Molly's home studio. Saturday: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm shooting on location in the MN River Valley and the city of Redwood Falls. Contact Molly at cedigomo@gmail.com or 507-828-3282.

***August 9 "An Evening with the Lincolns"**, 5:30 pm, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, **Pipestone**. Part of Pipestone Civil War Days. Information at www.pipestoneminnesota.com/performingartscenter.

***August 9 & 10 Civil War Days**, Hiawatha Pageant Grounds, **Pipestone**. Interact with civilian and military reenactors from around the country as they recreate scenes of 1860s daily life, from the home to religion to education to military camps. Educational programs, etiquette and ballroom dance lessons, camp tours, children's games, a Grand Ball, and much more! The roar of the cannon, the smell of gun powder, and the work of our reenactors, performers, and other participants make a full immersion in the 1860s possible. Information at www.pipestoneminnesota.com/cwd/Home.html.

August 10 Jeff Bianchi: Classical Guitar, 7:00 pm, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 15 Franklin St SW, **Hutchinson**. Information at www.hutchinsonarts.org or visit Jeff's website at www.velvetguitar.com.

***August 13 Jerry Ostensoe**, 5:00 pm, Central Park Market, **Cottonwood**. Info at www.facebook.com/CentralParkMarketinCottonwood.

August 6 A Little Night Music: Starfire, 7:00 pm, Liberty Park Band Shell, **Marshall**. Part of Marshall Area Fine Arts Council's free summer concert series.

***August 13-16 & 19-22 "Charley's Aunt"**, 7:30 pm, The Barn Theatre, 321 SW 4th St, **Willmar**. "One of the most loved comedies of all time!" Information at www.thebarntheatre.com/ or 320-235-9500.

August 15-17 "Love's Labour's Lost", Liberty Park Bandshell, **Marshall**. Marshall Area Stage Company's Shakespeare in the Park production. August 15 & 16 at 7:00 pm, August 17 at 2:00 pm. Information at www.marshallareastagecompany.org.

***August 15 Auction: Adirondack Chair Art**, 7:00 pm, Glacial Ridge Winery, **Spicer**. Adirondack chairs turned into art by local artists will be auctioned off. Organized by the Spicer Beautification Committee.

***August 16 SMAC Grant Review Panel: Art Projects/ Art Legacy Projects**, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm, Southwest Minnesota Arts Council, 114 N 3rd St, **Marshall**.

***August 16 New London Music Festival**, 12:00-7:00 pm, Neer Park, **New London**. Performers include Jack Klatt & the Cat Swingers, Patty & the Buttons, The Cactus Blossoms, Skilly & Duff, Jack Norton & the Mullet River Boys, and The Bad Companions. Schedule and info at <http://newlondonmusicfestival.com/>.

August 18 Music On Mondays: Spotlight on Area Talent, 7:00 pm, Central Park, **Canby**. An opportunity for local artists of all ages to share their talent. Organized by Canby Arts Council and the City of Canby. Philly steak sandwiches (\$8 per meal) starting at 6:00 pm. Proceeds go to the Canby Theater Renovation Fund. Bad weather site: Canby Community Center. More info, Ruth Ascher at 507-223-7043 or srascher@frontiernet.net.

***August 19-22 "Charley's Aunt"**, 7:30 pm, The Barn Theatre, 321 SW 4th St, **Willmar**. "One of the most loved comedies of all time!" Information at www.thebarntheatre.com or 320-235-9500.

***August 20 Cheryl Jeska & Eric Anderson**, 5:00 pm, Central Park Market, **Cottonwood**. Info at www.facebook.com/CentralParkMarketinCottonwood.

August 23 Calumet Children's Theater Variety Show, 7:00 pm, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, **Pipestone**. Information at www.pipestoneminnesota.com/performingartscenter.

August 26 SMAC Board Meeting, 7:00pm, Southwest Minnesota Arts Council, 114 N 3rd St, **Marshall**.

