

## Hutchinson Center for the Arts seeks entries for SMAC-region juried exhibit



*Hutchinson Center for the Arts gallery during its April 2015 exhibit, "It's All One World", by Mary Mullenburg and David Sather.*

With help from a SW MN Arts Council grant, Hutchinson Center for the Arts has created a juried exhibit to bring together and celebrate the extraordinary and diverse talent of visual artists residing throughout the 18-county SMAC region. The exhibit will run from June 1 – July 8, 2016 and will offer cash awards for Best of Show, Best 2-D, Best 3-D, and Honorable Mention.

When she started as Executive Director for Hutchinson Center for the Arts in May 2015, Lisa Bergh was "thrilled to have the chance to play with the beautiful, large and very adaptable venue" at the Center. As an artist herself, Bergh believes "opportunities for artists to socialize and network with peers is critically important for continued creative and professional development. SMAC covers an incredibly large region, and a dynamic range

of artistic voices make this region home. What better way to bring together the artists, but through an exhibit?"

The exhibit will also help "audiences understand and appreciate the value arts bring to day to day life," says Bergh, through "sharing with audiences the incredible population of artists making a life as artists throughout the SMAC region."

This year's juror will be artist and educator Michon Weeks, who received her MFA in Drawing and Painting from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis and her BA from Iowa State University, Ames. Weeks has taught art at Southwest Minnesota State University, The College of St. Benedict/ St. John's University, and currently serves as visiting Assistant Professor at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. She has exhibited in such venues as the Rochester Art Center, the Plains Museum of Art, the Minnesota Museum of American Art, Thomas Barry Fine Arts, the Phipps Center for the Arts, and the Waterloo Museum of Art. She has been awarded an Arts Legacy Grant from Forecast Public Art, the Artist Assistance Fellowship from the Minnesota State Arts Board, and Career Grants from SMAC.

The exhibit is open to all artists 18 and older residing in any of the eighteen SMAC counties. A non-refundable entry fee of \$10 entitles each artist to enter up to three pieces of original art for consideration. The entry deadline is March 17, 2016. A prospectus and online entry form are available at [www.hutchinsonarts.org/artist-opportunities/](http://www.hutchinsonarts.org/artist-opportunities/).

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### HCA'S SMAC-REGION JURIED EXHIBIT DATES

- *Entry Submission Deadline:* March 17, 2016, 11:59 pm
- *Artists Notified of Juror Selections for inclusion into exhibit:* April 1-10, 2016
- *Drop Off/Shipping Deadline of selected works:* May 18 -20, 2016, during regular Center Hours
- *Installation Period:* May 27-31, 2016
- *Opening Reception & Announcement of Winners/ Award Ceremony:* June 4, 2016, 4:00 –7:00 pm
- *Exhibition Closes:* July 8, 2016
- *Return/Pick up of Work:* July 11-12, 2016 all work being returned/shipped will be packed and shipped back the week of July 11, 2016

## UPCOMING SMAC GRANT DEADLINES

SMAC grants must be applied for online. Go to [www.swmnarts.org](http://www.swmnarts.org) for program guidelines, application tutorial, and the link to the online grant system.

### **February 1, 2016:**

Monthly Grants: Arts Organization Development, Art Legacy Project Planning\*

### **February 19, 2016:**

Individual Artists, Round II  
Earliest project start date: April 15, 2016

### **March 1, 2016:**

Monthly Grants: Arts Organization Development, Art Legacy Project Planning\*

### **March 11, 2016:**

Art Projects & Art Legacy Projects, Round II  
Earliest project start date: May 15, 2016

### **March 31, 2016:**

Art Study Opportunity for Youth  
Earliest project start date: May 15, 2016

### **April 1, 2016:**

Monthly Grants: Arts Organization Development, Art Legacy Project Planning\*

### **April 15, 2016:**

Nomination Deadline for Prairie Star and Prairie Disciple Awards

*\*Earliest project start date for monthly deadlines is the 1st of the following month. Check with the SMAC office to see if funds are still available for monthly grants, which are first come, first served.*



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**GRANTWRITING WORKSHOPS.** Plan on attending one of the following free workshops to learn more about the programs for this year and the application process. Contact the SMAC office at 800-622-5284 or [info@swmnarts.org](mailto:info@swmnarts.org) to register.

