

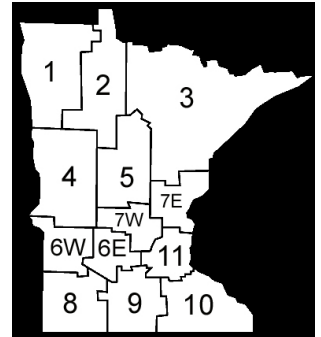
VOICES

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MEET THE SMAHC BOARD

This issue of **VOICES**, we are pleased to introduce you to one half of the SMAHC Board of Directors. In the next issue, we will introduce the other half of the Board. Minnesota is divided into 13 regions and there are 11 Regional Arts Councils. The regions that make up SMAHC are Regions 6W, 6E and 8 (see map). There are 18 counties in these regions with one board position for each county. This issue we feature our board members from regions 6W and 6E.



Kurt Schulz, Glencoe, is our current Board President. He has been on the SMAHC board since May of 2005. Kurt is actively involved in theater as an actor and as a director. He represents McLeod County.



Louise Mack has been on the board since September, 2005. She lives in New London and represents Kandiyohi County. She is an arts advocate and former award winner of the SMAHC Prairie Disciple Award.



Barbara Kay, rural Dassel, is one of our new board members elected to the board in December, 2007. Barbara is a retired music teacher having taught music for 30 years in the public school. She represents Meeker County



Tamara Isfeld, Granite Falls, has been on the board since June, 2004. She represents Yellow Medicine County. She is an art teacher and visual artist.



Sydney Masee was elected to the board in September, 2007. She lives in Appleton and represents Swift County. Sydney has much experience working with organizations in voluntary positions.



Ardie Eckardt, rural Odessa, came on the board in February, 2007. She represents Big Stone County. She is the current coordinator of the Milan Village Arts School. She is a former free-lance graphic designer and she has a keen interest in book arts.



Nancy Strand has been on the board since June of 2006. She lives in Milan and represents Chippewa County. She has been a SMAHC grant panelist and has been involved with other arts organizations. She is also a church organist.



Ruth Ascher came on the board in October, 2004. She lives in Canby and is a SMAHC At-large representative. Ruth is the current Executive Director of the United Way of Southwest Minnesota and a long-time advocate for the arts. She is a church organist.



Jerry Ostensoe is a new board member as of December, 2007. He lives in rural Sacred Heart and represents Renville County. He is a songwriter and musician and has performed extensively throughout Southwest Minnesota. Jerry has also been involved with SMAHC grant panels over the years.



Deborah Meyer, Madison, came on the board in December, 2007. She represents Lac qui Parle County. She has long been a strong advocate for the arts as an organizer and participant. She is on the board of the Lac qui Parle Players.

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SAVE THE DATE - SMAHC ANNUAL CELEBRATION

November 1, 2008 - Jackpot Junction
Don't miss this fabulous, fun event!!!

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SMAHC
Annual Celebration
November 1, 2008
At Jackpot Junction.
Watch for more details on this fun event.

SMAHC AWARDS \$18,001 TO SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The most recent grant award recipients in the SMAHC /McKnight Arts & Learning program are:

- ▶ **Montevideo Independent School**, Grant L. Manhart Music Residency
- ▶ **Reede Gray Elementary School**, Redwood Falls, Ramona Larson residency, "Decades of American Music"
- ▶ **Yellow Medicine East Public Schools**, Granite Falls, Florence Dacey Poetry Residency
- ▶ **Prairie Dance Alliance**, Marshall, Summer Dance Camp 2008
- ▶ **Southwest Minnesota State University**, Michael Flack Jazz Residency
- ▶ **Lakeview School District**, Cottonwood, Field Trip to MN Center for Book Arts
- ▶ **Rock County Fine Arts Association**, Luverne, Raku workshop
- ▶ **Parkside Elementary School**, Marshall, Sean Brown Storytelling Residency
- ▶ **Lakeview School**, Cottonwood, Fern Cloud Native American Art Residency
- ▶ **Prairie Arts Council**, Lester Prairie, Timothy Hassenstein Sculpture Residency
- ▶ **Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley**, Graceville, Prairie Fire Children's Theater



Milan Village Arts School's 20th Anniversary Community Dance & Annual Meeting
Let's All Celebrate!
March 28, 2008

Twenty years ago, a group of Milan residents called to meet by Bev Struxness to brainstorm economic options for Milan concluded that an Arts School was a good idea. They must have been right, because the Milan Village Arts School (MVAS) in fact did take shape and continues to offer quality arts experiences these many years later with the help of members, volunteers, students and teachers.

