

VOICES

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SMAHC to receive Arts & Cultural Heritage Funds!

With the passage of the **Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment** in November of 2008, the funding for the arts will be greatly enhanced for the next 25 years! 19.75% of the funds will be put in a newly created **Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund** to be spent only for arts, arts education, and arts access, and to preserve Minnesota's history and cultural heritage (approximately \$48 million in FY 2010 and \$54.5 million in FY 2011). SMAHC will be receiving a portion of these funds for arts programming!

We've held a series of **listening sessions and conversations** throughout our region to hear ideas from our constituents. The SMAHC board has held several strategic planning sessions to discuss the input we've received and create policies and procedures for disseminating these funds. In the next few months, new programs and guidelines will be published. **Please be looking for announcements at www.smahc.org for the latest information.** These are exciting times for the arts in Minnesota!

SMAHC Awards Grants To Local Arts Organization

The Board of Directors of the Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities Council (SMAHC) voted to award a total of **\$50,392** to local arts organizations under the **SMAHC Arts Project Grant Program** and the **Local Arts Development Grant Program**.

Art Projects

Prairie Arts Chorale, \$1,413, for their Fall 2009 Concerts
"I Will Sing With the Spirit"

Friends of the Orchestra, Marshall, \$3,000, for their
Youth Concert 2010 "Peter & The Wolf"

Business, Arts & Recreation Center, Windom, \$632, for
the Marionette Performance & Teacher Workshop

Dawson Boyd Arts Association, \$4,500, for the
"Cantus" Concert & Student Choral Master Class

Calumet Players, Pipestone, \$998, for the Children's
Theater "Lion & Mouse"

Tyler Arts Council, \$1,135, 2009-2010 Concert Series
Council for Arts & Humanities in Rock, Luverne,
\$1,500, for World of Music with Todd Green

Pipestone Performing Arts Center, \$2,796, for the Con-
cert "They Write the Songs"

Willmar Community Theatre, \$4,500, for their Winter
Season Productions 2009-2010

Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra, \$4,500, for their
2009-2010 Concert Series

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36th SMAHC ANNUAL CELEBRATION

The **SMAHC Annual Celebration** will held on **October 24, 2009** at the Willmar Conference Center (Willmar Holliday Inn). This year's event promises to be a grand festival of great entertainment, food, and fellowship. The invitations are being prepared and should be arriving soon. *(You don't need an invitation to come!)* We hope you have set aside this date and are planning to join us.

There will be some new ventures this year. We are dropping the costumes optional in favor of semi-formal dress. There will also be a live auction and a silent auction.

The evening begins at 5:30 PM with registration, social hour, a cash bar as well as live piano music. Bidding will begin on the silent auction items. A buffet dinner will follow and then our Prairie Star and Prairie Disciple awards will be presented to **Robert Mattson** and **Joe Paddock**. There will be entertainment by the **Dassel Leikkering Scandinavian Folk Dancers**. The evening ends with a live auction.

The **SMAHC Annual Celebration** is an opportunity for arts advocates to meet and share arts experiences you've had throughout the year. The tickets for the event are \$30 each. You can send in the registration card with your check when it arrives in the mail. Or you can fill out the registration form on Page 3 of this newsletter. You can also call the SMAHC office at (800) 622-5284 to register. Tickets are also available from SMAHC Board Members. Tickets must be purchased in advance. The deadline for purchasing tickets is October 19. **We hope to see you October 24th!**

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Deadline for Individual Artist Career and Development Grants

The deadline for **Individual Artist Career and Development grants** is December 1, 2009. These grants offer up to \$2500 for **career artists** and up to \$1000 for **developing artists**.

A **career artist** is an established professional artist who has held significant solo shows or had significant performances or have been published in significant publications. Eligible professional artists have achieved significant regional recognition in the past five years, and are in the process of progressing to a new level in their professional career. Career artists are defined as those who, for the most part, are at an advanced stage in their career development and have been acknowledged as established artists by other artists and arts professionals within their chosen field. An established artist is expected to have a significant performance, publishing, or exhibition record. The artistic accomplishments documented in the resume are critical in making a judgment regarding your eligibility as a career artist.