***August 27 Quarter to 4:30**, 5:00 pm, Central Park Market, **Cottonwood**. Info at www.facebook.com/CentralParkMarketinCottonwood.

GALLERIES

***SMAC Art Gallery**. 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. July 10-August 29: Curtis Gander. Visit the gallery Monday through Friday from 8:00 am-noon and 1:00 - 4:30 pm.

ARTmeyerson. 105 4th St N, Atwater. To schedule an appointment, call Sue Meyerson at 320-220-0970 or 320-974-3609.

Barn Theatre Art Gallery. 321 4th St SW, Willmar. Gallery Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM. For more info, call 320-235-9500 or email info@thebarntheater.com.

Big Stone Arts Council Gallery. 42 NW 2nd St, Ortonville. Gallery Hours: Tues-Fri 11:00am -4:00pm. Info at 320-487-1001 or <http://bigstonearts.wordpress.com/>

Carnegie Cultural Center. 205 N Freeman, Luverne. August: Cardinal Show. Hours are Tues – Fri, 12 - 5 PM and Sat 1-4 PM. For more info, email cahrc@outlook.com or call 507-283-8294.

Clay Coyote Pottery. 17614 240th St, Hutchinson. Hours are Mon - Sat 10 - 5 PM; Sunday Noon - 4 PM, or, call ahead for an appointment, 320-587-2599. Check out www.claycoyote.com or email Betsy & Tom at claypot@hutchtel.net.

Hutchinson Center for the Arts. 15 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson. Gallery Hours: Mon –Thurs 10:00 am—5:00 pm. Info at 320-587-7278 or www.hutchinsonarts.org.

KK Berge Gallery. 807 Prentice Street, Granite Falls. August: Pomme de Terre Pottery. Reception August 7, 7:00-9:00 –pm. Gallery hours Monday – Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Call 320-564-4039 for information.

***Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC)**. 109 N 3rd St, Marshall. Through August 8: Terrence Fogarty, “Sports for All Times.” August 12-September 12: 12th Annual Photography Competition. Gallery Hours: Tues - Fri Noon - 5:30 PM. Other times by appt. Info at 507-532-5463 or www.mafac.net.

Milan Village Arts School. Junction of MN Highway 7/59 and MN Highway 40, Milan. For information on upcoming classes call 320-734-4807 or visit www.milanvillageartsschool.org.

Minnesota Machinery Museum, 100 N 1st St, Hanley Falls. Collection of rural art. Hours: M-S 10:00 am-4:00 pm, Sunday 1:00-4:30 pm. Info at 507-768-3522 or www.mnmachinerymuseum.org.

Nobles County Art Center. 407 12th St, Worthington. August: Bonnie Van Moorlehem, paintings. Reception: August 3, 2:00-4:00 pm. Hours: M-F 2:00-4:30 pm. Call 507-372-8245 for more information.

Potato Eaters Gallery. 330 Litchfield Ave SW, Willmar. Call 320-382-9951 for hours and information.

Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society. 812 Fourth Avenue, Windom. Through August 30: Kim Horkey, “Earth & Sky”, photography. Gallery Hours: Mon - Fri 8 - 4 PM & Sat 10 - 4 PM. For more info, call 507-831-1134 or email cchs@windomnet.com.

Tokheim Pottery. 2057 361st Ave, Dawson. Visit www.tokheim-stoneware.com for more info about the gallery or call 320-769-2142 or email info@tokheim-stoneware.com.

William Whipple Gallery. In Bellows Academic 291 at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall. Call 507-537-6266 for hours and information.

***Willmar Education and Arts Center (WEAC)**. 611 5th St SW, Willmar. Through August 10: Works by the late Eunice Spicer Latham. August 12-September 12: “Summer Fun”, various artists. Info at 320-235-8560 or willmarareaartscouncil.org.

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