In honor of those who have contributed to the success of the Milan Village Arts School, (and because they are always ready to have a party) the MVAS Board invites you to the 20th Anniversary and Annual Meeting Celebration to be held at the Old Milan School Gym. It's a tradition of the Milan community to celebrate with music and dance, and MVAS intends to do so by featuring American Folk Dance on March 28. Dances will be led by Terrence Smith of Duluth. Terrence makes music and teaches appreciation of the wide range of American folk dance by getting people out on the dance floor. He will be at the Lac qui Parle school throughout the week.



Optional dance step instruction begins at 6:00. The Annual Meeting Celebration begins at 7:00 till 11:00. Members – free. Students (18 and under) - free. Non-members, \$5 which may be applied to annual membership contribution on March 28th only. Join now!

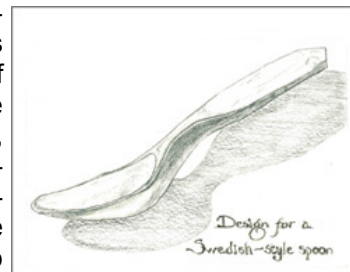


You can watch, you can dance, all are welcome! Don't know the steps? Doesn't matter, come and join in the fun.

CAKE & COFFEE provided by the Board of MVAS. Food available courtesy of the Greater Milan Initiative. This event made possible by a grant from the Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council.

The Spoon Gathering
An annual assembly of craft artisans with an emphasis on spoons at the Milan Village Arts School
June 6, 7, 8, 2008

Milan Village Arts School (MVAS) hopes to make the Spoon Gathering an annual event hosted in Milan at the Greater Milan Initiative playground. The event was started in 2007 by a group of craftsmen including three MVAS teachers, Frank Foltz, Jim Sannerud, and Jim Livesay. As practitioners of various folk arts, the three hope to build a folk arts fellowship event around the hand-made spoon, because spoons are a traditional symbol associated with family, food, fellowship, community, celebration, and commemoration in many cultures.



Spoons also have practical uses for eating, measuring and mixing and have attracted a long tradition of fine workmanship by folk artists.

The 2008 event will feature Norman Stevens' international spoon collection & demonstrations by: Bill Jaeger - Scandinavian figure carving, Dennis Chilcote - traditional broom making, Del Stubbs - sharpening, Frank Foltz - spoon carving, kolrosing, Fred Livesay - spoon carving, birch bark boxes, Jon Strom - hand carved bowls, Karen Henderson - whimsical bark carving, Tom Dengler - shrink boxes, Tom Latane - decorative filing & chasing. Participation fee is \$10 per person

The Milan Village Arts School website is www.milanvasartsschool.org. Visit the web site for the latest on their classes and activities

Tatanka Arts

Mission statement: "The mission of Tatanka Arts is to bring fine arts to the area, Redwood and Renville counties, on a regular basis and to promote local artists in our activities."



An exciting new arts organization, Tatanka Arts, is celebrating its first year of activities in the Redwood and Renville county areas. Organized in January of 2007, the goal of Tatanka Arts is to bring together artists, musicians and writers in Redwood and

Renville counties and to provide arts events and displays throughout the area. The group believes the arts add considerably to the quality of life, especially in a rural area. They have been busy their first year planning and executing many projects and events. Those visiting and living in the Redwood Falls area should be sure to take notice of some new sights in downtown. Thanks to Tatanka Arts, a mural designed by Gerry Patten was painted on the back of the Thrivent Financial building in downtown Redwood Falls, along with newly designated green space "Thrivent Park" adjacent to the mural, which the Tatanka Arts team will start landscaping and holding events in this coming year. Also new this year to downtown Redwood are the storefront window spaces that Tatanka has arranged for, being used to display the work of area artists. So it sounds like a good idea to make downtown Redwood Falls a destination in 2008 and appreciate and participate in these ex-

citing new additions to the businesses, shops, and cafes of Redwood Falls.

Many other exciting annual events were made possible this past year by the Tatanka Arts organization. Art shows were set up at Fieldstone Vineyards and two weekend receptions were held to celebrate the artists and the new venue. The Redwood Falls Library Art Show was displayed during the month of November in the library gallery and the first annual Minnesota Inventors Congress Art Festival was held. "Arts in the Park" classes for children and youth were held in Ramsey Park during June. Also, the Tatanka Arts newsletter, "Tatanka Bluffs" began circulation, a new website, www.tatankaarts.org was formed and a membership campaign was started.

Would you like to have your organization spotlighted in an upcoming issue of Voices? Let us know...we would be happy to help promote your organization.

Perspective from a SMAHC Grant Panelist, by Tom Wirt, Hutchinson

The following is a letter to the editor by Tom Wirt which was published in the Hutchinson Leader in response to the commentary "Are Minnesota's small, rural towns functionally dead?" written by Jack M. Geller. The original commentary can be viewed at: www.hutchinsonleader.com/node/6233.

I read with interest, Jack Geller's Commentary in the Leader on Tuesday, January 22. His take that small towns can be compared to neighborhoods and as such can be socially vibrant places, if not economically growing, would seem to explain a trend I've been watching.

For some 5 years now, I've had the privilege of sitting on grant panels for the Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council (SMAHC - www.smahc.org). They are responsible for granting of money from the State Arts Board and McKnight Foundation to support local arts and artists in the 18 county SW Minnesota area (including Hutchinson) and have been doing so for over 30 years.

It has continually amazed me how much difference these relatively small grants (hundreds to a few thousand dollars) have made in the communities that use them to support local theater, local artists trying for a new show or to learn new techniques, local schools trying to add an arts experience cut by budget cuts to the arts, and so on.

I've been on the panels long enough now to see the growth in participation in these towns where everyone pulls together to make things happen. The 2 instances that readily come to mind are the Milan Village Arts School (www.milanvillageartsschool.org) and the Adrian Community Theater where now they pull an audience nearly equal to the town population for performances. but there are countless other examples.

A few years ago, the McKnight Foundation published a booklet, 'Bright Stars', about how the arts are affecting small communities, not just socially, but, over time, economically. There are copies of this booklet in the Hutchinson Public Library. [They are also available from the McKnight Foundation web site: <http://www.mcknight.org/brightstars>]

The point is, these local arts efforts are part of what brings people together (neighborhoods) and enrich our lives. I'm continually amazed at the talent that lives in our 'neighborhood'. Here in Hutchinson, we have a number of these arts groups, some of who have gotten SMAHC grants, to help them continue their work. They deserve your support, SMAHC deserves your support. Get involved! Keep the neighborhood strong!

Tom Wirt, Hutchinson

GALLERY LISTINGS

Nobles County Art Center; March 1-31, Student Show featuring art work for students in area school; Opening March 7, 5-7 PM; April 1-31, Area Show Art Contest, artists from the surrounding area compete. The opening is April 6, 2008 from 2 PM to 4 PM; 407 12th St., **Worthington**. Gallery Hours: Monday through Friday, 2-4:30 PM; call 507-372-8245.

Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC), Jeff Nelson Exhibit from February 26 to April 5; 109 N. 3rd St., **Marshall**. 507-532-5463. Hours: Tues-Fri 11-4:30 pm & Sat 11-2 pm. www.mafac.net

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

Celeste Suter Fabric Art Exhibit through the month of March at the Citizen's State Bank, 111 N. Tyler Street, **Tyler**. Sponsored by the Tyler Arts Council

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

The WEAC Gallery - Willmar Education and Arts Center is located at 611 Fifth Street SW, **Willmar**. For more information, Call (320) 231-8560.

Tokheim Stoneware Tokheim Stoneware has created wheel-thrown stoneware pottery and sculpture since 1973. 2057 361st Avenue, **Dawson**; visit their website at www.tokheim-stoneware.com/

Clay Coyote Pottery 17614 240th St. **Hutchinson**; See www.claycoyote.com for gallery hours or email Betsy or Tom at claypot@hutchtel.net;

MARCH

March 1 & 2 "Sky Girls" by Jenny Laird in the Fine Arts Theatre at SMSU **Marshall** March 1 at 7:30 p.m. and March 2 at 2:00 p.m. Call (507) 537-7103.