A **developing or emerging artist** is defined as those who, for the most part are at an early stage in their career development. Other artists and arts professionals within their chosen field will not have acknowledged them as established artists. An emerging artist is expected to have a limited, yet clearly promising performance, publishing, or exhibition record. The term *emerging* refers to professional accomplishments and recognition, not to stylistic evolution. The artistic accomplishments documented on the resume are critical in making a judgment regarding eligibility as an emerging artist.

It is not too early to be thinking about putting together your grant. There will be a grant writing workshop for individual artists on October 20 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the SMAHC office. This a great opportunity for you to learn more about the grant process and get help preparing your grant. The workshop is free but pre-registration is required. Call to SMAHC office at (800) 622-5284 or (507) 537-1471 to register.

The grant guidelines and application form can be download from the SMAHC website at:
http://www.smahc.org/artist_grants.htm

Nominations being sought for the 2010 SMAHC Prairie Star and Prairie Disciple Awards

The deadline to submit nominations for the **2010 SMAHC Prairie Star and Prairie Disciple Awards** is December 1, 2009. The **Prairie Star** award is to provide awareness and recognition of one artist per year from Southwestern Minnesota whose work best exemplifies the highest quality of art in the SMAHC region. The recipient is awarded \$1,000. Nominated artists may work in any artistic discipline. The **Prairie Disciple** award is to provide awareness and recognition of one individual per year from southwest Minnesota, whose activities have best aided in the development of the arts in the SMAHC region. The recipient is awarded \$500.

The **2009 Prairie Star** is **Robert Mattson** from New London. Mattson's art has enriched countless individual lives and strengthened the cultural life of the region and the entire state of Minnesota. The **2009 Prairie Disciple** is **Joe Paddock** from Litchfield. Paddock is a poet, oral historian and environmental writer who has invested a lifetime of learning, writing and giving his artistic know-how and inspiration to others. They will be presented their award at the **SMAHC Annual Celebration** in Willmar on October 24.

You can find the Prairie Star/Disciple nomination form on the SMAHC website at www.smahc.org/artist_grants.htm. Please feel free to contact the SMAHC office with any questions about nominating a 2010 Prairie Star or Prairie Disciple.

SMAHC Grant Deadlines and Dates

Our existing grant programs for the entire year are listed below. Additional programs will be publicized and posted as they become available. We encourage you to plan ahead for these grant programs and make available all the resources that are available to you

Application Deadline

Individual Artist Development & Career: **Dec. 1, 2009**
Prairie Star/Disciple: **Dec. 1, 2009**
Challenge: **Jan. 4, 2010 (Round 2)**
Art Projects/LAD: **Feb. 1, 2010 (Round 2)**
Arts & Learning and Individual Artist Study Opportunity:
Apr. 1, 2010 (Round 2)
Challenge: **Apr 1, 2010 (If funds available) (Round 3)**

Grant Writing Workshops

Individual Artist Development & Career:
Oct 20, 2009 (4-6 PM)
Art Projects/LAD: **Dec. 29, 2009 (4-6 PM))**
Arts & Learning & Individual Artist Study Opportunity:
Feb. 23, 2010 (IA: 2-4 PM, A&L: 4-6 PM)

Workshops are free but you must pre-register for all workshops. Call (800) 622-5284 to register.

If you need assistance, don't hesitate to call the SMAHC office. Guidelines and application forms are available on our website at www.smahc.org.

SMAHC to Present Workshops on Artist Residencies at the Conference for Young Artists

The SW Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council (SMAHC) will participate in the 16th Annual Conference for Young Artists sponsored by the SW/WC Service Cooperative. The Conference will be held on Friday, October 23, 2009. Greta Murray of SMAHC along with Amy Frimpong of the MN State Arts Board will be presenting workshops for adults who are interested in bringing artists into their schools. Teachers, parents and volunteers are welcome to attend.

There will be 3 sessions during the day including:

- Session I** (10:15 – 11:00): What is an Artist Residency and Why is it Good for Your School;
- Session II** (11:50 – 12:35): What Types of Grants are Available for Artists Residencies;
- Session III** (1:00-1:45): The Grant Application Process.