### Art Projects/Art Legacy Projects

*February 2, 2016*

5:00 – 7:00 pm  
Andy's Junkology  
306 2nd St, Jackson

*February 3, 2016*

5:00 – 7:00 pm  
Granite Area Arts Council  
807 Prentice St, Granite Falls

### Art Study Opportunity for Youth

*February 18, 2016*

5:00 – 7:00 pm  
Nobles County Integration Collaborative  
Rm 604, 1450 Collegeway, Worthington

## O'Keefe-Jackson joins SMAC Board



Anne O'Keefe-Jackson of Morton has been appointed as the new Renville County board representative for SMAC. O'Keefe-Jackson is the Human Resources Director at Jackpot Junction Casino. She is a Dakota from the Lower Sioux Community, enjoys beading and quill work, and her art background includes an art history minor from Augsburg College (Mpls, MN).

O'Keefe-Jackson says, "I hope to become a resource to all of the artists in my community so that they will feel empowered to seek resources to help them develop their craft." Her term will run through December 31, 2018.

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**The Southwest Minnesota Arts Council office  
will be closed on  
Monday, February 15 for Presidents' Day.**

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## Looking Ahead...

Get out your calendars to make note of these upcoming opportunities! Watch for more information on the SMAC website: [www.swmnarts.org](http://www.swmnarts.org).

### Minnesota Arts Advocacy Day, March 17

Join the SW MN Arts Council at the Minnesota Historical Society and State Capital in St Paul, along with artists, arts organizations, and arts supporters from around the state as we meet with our legislators to encourage continued support for the arts. Contact SMAC for information about possible carpooling.

### Nominations for SMAC Prairie Star and Prairie Disciple Awards, April 15

The Prairie Star award was established to provide awareness and recognition every other year of one artist from southwest Minnesota whose body of work best exemplifies the highest quality of art in the SMAC region. The Prairie Disciple award acknowledges one person who has been instrumental in promoting the arts in the 18-county area of southwestern Minnesota. In 2016, SMAC is accepting nominations of teachers/educators only. Nomination forms and list of past award winners available at [www.swmnarts.org](http://www.swmnarts.org).

### Artist Retreat, May 6-7

SMAC's annual Artist Retreat at the Danebod Folk School in Tyler will be extended this year, starting at noon on Friday, May 6 and continuing through Saturday, May 7. Participate in networking, workshops, and activities for all artistic disciplines. On-site lodging available.

### Statewide Theater Conference , July 9-11

The Minnesota Theater Alliance announces their first annual Statewide Theater Conference, to be held on July 9-11, 2016 at St. John's University in Collegeville, MN. Topics will range across types of theaters and areas of expertise. Any and all theater practitioners from across the state interested in sharing their expertise and insights are invited to submit a proposal to present (submission deadline February 26, 2016). More information at <http://minnesotatheateralliance.org/content/statewide-theater-conference>.

## Composer Zachary Ploeger of Pipestone



Zachary Ploeger of Pipestone, MN, currently studying trumpet performance and composition at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI, recently received an Honorable Mention in The American Prize competition for his piece, *Galactic Voyage*.

The American Prize ([www.theamericanprize.org](http://www.theamericanprize.org)) provides "evaluation, recognition and reward to America's finest performing artists, ensembles and composers, based on recorded performances." Ploeger's piece was entered in the Composition—Chamber Music (student division) category.

Ploeger was also recently named a Minnesota Public Radio Finalist in their young composers contest, and his published pieces are available online at JW Pepper & Sons and Sheet Music Plus.

## FEBRUARY ARTS EVENTS

*\*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.*

**\*February 1 SMAC Grant Application Deadline: Arts Org Development, Legacy Project Planning, Start-up Grants.** Applications due by 4:30 pm.

**\*February 1 & 2 Auditions: *Steel Magnolias*, 7:30 pm,** The Barn Theatre, 320 Becker Ave, **Willmar**. Roles for six women, ages 18-65. Auditions will be cold readings from the script. Scripts are available for check-out. Info at [thomas@thebarntheatre.com](mailto:thomas@thebarntheatre.com) or 320-235-9500.

**\*February 2 Free SMAC Grantwriting Workshop: Art Project & Art Legacy Project Grants, 5:00-7:00 pm,** Andy's Junkology, 306 2nd St, **Jackson**.

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## Looking for more arts opportunities?

Go to [www.swmnarts.org](http://www.swmnarts.org), then click on "News and Events".  
You'll find info about calls for artists, fellowships, conferences, and more.

**\*February 3 Free SMAC Grantwriting Workshop: Art Project & Art Legacy Project Grants**, 5:00-7:00 pm, Granite Area Arts Council, 807 Prentice St, **Granite Falls**.

**\*February 6 SMAC Grant Review Panel: Arts in the Schools**, 9:00 am, SW MN Arts Council, 114 N 3rd St, **Marshall**.

**\*February 6 Orange Mighty Trio**, 7:30 pm, Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th St, **Dawson**. Orange Mighty Trio combines bluegrass and classical music into high-spirited, maverick chamber music. Part of the Dawson-Boyd Arts Association concert series. Information at [www.dawsonboydart.com](http://www.dawsonboydart.com) or 320-769-2955 ext. 246.

**February 6 Artist Reception: Holly DeGrote Thiner**, 1:00-4:00 pm, Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th St, **Worthington**.

**February 6 California Dreamin'**, 3:00 pm, Redwood Valley Performing Arts Center, 100 George Ramseth Dr, **Redwood Falls**. Vocal quartet performing pop/rock hits of the 60's. Part of Redwood Falls Community Concert Association's 2015-2016 Concert Series.

**February 6 Tim Patrick & His Blue Eyes Band**, 7:00 pm, Yellow Medicine East High School Auditorium, 450 9th Avenue, **Granite Falls**. Information: Granite Area Arts Council at [GraniteAreaArts@gmail.com](mailto:GraniteAreaArts@gmail.com) or 320-564-4240.

**\*February 11-14 & 18-21 The Addams Family**, The Barn Theatre, 321 4th St SW, **Willmar**. Thurs-Sat 7:30 pm, Sun 2:00 pm. A new musical based on the classic TV show. Info and tickets at [www.thebarntheatre.com](http://www.thebarntheatre.com) or 320-235-9500.

**\*February 12-14 & 19-21 Plain Hearts**, Dassel History Center & Ergot Museum, Level 3, 901 First St N, **Dassel**. Friday & Saturday 7:00 pm, Sunday 2:00 pm. A Fungus Amoungus Players' musical production, by Minnesotans Lance Belville and Eric Peltoniemi, explores the lives of six 19th and 20th century area farm women, whose stories are told by a traveling women's country band.

**February 15 SMAC Office Closed: Presidents' Day.**

**\*February 18 Free SMAC Grantwriting Workshop: Art Study Opportunity for Youth Grants**, 5:00-7:00 pm, Nobles County Integration Collaborative, Rm 604, 1450 Collegeway, **Worthington**.

**\*February 18-21 The Addams Family**, The Barn Theatre, 321 4th St SW, **Willmar**. Thursday-Saturday 7:30 pm, Sunday, 2:00 pm. A new musical based on the classic TV show. Information and tickets at [www.thebarntheatre.com](http://www.thebarntheatre.com) or 320-235-9500.

**Do you or your organization have a performance, exhibit, class, or other arts event coming up?**

Use our event submission form at [www.swmnarts.org](http://www.swmnarts.org) or email us at [info@swmnarts.org](mailto:info@swmnarts.org) to get your event posted on SMAC's area arts events calendar online and in our newsletter. *Newsletter deadline for March events: February 18, 2016.*

**\*February 19 SMAC Grant Application Deadline: Individual Artists.** Applications due by 4:30 pm.

**\*February 19-21 Plain Hearts**, Dassel History Center & Ergot Museum, Level 3, 901 First St N, **Dassel**. Friday & Saturday 7:00 pm, Sunday 2:00 pm. A Fungus Amoungus Players' musical production, by Minnesotans, Lance Belville and Eric Peltoniemi, explores the lives of six 19th and 20th century area farm women, whose stories are told by a traveling women's country band.

**\*February 20 SMAC Board Work Day, Marshall.**

**\*February 25 Artist Talk: Liz Blair**, 7:00 pm, Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, 109 N 3rd St, **Marshall**.

**February 26 Main Street Souvenirs: William Florian, folksinger & guitarist**, 7:30 pm, Fine Arts Center, 3rd St & Eureka Ave, **Montevideo**. Part of Minnesota Valley Community Concert Association's Concert Series.

**\*February 28 Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra: Virtuosi of Willmar**, 3:00 pm, Willmar Education & Arts Center (WEAC), 611 5th St SW, **Willmar**. Lisa Zeller, violin; Bob Whitney, oboe; Nickolas Castiglione, guitar; John Mack and Maia Hamann, bassoons; Mark Freitas, trumpet; Joshua Pierskalla, viola; and Susann Karnowski, horn, play selections from Bach, Vivaldi, Vanhal, Haydn, Bruch, and Strauss, accompanied by the orchestra. Information at [www.willmarorchestra.com](http://www.willmarorchestra.com).

## GALLERIES

**\*SMAC Art Gallery**. 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. Through February 26: Marjorie Nilssen, encaustic paintings. Visit the gallery M-F from 8:00 am-noon and 1:00 - 4:30 pm.

**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](http://www.claycoyote.com) or email [claypot@hutchtel.net](mailto:claypot@hutchtel.net).

**\*Hutchinson Center for the Arts**. 15 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson. February 1 through March 19: Joshua

Wilichowski, "You're the One I Need". Reception March 19, 1:00-3:00 pm. Gallery Hours: Monday–Thursday 10:00 am–5:00 pm. Information at 320-587-7278 or [www.hutchinsonarts.org](http://www.hutchinsonarts.org).

**\*KK Berge Gallery (Granite Area Arts Council).** 807 Prentice St, Granite Falls. Through February 15: Kathleen Marihart, collage paintings. Gallery hours Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Info at 320-564-4240 or [www.facebook.com/GraniteAreaArtsCouncil](http://www.facebook.com/GraniteAreaArtsCouncil).

**\*Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC).** 109 N 3rd St, Marshall. Through February 26: Liz Blair, "Ways of Seeing: Bog Tapestries", photography and prose. Artist Talk February 25, 7:00-9:00 pm. Gallery Hours: Tues - Fri 12:00-5:30 pm, Sat 11:00 am—3:00 pm. Information at 507-532-5463 or [www.mafac.net](http://www.mafac.net).

**Milan Village Arts School.** Junction of MN Highway 7/59 and MN Highway 40, Milan. For info on upcoming classes, call 320-734-4807 or visit [milanvillageartsschool.org](http://milanvillageartsschool.org).

**Nobles County Art Center.** 407 12th St, Worthington. February: Holly DeGrote Thiner, abstract paintings. Reception February 7, 1:00-4:00 pm. Hours: M-F 2:00-4:30 pm. Information at 507-372-8245 or on Facebook: [Nobles County Art Center](http://Nobles County Art Center).

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

**Redwood Falls Library.** 509 S Lincoln St, Redwood Falls. February: Joel McKinney, "New Paintings", sponsored by Tatanka Arts. Torri McKinney's embroideries also on display. Hours: Mon-Thurs 10:00 am—8:00 pm, Fri 10:00 am—5:00 pm, Sat 10:00 am—2:00 pm. Information at [tatankaarts.org](http://tatankaarts.org) or [www.redwoodfallslibrary.org/](http://www.redwoodfallslibrary.org/).

**Renville Public Library,** 221 Main St N, Renville. Mary Schroepfer, paintings. Hours: MWF 12:30-5:30pm, Tues 10 am-4 pm, Thurs 12:30-8 pm.

**Ridgewater College Gallery—Hutchinson.** Adjacent to Commons, 2 Century Avenue SE, Hutchinson. Info at [www.ridgewater.edu](http://www.ridgewater.edu) or 320-234-8518.

**Ridgewater College Gallery—Willmar.** Building F, Upper Level, 2101 15th Ave NW, Willmar. Info at [www.ridgewater.edu](http://www.ridgewater.edu) or 320-234-8518.

**Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society.** 812 Fourth Ave, Windom. Through March 26: "Give It Your Best Shot: Focus on Cottonwood County

Cemeteries", local photographers. Gallery Hours: Mon - Fri 8 - 4 PM & Sat 10 - 4 PM. For more info, call 507-831-1134 or email [cchs@windomnet.com](mailto:cchs@windomnet.com).

**Tokheim Pottery.** 2057 361st Ave, Dawson. Visit [www.tokheim-stoneware.com](http://www.tokheim-stoneware.com) for more info about the gallery or call 320-769-2142 or email [info@tokheim-stoneware.com](mailto:info@tokheim-stoneware.com).

**William Whipple Gallery.** In Bellows Academic Center 291 at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall. Through March 4: Ute Bertog, "The Secret Life of Words". Call 507-537-6266 for hours and information.

**\*Willmar Education and Arts Center (WEAC).** 611 5th St SW, Willmar. January through May: Willmar Schools exhibits. Information at 320-235-8560 or [willmarareaartscouncil.org](http://willmarareaartscouncil.org).

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