March 1 & 2 Fractured Fairy Tales, "Wooing Wed Widing Hood" and "Twinderella" at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, **Pipestone**; Call 877-722-2787

March 2, 2008 Area High School Choirs and Groups, including Lac qui Parle Valley, Graceville, Chokio/Alberta, and Ortonville at the Appleton 52 Wing Auditorium, **Appleton**; Time: Sunday afternoon, General Admission, \$5.00 Students are free

March 2, 2008 Willmar Area Symphony Orchestra, performing at the Willmar Education & Arts Center (WEAC), 611 Fifth St. S.W., **Willmar**; 3:00 PM, Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, and \$5.00 for children; For more information, call 320-214-7577.

March 2 Concert Spirituel No. 2, "Songs of the Sacred," Dr. Daniel Rieppel, Emily Lodine and Russell Svenningsen, Campus Religious Center in **Marshall**; 2 p.m. For more information, call 507-537-7234.

March 3 Deadline for Individual Artist Development and Career Grants program. Deadline for Prairie Disciple and Prairie Star nominations.

March 8 Painting Class - Hint of Springtime at the Business Arts and Recreation Center, **Windom**; Fee: \$59 (includes supplies). For more information on this class or other classes, visit their website at www.barcwindom.com or email barc.ed@windomnet.com or call 507-831-2375

March 8 Sally Harmon performing at the Business Arts and Recreation Center (BARC) as part of the Windom Concert Association, 1012 5th Avenue, **Windom**; 7:30 PM; Email barcwindom@windomnet.com for tickets and more information or call 507-831-2375. Visit their website for more events at <http://www.barcwindom.com>

March 8 Organization Grant Panel Meeting at the SMAHC Offices

March 14 The Rose Ensemble sponsored by the MAFAC, at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts in **Marshall**. 7:30 PM; Call (507) 532-5463. Visit the MAFAC website: www.mafac.net

March 14 Northwind Crossing and the Emerald Tide Dancers performing at the Business Arts and Recreation Center (BARC), 1012 5th Avenue, **Windom**; 7:00 PM, Visit their website for more events at www.barcwindom.com

March 14 & 15 All My Favorites \$100,000 Dance Party at the Marshall Golf Club, 800 Country Club Drive, **Marshall**; 507-532-5463 or email mafac@starpoint.net

March 15 Ken Gaines & Karen Mal presented by the Prairie Wind Folk Music & Bluegrass Association at the Business Arts & Recreation Center, 1012 5th Avenue, **Windom**; 7:30 PM; For more information and tickets, call (507) 831-3560; Website: www.mnriv.com/windfolk.html

March 15 SMAHC Board Retreat at the Kilowatt Center, **Granite Falls**.

March 16 Main St. Jamboree, Live Radio Show on Stage at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, **Pipestone**; For ticket information, visit the PPAC website at www.pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter/index.htm or call 507-825-2020 or 877-722-2787.

March 16 Arts in the Afternoon Vocal and Instrumental Music, Speech, and Art by all ages sponsored by the Fine Arts Council of Tracy (FACT), at the Tracy Missionary Alliance Church, **Tracy**; 2:30 PM;

March 24 SMAHC Board Meeting at the SMAHC Offices, **Marshall**.

March 25 34th Lamberton Jazz Festival Lamberton HS, **Lamberton**: Festival Awards begin at 6:30 PM, concert begins at 7:00 PM; This event is sponsored in part by SMAHC. Call Phone: 507-752-7361 ext.122

March 25 SMSU Jazz Ensemble at the Schwan Center for the Performing Arts, **Marshall**; 7:30 PM; call (507) 537-7209 for more information

March 27 - 30 "The Shape of Things" by Neil Labute. March 27 - 29 at 7:30 p.m. and March 30 at 2

p.m. in the Black Box Theatre at SMSU University Theatre, **Marshall**, Minn. For more information, call (507) 537-7103.

