We are proud to present Dr. Daniel Rieppel as the SMAHC Prairie Star for 2007. Dr. Rieppel is a virtuoso performer on the piano and the conductor of the Southwest Minnesota Orchestra. He has amazed many with his performances in Southwest Minnesota as well as throughout the state of Minnesota, in other states, and across many cities in Europe.

Dr. Rieppel is a western Minnesota native having grown up on a farm near Appleton Minnesota. His early days were busy with farm chores, helping on the family farm with the sugar beet crops and later with the cattle operation. He could lasso with the best of them. But his first love quickly became the piano. He fell in love with the piano at the early age of four and began his formal piano lessons in first grade. He studied with Gelene Johnson who was also part of a farm family. The Johnson family raised sheep and potatoes but she had the time and commitment to teach 50 students. Dr. Rieppel states, “Gelene was like a second mother to me - I owe her everything, including my drive for excellence. I practiced hard during those days. I would awake early in the morning and practice for 2 or 3 hours before school each day. Then I practiced for an hour after school and another hour or two after supper!” Through his intense practice and with the tutelage of Gelene Johnson, he developed his skills to the point that he was accepted to the renowned Cleveland Institute of Music as a piano performance major.

He studied with Jack Radunsky, a well known piano teacher on the East coast and the Midwest at the Cleveland Institute of Music. Jack inspired his students to work beyond their talent limit. For the first two years, Jack helped Rieppel break down his piano skills and redevelop his technique. While at CIM, Dr. Rieppel won the William Kurzban Prize in Piano presented to an undergraduate or graduate student for outstanding progress as determined by the piano faculty. This was one of the steps of what has turned out to be the beginning of a brilliant career as a performer.

From the Cleveland Institute of Music, Dr. Rieppel went on to receive his Master's degree in performance from Indiana University and a Doctor of Musical Arts degree also in performance from the University of Minnesota. Dr. Rieppel has studied, performed and done research in many prominent places throughout his career, including Munich, Germany as a DAAD scholar, the Minnesota Orchestra, members of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, and the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra. He has lectured and performed in New York City, Oxford University in England, and in Vienna, Austria as well as many other locations. He states that one of his favorite places to perform was in Leeds, England at the Leeds International Schubert Symposium, where he performed works of Schubert and Grillparzer.
Dr. Rieppel fell in love with the music of Viennese musician, Franz Schubert, and has devoted much of his career researching and studying the works of this genius composer. He has traveled to Austria every year for the last 10 years to do research and he has published articles on Schubert in several journals. He has discovered he has relatives in Austria and they have helped support him in his research. Dr. Rieppel states that no other renowned 19th century composer was actually born in Vienna. Schubert's music is authentically Viennese, although it is not necessarily virtuosic music. But Schubert made up for it in melodic and poetic content.

So what brings this homegrown musician back to Minnesota? Dr. Rieppel states that he is passionate about the state of Minnesota. And that was his motivation to move back to Minneapolis in 1990. He also loves teaching at Southwest Minnesota State University. He wanted to move to a community that was vibrant and growing and where he could safely raise his family. And in 1998, he chose Marshall, Minnesota and SMSU where he is an Associate Professor of Music. His other teaching duties include music theory, music history, and he serves as musical director of The Southwest Minnesota Orchestra.

Dr. Rieppel's other favorite composers are Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms, as well as Claude Debussy and Gustav Mahler. He also loves American composers, particularly Charles Ives, Christopher Kaufman, Elliot Carter and Aaron Copland. As far as his other music preferences, he likes all types of jazz, polka bands, and funk (believe it or not). His primary hobby is reading. He loves to read - mystery novels, literary criticism, poetry, cereal boxes – anything! He also enjoys cooking and walking. But Dr. Rieppel continues to practice hard – 4 hours a day and more when he is preparing for a concert.

Dan has 2 children, Ingrid who is a sophomore at St. Cloud State University, and Erich who is a sophomore in high school. His wife Julieta Alvarado is an award winning harpsichordist and teaches piano at SMSU. She holds both bachelor and master degrees from the Cleveland Institute of Music and has done doctoral studies in Early Music performance at Indiana University.

Dr. Rieppel enjoys working at SMSU. He states that SMSU has given him a unique opportunity and a great work experience. Dr. Rieppel states, “I am grateful and honored to have been given this award. I thank SMAHC from the bottom of my heart for the great things they have done and continue to do in our community. I am especially grateful for those who are working with me now to make The Southwest Minnesota Orchestra a great organization, such as our board members Jeanette Bosveld, Beth Steuck, and Bob Gunther.