Any adults who are interested in the adult workshops must register for the conference. **The registration fee is \$12.** Your school does not have to have students registered for the conference to attend the adult workshops. You can read more about the conference at www.swsc.org/studentactivities. Click on the **Conference for Young Artists** link on the left side. Here you can download the conference brochure and registration form (an Acrobat Reader file).

For more information, call Sue Gorecki at (507) 536-2258 (sue.gorecki@swsc.org) or SMAHC at 800-622-5284 (smahcinfo@iw.net). **The Service Coop will only accept adult registrations after the September 29th deadline which is stated in the brochure.** But please register as soon as possible.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about grants and take advantage of the resources that are available.

Poems by Florence Chard Dacey Illuminate Our Place in the Natural World

In *Rock Worn by Water*, a seasoned Minnesota poet writes lyrically and persuasively about her personal experiences in nature, in the hope of moving readers to awareness, appreciation, and action.

In her fourth poetry collection, published in 2009 by Plain View Press of Austin, Texas, **Florence Dacey** draws upon many years as an observer and advocate for the natural world. Through her words, the reader learns of efforts to save the whooping crane, the beauty of Prairie Smoke, the solace of swimming.

Florence Chard Dacey has published three other poetry collections: *The Swoon*, *The Necklace*, and *Maynard Went this Way*. She is the recipient of several Southwest Minnesota SMAHC Artist Career Grants, a Loft-McKnight Award in poetry and a Pablo Neruda poetry prize. Her creative work includes the libretto for the opera *Lightning*, performed by In The Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theater of Minneapolis. She has lived in Cottonwood, Minnesota for forty years.

Rock Worn by Water is available from Plain View Press (www.plainviewpress.net) and through the author's website (florencedacey.com). Read more about Florence Dacey on our website at www.smahc.org/dacey.htm

October 24th SMAHC Annual Arts Celebration Celebrating Art & Celebrating Artists Reservation Form - Return by October 19, 2009

Number in Party: _____ Total Enclosed: _____ Tickets are \$30 per person - advanced payment required

Name _____ Address _____ City _____

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Please list name and city of each additional person attending

Name _____ Town _____ Name _____ Town _____

Name _____ Town _____ Name _____ Town _____

*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 membership donations!

Send Registration to: SMAHC, 1210 E. College Drive, Suite 600, Marshall, MN 56258

GALLERY LISTINGS

ARTmn: The Precious Object exhibit at the Hennepin County Library-Central, 300 Nicollet Mall, **Minneapolis**; the exhibit runs from September 18 to January 3; The Precious Object brings together 14 artists from locales throughout Minnesota in the inaugural exhibition of mnartists.org's ARTmn series, presented in partnership with the Hennepin County Public Library. The artists, selected from a pool of more than 300 applicants by a panel of curators, artists, and critics, explore issues related to nature, simulation, craft, collecting, and fantasy. (*Michon Weeks from Marshall has 3 paintings in this exhibit. She will also be participating in a panel discussion in conjunction with the show - please see the listing in the calendar under October 27*)

Nobles County Art Center, 407 12th Street, **Worthington**; Month of October, Rosalie Eylens, Watercolor Paintings, the Open House Reception is Sunday, October 4, 2:00 - 400 PM; Month of November, William Lieb Exhibit, the Open House Reception is Sunday, November 8, 2:00 - 400 PM; December 1 - 24, Annual Holiday Show, Area Artist Show & Sale-All Mediums, Open House for all participating artists, December 6th, 1:30 - 4:00; Admission is FREE to all events; Call 507-372-8245 for information.

Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC), 109 N. 3rd Street, **Marshall**; Sept 15-Oct 24, Karen Reede Watercolor Exhibits. October 27 - December 5, Visit from New York Gallery 705; December 8 - January 9, Joel and Ruth McKinney exhibit; All exhibits are free and open to the public; Hours: Tues-Fri 11-4:30 pm & Sat 11-2 pm. Phone 507-532-5463. Visit www.mafac.net for more information.

The WEAC Gallery - Willmar Education and Arts Center is located at 611 Fifth Street SW, **Willmar**. The featured artist for October 1 - 29 is Joanne Meierhofer. October 30 - November 20 is the Small Works Silent Auction. Look for more details on their website at: willmarareaartscouncil.org. For more information, Call (320) 231-8560.

Java River Cafe 210 S 1st Street in **Montevideo**; Tamara Isfeld (SMAHC Board Member) will exhibit her works during the month of October; More information on their website: www.javarivercafe.com

Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society, 812 Fourth Avenue, **Windom**; Exhibition "Heroes of the Sky," September 1 through November 14; Free; The traveling exhibit showcases historic artifacts photographs and interactive panels to introduce visitors to the inventors and entrepreneurs who had the vision to see manned flight as more than a simple curiosity. Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM and Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM. Contact the museum for more information on events associated with the exhibit: (507) 831-1134

OCTOBER

October 1 SMAHC Arts & Learning and Individual Artist Study Opportunity Grants Deadline for Round 1 grants. Grant guidelines and applications forms are on the SMAHC website at <http://smahc.org>

October 1 Sacred Heart Area Historical Society will present a panel of current and former employees of Warner Manufacturing, which has been a major employer in Sacred Heart since 1951. They will share memories of working at Warner's. 7:00 PM. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. The Sacred Heart Area Museum has new hours. The museum is open to the public Tuesdays and Fridays from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. or by reservation. For information call 320-765-8868.

October 2, 3, 9, 10 @ 7:30 pm & Oct. 4, 11 @ 2 pm-Delval Divas, Lake Benton Opera House, **Lake Benton**; October 2nd and October 9th are dinner theaters; Tickets may be reserved any day by calling 507-368-4620 (from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. only please) or email lakebentonoperahouse@gmail.com.

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

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

Anything in the arts and/or humanities in your area that you would like to publicize? Submit upcoming events for the December/January VOICES by **November 15, 2009.**

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: _____

October 2, 3, & 4, The Arts Meander Upper Minnesota River Art Crawl, a free self-guided tour of artist studios featuring 45 local artists from the Upper Minnesota River Valley. Read more at www.artsmeander.com or call 866-866-5432

October 3 Minnesota Association of Community Theatres (MACT) Meeting at the Lake Benton Opera House, **Lake Benton**; 2:30 PM; Email bob.schwoch@smsu.edu or call (507) 865-4684

October 3 Chuck Suchy, Folk Guitarist, singer, songwriter, at Memorial Auditorium in **Dawson**; See their website for more information: www.dawsonboydarts.org or email dbaa@dawsonboydarts.org

October 5 Coalition of the Arts (COTA) Meeting at the Gambler Restaurant, Marshall; 12:15 PM

October 10 Lake Wobegon Brass Band performing at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 102 E. Main Street, **Pipestone**; 8:00 PM; Call the Box Office for tickets at 507 825-2020 or 877 722-2787; For more information, email dhansen110@mchsi.com or visit www.pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter/index.htm

October 10, an evening with Andrew Wilkowske, at the Willmar Education and Arts Center, **Willmar**; 7:30 PM, The concert is a fundraiser for "Willmar Music Matters." Reserved seating tickets for the Andrew Wilkowske concert are \$30 each. A special student rush ticket is \$5. More info at www.willmarmusicmatters.com and www.andrewwilkowske.com

October 14, 15 & 16 Life Drawing Workshop with artist Instructor Maxine Bergh of Burnsville sponsored by Creating Art Together (CAT) of **New London**. The workshops will be held at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center in **Spicer**. The workshops will be from 9 am to 1 pm. The workshops are for adult students, 18 or older. To obtain additional information or to sign up for the class, contact Bonnie Smith at (320) 894-2962 or email binjon2@charter.net.

October 16-18 & 23-25 Dix Tableaux, a drama/comedy presented by the Calumet Players at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 102 E. Main Street, **Pipestone**; Showtimes are 7:30 PM except Sundays at 2:00 PM. Call the Box Office for tickets at 507 825-2020 or 877 722-2787; For more information, email dhansen110@mchsi.com or visit www.pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter/index.htm

October 18 Publication Reading for Florence Chard Dacey's latest book, Rock Worn by Water, poetry about our place in the natural world. The reading will be at the Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, 109 N. 3rd Street, **Marshall**; Free, 2:00 PM; refreshments will be served. mafac@starpoint.net or call (507) 532-5463

October 19-22 and 26-29 Taiko Drumming with Iris Shiraishi from Minneapolis' Taiko Troup, Mu Daiko. Classes are at the Garfield Area Learning Center, 512 8th St SW, **Willmar**. This user friendly class, is available to 4th grade students through Adults. The cost for the eight class sessions is \$35, as it is supported by a

SMAHC Arts & Learning grant. Session #1 – 4 to 5 pm is for 4th through 8th grade; Session #2 – 6 to 7:30pm is for 7th grade through adults; Questions can be directed to Monica @ 320-231-2696 or weekdays @ 320-214-6692. To register send your name, phone #, session choice, t-shirt size and check made to DEMO inc to: DEMO inc, 728 2nd Street SE, Willmar, MN 56201

October 20 SMAHC Grant Writing Workshop for Individual Artist Development & Career Grants. This workshop will be held at the SMAHC Office in Marshall and is free. Pre-registration is required. Email smahcinfo@iw.net or call (800) 622-5284 to register for the workshop. Grant forms can be downloaded from our website at www.smahc.org

October 24 SMAHC ANNUAL CELEBRATION at the Willmar Conference Center (Holiday Inn), Willmar; 5:30 PM. Tickets available soon from the SMAHC office or from SMAHC board members. Call 800-622-5284 or email smahcinfo@iw.net for more information.

October 24, Go Fish performing at the Jackson County Central Performing Arts Center, **Jackson**, co-sponsored by JCC Community Education & Our Savior's Lutheran Church; 6:30 pm; Tickets are \$15, all reserved tickets sales begins September 9; For more information, email p_a_grussing@jccschools.com

October 24 GOAT Meeting (Gathering Of Area Theatres) at the Barn Theatre, **Willmar**; 3:00 PM; email bob.schwoch@smsu.edu for more Info.

October 24 Hank and My Honky Tonk Heroes (Jason Petty) at Memorial Auditorium, **Worthington**; 7:30 PM; For ticket information, call (507) 376-9101 or email showtimenow@frontiernet.net

October 27 Panel Discussion: "By Hand: Craftsmanship, Labor, and the Handmade" at the Central Library, Pohlrad Hall, 300 Nicollet Mall, **Minneapolis**; at 7:00 PM. Free, Scott Stulen, mnartists.org project director, and Alisa Eimen, associate professor of art history at Minnesota State University, discuss their process for organizing The Precious Object and the central themes within the exhibition with artists Margaret Wall-Romana, Kristin Van Dorn, Erik Waterkotte, and Michon Weeks.

October 29 Mu Daiko Concert & Taiko Drumming Student Recital at the Willmar Education & Arts Center, 611 5th Street SW, **Willmar**; The student recital performance is at 7:00 PM and is free. The Mu Daiko Concert following the recital is \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. The student performance is supported by a SMAHC Arts & Learning Grant and the Mu Daiko Concert is supported by the West Central Integration Collaborative. For more information, call (320) 231-2686.

October 30 Perin Boyd Residency Circus Community Event at Parkside School, **Marshall**; 1:30 - 3:00 PM. Please call the school to verify the time of this event at (507) 537-6962

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NOVEMBER

November 5-7 & 12-14 The Curious Savage at Peace Center-Peace Lutheran Church, **Hutchinson**; Dinner Served at 6pm, Show starts at 7pm; Visit www.hutchtheatre.org or call (320) 587-2599

November 7 Todd Green performing at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts (SCCPA) in **Marshall**; 7:30 PM. For more information, email mafac@starpoint.net, or call (507) 432-5463.

November 7 Minneapolis Guitar Quartet at the Danebod Gym Hall, Tyler; 7:00 PM; Call 507-247-3811 or email rgsiemers@hotmail.com

November 10 World of Music with Todd Green at the Bernie Aaker Auditorium, **Litchfield**; Please call the school to verify the time: (320) 593-0072

November 11 Kurt Hunter Marionette Performance at the BARC Auditorium, **Windom**; 2:00 PM; Call 507-831-2375; email barcwindom@windomnet.com

November 13 "Suessical" by Theatreworks USA, Children's Theater Performance, performing at Memorial Auditorium in **Dawson**; 1:00 p.m. See their website for more information: www.dawsonboydarts.org/ or email dbaa@dawsonboydarts.org

November 13 Gothenburg Combo, Windom Concert Association at the BARC Auditorium, **Windom**; 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (507) 831-2375 or email barcwindom@windomnet.com

November 13-15, 20-22 It's a Wonderful Life by the Green Earth Players at the Palace Theatre, **Luverne**; Call (507) 283-2765 for ticket information.

November 13, 14, 20, 22, 23 Prairie Arts Chorale presents "I Will Sing With The Spirit," The following locations for the concerts are: Nov. 13, St. Catherine's Catholic Church in **Redwood Falls**; Nov. 14, St. Stephen Lutheran Church in **Marshall**; Nov. 20, Bunde Christian Reformed Church in **Clara City**; Nov. 22, Cross of Calvary Lutheran Church in **Olivia**; and Nov. 23 Faith Lutheran Church in **Spicer**; For more details and maps to the various venues, visit www.prairieartschorale.org/

November 14 Arts & Learning Panel Meeting at the SMAHC Office in Marshall

November 14 Still on the Hill at the Cottonwood County Historical Museum, **Windom**; For ticket information, call (507) 831-3560

November 15 Willmar Area Symphonic Orchestra Fall Concert at the Willmar Education & Arts Center (WEAC), **Willmar**; Call (320) 214-9433

November 15 SW Minnesota Orchestra Fall Concert at the Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts, Marshall High School, **Marshall**; 4:00 PM; For ticket information, call (507) 537-7234.

November 21 Revolution: A Tribute to the Beatles at Memorial Auditorium, **Worthington**; 7:30 PM; For ticket information, call (507) 376-9101 or email showti-menow@frontiernet.net

November 22 BONI PUERI, the Czech Boys Choir, will be performing at Holy Redeemer, 503 W. Lyon St. in **Marshall**; For more information, email mafac@starpoint.net, or call (507) 432-5463

November 23 SMAHC Board Meeting.

November 27 Rose Ensemble performing at the Peace Lutheran Church in **Hutchinson**; Tickets can be purchased at the Rose Ensemble website: www.roseensemble.org/

DECEMBER

December 1 SMAHC Individual Artist Development and Career Grant Deadline and Prairie Disciple/Prairie Star Deadline for nominations Grant guidelines and applications forms and nomination forms for Prairie Star and Prairie Disciple awards are on the SMAHC website at http://smahc.org/artist_grants.htm.

December 1 World of Music with Todd Green Luverne Public School, Luverne; Please call the school to verify the time and date at (507) 283-4497

December 2 Plaid Tidings at the Barn Theatre, **Willmar**; 2:30 & 7:30 PM; For ticket information, call 320-235-9500 or email: info@thebarntheatre.com

December 4 Monroe Crossing Holiday Concert at the Historic Palace Theatre, **Luverne**; 7:00 PM; For ticket information, call (507) 283-8294

December 4 - 6 & 10 -12 Christmas Festival of Song, The Opland Singers, performing at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, **Pipestone**; For more information, email dhansen110@mchsi.com or visit www.pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter

December 5 Steele Family Holiday Show at the BARC Auditorium, **Windom**; 3:30 & 7:00 PM Shows; (507) 831-2375; email barcwindom@windomnet.com

December 5 Opera House Christmas Show at the Lake Benton Opera House, **Lake Benton**; 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM; Call 507-368-4620 (from 9am to 6pm) or e-mail lakebentonoperahouse@gmail.com

December 5 ACT (Arts, Crafts & Tunes) at the Best Western Victorian Inn, Hutchinson; 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Call 320-587-0899 or email info@crowriverarts.org

December 9 Tonic Sol-Fa Holiday Concert at the Jackson County Central Performing Arts Center, **Jackson**; Email p_a_grussing@jccschools.com

December 10 - 13 Country Christmas sponsored by the Lac qui Parle Players at the Prairie Arts Center, **Madison**; For more information, call (320) 598-3665

December 29 SMAHC Grant Writing Workshop for Art Projects and Local Arts Development grants This workshop will be held at the SMAHC Office in Marshall and is free. Pre-registration is required. Email smahcinfo@iw.net or call (800) 622-5284 for more information or to register for the workshop. More information about these grants can also be downloaded from our website at www.smahc.org



ARTISTS AND ARTS EVENTS

WWG Arts & Music Family Festival

The 2009 Walnut Grove Arts & Music Family Festival was held July 11, 18 & 25, 2009. The Festival hosted Free Admission, Family Activities, Entertainment, Art Demonstrations, Re-Enactments, a Food Wagon and an Arts & Crafts Sale. Read about this event and see some great pictures on our website at smahc.org/wg_family_festival_2009.htm. The Walnut Grove Community Club received a SMAHC Art Project grant to help fund the event. *If you have event that received a SMAHC grant, send us some pictures and a storyline - we'll post it on our website.*

Recipient of U.S. Fulbright Scholarship

Julietta Alvarado, a music instructor at Southwest Minnesota State University, has been named a 2009-2010 U.S. Fulbright Scholar for Lecturing/Research in Panama. Her award was announced by the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. She is a former SMAHC Individual Artist Career grant recipient.

OPPORTUNITIES

Horizontal Grandeur Fine Art Exhibition Stevens County Historical Society & Museum, 116 W 6th Street, **Morris**; Exhibition, July 10th - October 30th, 2009; Email: grandeur@stevenshistorymuseum.com; For more information, visit the website www.stevenshistorymuseum.com

Arts Education News from the Perpich Center - here's a great blog of arts education news from around the state. There are lots of great happenings and events to take advantage of here. Visit the blog at artseducation.typepad.com:80/

Bush Artist Fellowships Program: Applications are now available for Bush Artist Fellowships for 2010. For more information on the fellowships, visit: www.bushfoundation.org.

The American Composers Forum has a large database of on-line opportunities on their website. Visit www.composersforum.org/opportunities.cfm to view these opportunities.

National Arts and Humanities Month

October is NAHM - or National Arts and Humanities Month. This is the month to recognize and celebrate the positive impact the arts bring to our schools and communities. There are many things you can do. In fact, there is a list of 101 things you can do to celebrate the month. Go to www.AmericansForTheArts.org/NAHM and learn how you can be involved.

Taiko Drumming Classes:

Taiko Drumming with Iris Shiraishi from Minneapolis' Taiko Troup, Mu Daiko. This user friendly class, is available to 4th grade students through ADULTS. The cost for the eight class sessions is \$35, as it is supported by a SMAHC – Arts & Education grant.

The class dates are: October 19-22 & Oct 26-29.

Classes are at the Garfield Area Learning Center, 512 8th St SW, Willmar, MN.

Session #1 – 4 to 5 pm is for 4th through 8th grade

Session #2 – 6 to 7:30pm is for 7th grade through adults

Questions can be directed to Monica @ 320-231-2696 or weekdays @ 320-214-6692. To register send your name, phone #, session choice, t-shirt size and check made to DEMO inc to: DEMO inc, 728 2nd Street SE, Willmar, MN 56201.

Poetry Out Loud is a fun, participatory way to teach poetry and meet English/language arts requirements. Schools host their own contests. School winners compete in regional, state & national contests. Read more about this opportunity at www.arts.state.mn.us/other/poetry.htm.

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Blue Mound Area Theatre, Luverne, \$4,500, for the Christmas Concert by Monroe Crossing

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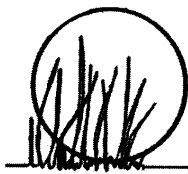
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