March 28 The Minnesota Ballet performing Swan Lake Act II and "Split Second" at the Business Arts and Recreation Center (BARC), 1012 5th Avenue, **Windom**; 7:00 PM, Email barcwindom@windomnet.com for more information or call 507-831-2375. Visit their website for more events at www.barcwindom.com

March 29 The Beach Boys "Pet Sounds" Collective Unconscious featuring The Vees, George Maurer & The Half Steps at the Dassel-Cokato Performing Arts Center 4852 Reardon Ave. S.W., **Cokato**; 7:30 PM; For more information, visit www.dc.k12.mn.us/artscenter/Acts20072008/BeachBoys.htm

March 29 Beauty and the Beast Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley Gym in **Clinton**; 7:00 PM Call (320) 748-7233 for more information

March 29 Individual Artist Grant Panel Meeting at the SMAHC Offices.

March 30 Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra of Mpls. in concert at the Schwan Center for the Performing Arts (Marshall High School Theater), **Marshall**. 4:00 PM; Tickets are available by calling MAFAC at 507-532-5463

March 31 The Golden Dragon Acrobats performing at the Business Arts and Recreation Center (BARC) 1012 5th Avenue, **Windom**; 7:30 PM; Visit their website for more events at www.barcwindom.com

APRIL

April 1 Deadlines for Round 2 of Arts & Learning Grants, Ind. Artist Opportunity Grants, and Challenge Grants

April 3-5 and 10-12 The Mousetrap, presented by the Hutchinson Theatre Company at Peace Center, Peace Lutheran Church, 400 Franklin Street SW, **Hutchinson**; 7:00pm; Call 320.587.2599 or visit www.hutchtheatre.org/

April 3, 4, 5 & 6 "The Sound of Music" Community Musical at the Tracy Area High School, sponsored by the

Fine Arts Council of Tracy (FACT), **Tracy**; 7:00 PM 3rd-5th and 2:00 PM on the 6th. Call 507-629-3114.

April 4-6 & 11-13 The Opland Spring Festival of Song "The Rhythm of Seasons" performed at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, **Pipestone**; For ticket information, visit the PPAC website at www.pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter/index.htm

April 5, 6, 7 Auditions for Pirates of Penzance, Marshall Area Stage Company (MASC) Summer Musical, **Marshall**; For more information, email schwoch@southwestmsu.edu or call 507-865-4684: www.marshallareastagecompany.org

April 6, 2008 Swift County Band Spring Concert at the Appleton 52 Wing Auditorium, **Appleton**;

April 7 & 8 Auditions for My Antonia, Reader's Theatre by Marshall Area Stage Company (MASC), **Marshall**; For more information, email schwoch@southwestmsu.edu or call 507-865-4684; www.marshallareastagecompany.org

April 10-13, 17-20, 24-27 My Fair Lady at the Barn Theatre, 321 4th Street SW, **Willmar**; Thurs-Sat, 7:30 PM, Sunday matinees at 2:30 PM; call (320) 235-9500 or visit: www.thebarntheatre.com

April 10-12 & 18-19 at 7:30 pm & April 20 at 2 pm "Six Pack." Select plays by Chekhov, Brecht, Beckett, Pinter, Mamet, and Durang in the Fine Arts Theatre at Southwest Minnesota State University, **Marshall**. For more information, call (507) 537-7103.

April 12 Mark Schultz at the Dassel-Cokato Performing Arts Center 4852 Reardon Ave. S.W., **Cokato**; 7:30 PM; For more information, visit www.dc.k12.mn.us/artscenter/Acts20072008/MarkSchultz.htm

April 12, 2008, "The Classic" at the Appleton 52 Wing Auditorium, **Appleton**; Time: 7pm

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*****SEE MORE Calendar Events and Opportunities on the SMAHC website at www.smahc.org**

What's Happening? ...Get it in VOICES

...in the arts and/or humanities in your area that you would like to publicize?
Submit upcoming events for the March/April VOICES by **April 15, 2008.**

Date(s): _____ Times: _____
 Sponsoring Organization(s): _____
 Name of Event: _____ Admission: _____
 Location: _____ City: _____
 Contact person for inquiries: _____ Phone: _____
 Name of person completing this form: _____
 Phone & e-mail address: _____
 Brief Description of Event: _____

Calendar Continued

April 12 Bill Miller presented by the Prairie Wind Folk Music & Bluegrass Association at the Business Arts & Recreation Center, 1012 5th Avenue, **Windom**; 7:30 PM; (507) 831-3560; www.mnriv.com/windfolk.html

April 12 Artist Ashley E. Towne from Chicago, presented by ARHouse, 117 1st Ave NE, **New London**; 5-9 PM, Free Admission; Featuring musical entertainment by Bill Gossman and Paul Morris at 7pm. Free door prizes for the first 15 visitors--an ARHouse tradition! Visit www.arhousenewlondon.com. This event generously sponsored by the Mill Pond Mercantile

April 13, Lorie Line in concert at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts, Marshall Senior High School, 400 Tiger Drive, **Marshall**; 4:00 PM; Call (507) 532-5463 to order tickets or email mafaca@starpoint.net Web site: mafaca.net

April 18 A Children's Concert presented by the Southwest Minnesota Orchestra performing at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts, 400 Tiger Drive, **Marshall**; 7:00 PM, For more information, email newman@southwestmsu.edu or call 537-7234.

April 18 Butch Thompson and Friends at Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th Street, **Dawson**; 7:30 PM; Visit the Dawson-Boyd Arts Association for more information: www.dawsonboydarts.org or call (320) 769-2955 Ext. 246

April 20 The Barbary Cost Dixieland Band sponsored by the Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, will perform at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts in **Marshall**. 4:00 PM; Tickets are available by calling (507) 532-5463. Website: www.mafaca.net

April 21 The Hunt Family Fiddlers presented by the Slayton Prairie Music Association, Murray County Central High School Auditorium, 2420 28th St., **Slayton**; Email jplp@iw.net or call 507-836-8970.

April 24-26 at 7:30 pm and April 27 at 2 pm Playwriting Festival. Staged readings of young playwrights who are not yet published, Black Box Theatre at Southwest Minnesota State University Theatre, **Marshall**, Minn. For more information, call (507) 537-7103.

April 25, 26, 27 "My Antonia", Reader's Theatre presentation by Marshall Area Stage Company (MASC) in conjunction with the "Big Read;" 7pm the 25th & 26th and 2pm the 27th; Marshall-Lyon County Library 301 W. Lyon Street, **Marshall**; call 507-865-4684; Website: www.marshallareastagecompany.org

April 27 Young Artist Concert featuring local young musicians and the Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra. For more information, call 320-214-7577.

April 28 SMAHC Board Meeting at the SMAHC Offices, **Marshall**

OPPORTUNITIES

MNArtists.org is an online database of Minnesota artists and organizations from all disciplines. It offers to Minnesota-based artists a central gathering place on the Web. Visit their website and read more at: www.mnartists.org

Springboard For The Arts is a non-profit artist service organization. Their mission is to provide affordable management information, consulting and training services designed to improve the business competence and confidence of independent artists and cultural organizations in the Upper Midwest. Check them out at: www.springboardforthearts.org/Workshops/Workshop.asp

Open Minnesota Percent for Art Artist Registry The registry is a collection of resumes and work samples of visual artists in all disciplines who would like to be considered for public art commissions and purchases. There is no fee to join. To learn more, visit www.percentforart.us/

The Lake Benton Opera House is looking for a choreographer for our summer musical, "High School Musical." Tryouts are June 1 and 2, with rehearsals beginning June 8th. They would tentatively need the choreographer beginning June 22nd. Pay is \$350. For more information contact Mark Wilmes at 507-247-5502 (office), 507-247-3833 (home), or by email at mk.wilmes@mchsi.com

Fine Arts Festival 2008. April 18 - May 3. A 16-day festival of fine arts featuring creative works from the Art, Music, Speech Communication, Theatre, and Creative Writing programs at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall. For more information, call (507) 537-7103.

**Schwan Food Company Presents
A Pops Concert by the**

**METROPOLITAN
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA OF MPLS**

**Sunday, March 30, 2008
4:00 PM**

**Schwan Center for the
Performing Arts, Marshall**

**Special Guest Guitarist:
Billy McLaughlin**

**Tickets are available by
phone at MAFAC
507-532-5463**

**Proceeds will benefit the
Imagine Center for Arts**



SMAHC DEADLINES

There are important deadlines that are approaching that you should be aware of. For **Arts & Learning Grants and Individual Artist Study Grants**, it is not too early to be thinking about grants for the this coming summer, fall, and winter (see below).

INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS: SMAHC Development and Career Grants ranging \$1000-\$2000 are due **MARCH 3, 2008!**

***Earliest project start date is May 1, 2008. Next deadline will be in 2009. **Forms are available for download at www.smahc.org**

2008 PRAIRIE DISCIPLE AND PRAIRIE STAR NOMINATIONS: SMAHC's yearly recognition of an outstanding arts advocate (\$500) and artist (\$1000) are open for nominations and due by **MARCH 3, 2008!**

*****Nomination forms are available for download at www.smahc.org or call the SMAHC office.**

ARTS & LEARNING: Matching grants to schools, organizations, and communities, up to \$600 (field trips), \$750 (pre-packaged theatre residencies) or \$2,500 (residencies) are due **APRIL 1, 2008**

***You will need to apply now for projects between June 1st and December 1st. **Arts & Learning grant forms are**

available for download at www.smahc.org

INDIVIDUAL ARTIST STUDY OPPORTUNITY: Up to \$500 for specific study opportunities - all ages & disciplines, due APRIL 1, 2008

***You will need to apply now for projects between June 1st and December 1st. **Individual Artist Study Opportunity grant forms are available for download at www.smahc.org**

NETWORKING GRANTS: Up to \$500 in mileage reimbursement and workshop fees to network with members of other arts organizations and/or attend arts workshops.

***Applications due one (1) week prior to the planned trip. **Forms are available for download at www.smahc.org**

CHALLENGE GRANTS: At this time, funds for this grant program have been exhausted. The next deadline will be scheduled after June 30, 2008.

ATTN TEACHERS: SMAHC Grant Program Encourages Art Study for Educators

This program which was originally piloted in 2004 is designed to encourage educators, K-12 classroom teachers, as well as private arts teachers in the SMAHC region to study how to better deliver the arts to their students. Teachers may apply for reimbursement for up to \$500 for registration fees and/or tuition, as well as other related costs (books, materials, mileage, meals & 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.).

Class may be for credit or non-credit. We especially encourage non-art educators who are expected to teach art in the classroom to apply for this grant.

The deadline for applying for this grant is May 1, 2008. Activities cannot take place before June 1, 2008. Grants will be awarded at the May 27, 2008 SMAHC Board Meeting. Guidelines will be available for download on the SMAHC web site by April 1, 2008. If you have any questions, call the SMAHC office at 1-800-622-5284. This program is made possible through funding from the McKnight Foundation.

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Andy & Cherri Kahmann, Montevideo
 Steve & Chris Hettig, Morton
 Jack & Becky Jungas, Mountain Lake
 Robert Mattson, New London
 Julie & Glen Joplin, New London
 Crow River Players - The Little Theatre,
 New London
 Louise & John Mack, New London
 Renville County Commission, Olivia
 Big Stone County Commission, Ortonville
 Dee & Robert Rosenbrook, Pennock
 Mary Ann Yseth, Pipestone
 Pat Beyers, Pipestone
 Tim Krause & Rob Dell, Portland, OR

Yvonne Janning, Redwood Falls
 Bryan & Sue Nelson, Redwood Falls
 Vera Doidge, Redwood Falls
 Marion Frederickson, Redwood Falls
 Tom & Sharon Hollatz, Redwood Falls
 Redwood County Commission, Redwood
 Falls
 Ramona Larson, Redwood Falls
 Bruce & Beverley Raske, Renville
 Jerry Ostensoe, Sacred Heart
 Peggy Southwick, Slayton
 Ken and Marlys Knuth, Slayton
 Murray County Commission, Slayton
 Trace and Diann Hafner, Slayton
 Prairie Oasis Players, Slayton
 Dr. Elton and Linda Wing, Slayton

Nancy and Simon Fensom, Spicer
 Tim and Marie Ostby, Spicer
 Henry & Sharon Jacobsen, Tyler
 Tyler Arts Council, Tyler
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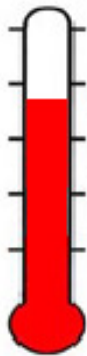
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