One of the highlights of Daniel’s time here at SMSU has been working with Dr. Robert Whitcomb, retired Professor Emeritus of Music at SMSU. “Working on Bob’s new “Piano Concerto” with him was an amazing experience; to have such a powerful piece dedicated to me and having the opportunity to help fashion this piece was a great honor!,” said Dr. Rieppel. The premiere of the Piano Concerto was the grand finale to a semester long tribute to Dr. Whitcomb in honor of his 85th birthday. Many of his compositions were heard in the spring of 2007, including songs, chamber music and solo piano works. “Bob is an example of what truly great things can come from other regions of Minnesota. He is an example I have tried to emulate.”

**Congratulations Dr. Rieppel on receiving the SMAHC Prairie Star Award.**
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NEW DEADLINES ANNOUNCED
FOR SMAHC ARTS IN EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES GRANTS

We have an important change in our deadlines this year for the Arts in Education & Communities Grant Program. We are also changing the name of the program to the Arts in Learning Grant Program. However, this program remains the same in its content and purpose, which is to provide matching grants to schools, organizations, and communities for artist residencies and field trips. Following are the new deadlines:

**Round 1:** Applications Due on October 1st, 2007 for projects starting December 1, 2007 or after;
  - free grant writing workshop: Sept. 11, 2007, 4:30 pm at the SMAHC office. Call 1-800-622-5284

**Round 2:** Applications Due on April 1, 2008 for projects starting June 1, 2008 or after;
  - free grant writing workshop: Feb. 20, 2008 at the SMAHC office. Call 1-800-622-5284 to register

***Note: All applicants seeking funding for projects taking place Dec. 1, 2007 through June 1, 2008 need to apply at the October 1st 2007 deadline. Please contact us with any questions at smahcinfo@iw.net or 1-800-622-5284***
September/October Calendar

ONGOING EXHIBITS AND EVENTS

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

Fine Arts Council of Tracy Art Gallery, Etc Coffee Shop in downtown Tracy: Open M-F 6:30am-5:00pm and Sat. 7:30-4:00pm; 507-629-3114;

Nobles County Art Center: Normal hours are Monday through Friday from 2 PM to 4:30 PM; 407 12th St., Worthington. For more information, email jbuenge@noblearts.org.


Crow River Arts Gallery, The Hutchinson Mall, Hutchinson; Gallery hours are from noon to 3 PM, Tuesday through Saturday or by appointment. Call 320-587-0899 for more information or visit their website: www.crowriverarts.org

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

September 1-3 Red Rooster Fine Art Show Opening reception Sat, Sept 1, 1-3pm, exhibit continues Sept 2, 2-5pm, Sept 3, 9am-4pm. Universal Lab Museum, 901 1st Street North, Dassel; This event is free to the public. Email robert@wildestudios.com or call 320-275-3403 for more information.

September 4 SMAHC Challenge Grant Deadline provides arts organizations up to $500 matching new memberships and/or season tickets. Grant forms are available on the SMAHC website (www.smahc.org) or email: smahcinfo@iw.net; Telephone: 1-800-622-5284 or locally 507-537-1471.

September 7 Artist Initiative Grants This Minnesota State Arts Board pilot program supports and assists artists at various stages in their careers. Read more about this program at http://www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/artist_initiative.htm; You may contact Amy Frimpong for additional information or answers to specific questions, or call (800) 866-2787.

September 7-9 Shakespeare in the Park present by Marshall Area Stage Company. Liberty Park Band Shell, Marshall. Free Admission; Call 507-865-4684 for more information

September 8 An Evening at the Arts at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, Pipestone. Hors d’oeuvres and wine at 6:30 pm; the show starts at 8:00 pm. Call 507-825-2020. This is a fundraiser for the 2008 Season.

September 8 SMAHC Organization Grant Panel Meeting, 9:30 am at the SMAHC offices, Marshall.

September 14 & 15 How to Talk Minnesotan, the musical by Howard Mohr, at the Willmar Education and Arts Center, 611 5th St SW, Willmar; This production is by Troupe America, Inc. Friday, Sept. 14 is at 7:30 pm and Sat. Sept. 15 is at 4:30 pm. Tickets are reserved seating only - $20; Call Community Education at 320-231-8490 for more information.

September 14 Jim Smestad Opening. Photo Exhibit at the Nobles County Art Center, War Memorial Building, 407 12th Street, Worthington; 2:00 - 4: 30 pm. Call (507) 372-8245 for more information

September 14-15 Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee! celebrates their 10th year of this downtown Willmar festival presented by the Willmar Area Arts Council. Visit their website to see the schedule and learn more about the festivities; www.celebrateartcelebratecoffee.com/

September 14-15 Hutch Fall Arts & Crafts Fair Library Square, Downtown Hutchinson; Friday from 10 AM to 6 PM; Saturday from 9 AM to 4 PM; