Eva Margaréét to exhibit at the SMAC Gallery

The Southwest Minnesota Arts Council Gallery will feature the oil paintings and clay sculptures of Eva Margaréét of Willmar from March 6 through May 2, 2014.

Eva says, “This series of work is all based and inspired by the fantastical experience of having my first child. Some ideas came from personal experiences combined with dreams that I’ve had. Others came from photos I took combined with concepts. The overall purpose was to convey pregnancy and motherhood; the physical, emotional and spiritual aspects of that experience. I hope to leave people feeling refreshed, renewed and inspired — the same feeling that comes with listening to their favorite song. I do find it interesting that most of the works that were created are more about the spiritual aspects of my experience, but that doesn’t surprise me because it is such a spiritual experience... all of life is.”

Eva Margaréét lives and works in Willmar, MN and was a 2013 recipient of a SMAC Individual Artist grant. Eva’s work has been televised through Pioneer Public Television’s “Postcards: Arts Along Highway 23” and written about in Willmar’s “Live It!” magazine and Stillwater, Oklahoma’s “Stillwater Living” magazine. She has had solo exhibits at Kaleidoscope Gallery in New London and Ridgewater College in Willmar. Her numerous group exhibitions include ‘Project Gallery’ in Stillwater, OK, Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, OK, and at a state-wide juried exhibition called “Momentum”. Her work has also been acquired by numerous public and private collections throughout the Midwest. See more of her work at evamargaretart.com.

The public is invited to visit the SMAC Gallery for a reception from 5:00 - 7:00 pm on March 6, 2012. Enjoy live music Kyle Johnson & Tyler Schoep from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Regular gallery hours are Mon - Fri, 8:00 am to noon and 1:00 - 4:30 pm.

Johnson & Schoep to perform at Eva Margaréét opening

Enjoy music by Kyle Johnson and Tyler Schoep from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at the SMAC Gallery during a reception for Eva Margaréét on March 6, 2014. Johnson and Schoep are both music majors at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. They will perform today’s smooth rock and more on guitars with vocals.
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.

March 1, 2014:
Small Grants (Arts Legacy Planning, Small Arts Organization Development, Start-Up, & Small Equipment Purchase)

March 7, 2014:
Individual Artists, Round II
Earliest project start date: May 1, 2014

March 21, 2014:
Art Projects & Arts Legacy Projects, Round III
Earliest project start date: May 15, 2014

April 1, 2014:
Small Grants (Arts Legacy Planning, Small Arts Organization Development, Start-Up, & Small Equipment Purchase)
This is the last Small Grant deadline for the year.

GRANTWRITING WORKSHOPS

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

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SMAC Artist Retreat May 3, 2014

SW MN Arts Council’s 2014 Artist Retreat will take place on Saturday, May 3 at the Danebod Folk School, Tyler, MN. Along with a full day of workshops and activities for all disciplines on Saturday, you have the opportunity to join us the night before for entertainment, networking and on-site overnight lodging.

The cost of the retreat is just $15 for a full day of workshops, networking opportunities, and meals, or $35 if you add on lodging.

Watch for more information on our website: www.swmnarts.org.

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January 25 — February 24, 2014

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MN Arts Advocacy Day March 27

Join us on Thursday, March 27 for Minnesota Arts Advocacy Day. The event’s organizer, Minnesota Citizens for the Arts (MCA), describes the invigorating day at the Capitol:

“Artists and arts supporters from across the state will join together to protect Art & Legacy funding, making sure we remain the strongest arts community in the country. Together we will speak about the impact that arts funding has had on our lives and our communities. Meet great arts people from all over the state, and make a difference with your friends and neighbors.

“You and your team will be led by an experienced advocate who has participated in past Arts Advocacy Days and knows what to do. Following a brief rally, you and your team will visit a series of legislators over the morning, giving you plenty of time to get to know your teammates and the issues you are discussing.

“By working together we show the strength of Minnesota’s arts community. Let your elected officials know what you think!”

Once you register through the website at right, let SMAC know if you’d like to ride share to the Capitol. SMAC staff will help coordinate vehicles and pick-up spots throughout the region. Call the SMAC office at 800-622-5284 or 507-537-1471.

Meet your SMAC-region legislators:

MN HOUSE
District 12A: Jay McNamar, Elbow Lake
District 16A: Chris Swedzinski, Ghent
District 16B: Paul Torkelson, St James
District 17A: Andrew Falk, Murdock
District 17B: Mary Savatzky, Willmar
District 18A: Dean Urdahl, Grove City
District 18B: Glenn Gruenhagen, Glencoe
District 22A: Joe Shomacker, Luverne
District 22B: Rod Hamilton, Mountain Lake
District 23A: Bob Gunther, Fairmont

MN SENATE
District 12: Torrey Westrom, Elbow Lake
District 16: Gary Dahms, Redwood Falls
District 17: Lyle Koenen, Clara City
District 18: Scott Newman, Hutchinson
District 22: Bill Weber, Luverne
District 23: Julie Rosen, Fairmont

Register for Arts Advocacy Day now at www.mncitizensforthearts.org.

If you can’t attend in person, contact your legislators through email using the MCA Desktop Lobbyist website: www.mncitizensforthearts.org/actnow.

Minnesota Performing Arts Touring & Presenting Workshop March 27

After you’ve spoken with your legislators on Arts Advocacy Day, stick around at the MN History Center in St Paul for a workshop from 1:30 to 4:30 pm about touring and presenting shows in Minnesota.

Organized by the MN Theater Alliance, in partnership with Minnesota Presenters Network and the Minnesota Association of Community Theatres, this half-day panel discussion will tackle topics from both sides of the booking partnership, featuring an experienced panel made up of Minnesota presenting venues, touring artists, and a Touring Grant program officer from the MN State Arts Board. Topics will include:

- Why you would want to tour or present
- What to expect when you tour or present
- How to do it well (and how not to do it)
- Tech
- Marketing
- Logistics
- Non-traditional venues and funders
- Money
- How to get started
- Partnership with others
- Your questions
- Your suggestions

Register online at http://mta-conference-touring.eventbrite.com. Pre-registration by March 20 for members of MTA, MPN, or MACT is $30 per person; non members $40 per person. On-site registration the day of the event is $50 per person. Contact Leah Cooper at leah@mntheateralliance.org or 612-227-2046 with questions.
SMAC awards $118,341 in grants for organizations

In January and February 2014, the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council awarded $118,426 in grants to 26 organizations in the region. Awards per program were as follows: $60,360 in Art Projects (providing up to $5,000 to produce or present a community-serving art project), $18,452 in Arts Legacy Projects (providing up to $20,000 to produce or present high quality arts events that leave an arts legacy in Minnesota), $39,278 in Arts Organization Development/Equipment & Facilities Improvement Grants (providing up to $5,000 to strengthen organizations’ capacity to provide quality arts activities, or up to $15,000 for equipment & facilities improvements), and $3,689 in Small Equipment Grants (providing up to $2,000 to purchase equipment that will help them fulfill their mission).

ART PROJECT GRANTS

‘52 Wing Restoration Committee, Appleton, $3,200 for their 2014 summer concert series.

Crow River Area Youth Orchestra, Hutchinson, $3,486 for the summer 2014 session of Introduction to Strings.

Friends of the Orchestra, Marshall, $5,000 for the SW MN Orchestra’s 2014 spring concert and a resident string quartet for the spring season.

Granite Falls Area Community Theatre, $3,500 for their production of “The Boys Next Door.”

Historic Hutchinson, $5,000 for their production of “Smoke on the Mountain: Sanders Family Homecoming.”

Hutchinson Public Arts Commission, $4,900 for the Hutchinson Sculpture Stroll.

Hutchinson Theatre Company, $2,200 for their Young Stars theatre education program.


Minnesota Pottery Festival, Hutchinson, $4,150 for their 2014 (3rd annual) festival.


Oyate Nipi Kte, Granite Falls, $5,000 for a Winyanpi Wokiksuye (Remembering Women) song project to record traditional women’s songs.

Prairie Arts Continuum, Windom, $910 for their production of “Rest Assured.”

Prairie Dance Alliance, Marshall, $3,264 for their 2014 dance camp.

Spicer Beautification Committee, $2,600 for the creation and display of Adirondack chair public art.


Willmar Community Theatre (The Barn), $5,000 for their 2014 summer theatre season.

Malananya performing at Worthington’s 2013 International Festival.

**ARTS LEGACY PROJECT GRANTS**

*Cultural Awareness Organization*, Worthington, $10,000 for their 2014 International Festival with the addition of a permanent multicultural community art project and photographic documentation of the festival.

*Lac qui Parle County Historical Society*, $8,452 for a Laq qui Parle River Stories Map project, including school residencies, the collection of local river stories, and the creation of a river map painting incorporating the stories.

**ARTS ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT/EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT GRANTS**

*Big Stone Arts Council*, Ortonville, $4,994 for Art Center feasibility, planning and early renovation.

*Blue Mound Area Theatre*, Luverne, $14,982 to purchase and install new stage lighting.

*Crow River Players*, New London, $5,000 for stage trapdoor ladder, bathroom remodel, outdoor awning and signage.

*Lake Benton Opera House*, $11,382 for stage lighting and lightboard, projector, wireless mics, risers, mic stands and cables, and aluminum sign holders.

*Marshall Area Fine Arts Council*, $635 for office chairs.

*New London Arts & Culture Alliance*, $2,200 for wall preparation for public art exhibit.

**SMALL EQUIPMENT GRANTS**

*Crow River Area Youth Orchestra*, Hutchinson, $558 for computer accessories and a cell phone for the orchestra manager.

*Granite Area Arts Council*, Granite Falls, $2,000 to purchase chairs and tables for their recently-acquired building and $1,647 for a kiln and additional chairs.

*RiverSong Music Festival*, Hutchinson, $1,131 for storage shelves for their music festival supplies.

Grant awards for these programs 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.
**FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

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**March 1 SMAC Grant Deadline: Arts Legacy Project Planning & Small Grants.** Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

**March 1 SMSU Day of Brass**, Southwest Minnesota State University, 1501 State St, Marshall. During this student workshop, there will be recitals by the guest artist at 11:00 am, by the SMSU faculty at 5:00 pm, and by all of the festival participants at 8:00 pm. Contact David Peterson at 507-537-7103 or david.peterson@smsu.edu for more info.

**March 1 "Love, Loss, and What I Wore", 7:30 pm at the Fine Arts Theatre, SMSU, Marshall.** A unique theatrical experience of compelling stories of women and their connection to clothing, presented as part of Women's History Month. Info at www.smsu.edu/academics/programs/theatrearts/

**March 2 SMAC Nomination Deadline: Prairie Star & Prairie Disciple Awards.**

**March 4 SW MN Orchestra Children's Concert, 1:00 pm, Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts (MHS), 400 Tiger Dr, Marshall.** Features cellist Annabelle Lecy of Marshall, Student Concerto Competition winner. Contact Kristin Gruhot at 507-537-2555 for tickets.

**March 4 "Ain't I a Woman!", 8:00 pm, SMSU Fine Arts Theatre, Marshall.** Shinrinie Jackson tells the stories of four African-American women through historical narrative and first-person monologues. The Core Ensemble accompanies Jackson's performance with an array of spirituals, jazz and blues, and original music. For more info, contact the SMSU Dean's Office at 507-537-6251.

**March 6, Artist Reception: Eva Margaré, 5:00-7:00 pm, SW MN Arts Council Gallery, 114 North Third Street, Marshall.** Live music by Kyle Johnson & Tyler Schoep from 5:30-6:30 pm.

**March 7 SMAC Grant Deadline: Individual Artist Round II.** Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

**March 7 Artist Reception: Student Art Show, 2:00-4:30 pm Nobles County Arts Center, 407 12th St, Worthington.** Info at noblearts@knology.net or 507-372-8254.

**March 9 Charlie Albright, pianist, 4:00 pm, Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts (MHS), 400 Tiger Dr, Marshall.** Part of Marshall Area Fine Arts Council's 2013-2014 Concert Series. Info at www.mafac.net/.

**March 14 James Sewell Ballet presents "Lover", 7:00 pm, Historic Palace Theatre, Luverne.** "Lover" is a series of musical theater dance vignettes set to the music of Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart. The accompanying piece, "Your Move", involves students from a local dance class and community members who will record and showcase their movements with the professional dancers. Info at www.palacetheatre.us/.

**March 15 SMAC Grant Review Panel: Arts in the Schools/Art Study Opportunity for Youth, 9:00 am, SMAC Office, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

**March 15 Mal, McIain, & Stoddard, 7:30 pm, Carson Meeting House, 49521 Cty Rd. 3, Delft.** Mal, McIain, & Stoddard perform as part of the Prairie Wind Folk Music & Bluegrass Association's concert series. For more info, go to www.mnriv.com/windfolk.html or contact Bruce Boldt at (507) 831-3560 or bboldt@mindspring.com.

**March 21 SMAC Grant Deadline: Art Projects & Arts Legacy Projects, Round III.** Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

**March 21-23 Calumet Players Children's Theatre, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E. Main St, Pipestone.** March 21 & 22 7:00 pm, March 23 2:00 pm. Info at www.pipestonemnnesota.com/performingartscenter/or 507-825-2020.

**March 21-23 & 28-30 “Willy Wonka” – Green Earth Players production, Palace Theatre, Luverne. March 21, 22, 28, & 29 7:30 pm, March 23 & 30 2:00 pm.

**March 22 Celtic Memories Concert with Jennifer Licko Band, 7:00 pm, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 15 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson.** Info at www.hutchinsonarts.org or 320-587-7278.

**March 22 James Sewell Ballet presents "Lover", 7:00 pm, Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th St, Dawson.** See description above. Info at www.dawsonboydarts.org or 320-769-2955 ext 246.

**March 25 SMAC Board Meeting, 7:00 pm, 114 N 3rd St, Marshall.

**March 27 MN Arts Advocacy Day, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm, MN History Center/MN State Capitol, St Paul.** See pg 3.
March 27 MN Performing Arts Touring & Presenting Workshop, 1:30 – 3:30 pm, MN History Center, St Paul. See pg 3.

March 28 Open Mic Night, 7:00 pm, Hutchinson Center for the Arts, 15 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson. Info at www.hutchinsonarts.org or 320-587-7278.

*March 28-30 “Willy Wonka” – Green Earth Players production, Palace Theatre, Luverne. March 28 & 29 7:30 pm, March 30 2:00 pm.


March 30 Tim Patrick and His Blue-Eyed Band, 2:00 pm, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E. Main St, Pipestone. Info at www.pipestoneminnesota.com/performingartscenter/ or 507-825-2020.

*March 30 Crow River Area Youth Orchestra Concert, 4:00 pm, Hutchinson High School Auditorium. Spring concert with guest soloist Dr Erin Aldridge includes performances by the CRAYO symphony, Varsity Strings, and Intro to Strings programs.

March 31 "Jeffrey Hatcher's Hamlet", 1:00 pm, Memorial Auditorium, 601 9th St, Dawson. Illusion Theatre's production of "Jeffrey Hatcher's Hamlet". This student performance also has seating for the public. Tickets: $5. Info at www.dawsonboydarts.org or 320-769-2955 ext 246.

*Carnegie Cultural Center. 205 N Freeman, Luverne. March: Works On Paper open 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. 28 N Main St, Hutchinson. Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11:00 am-6:00 pm. Info at 320-587-7278 or www.hutchinsonarts.org.


KK Berge Gallery. 807 Prentice Street, Granite Falls. Gallery hours Monday – Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Call 320-564-4039 for information.


Nobles County Art Center. 407 12th St, Worthington. March: Area Student Art Show. Hours: M-F 2:00-4:30 pm. Call 507-372-8245 for more information.


Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society. 812 Fourth Avenue, Windom. 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.tokheimstoneware.com for more info about the gallery or call 320-769-2142 or email info@tokheimstoneware.com.


*Willmar Education and Arts Center (WEAC). 611 5th St SW, Willmar. Info at 320-235-8560 or willmarareaartscouncil.org.

GALLERIES

*SMAC Art Gallery. 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. March 6– May 2: Eva Margarét. 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.


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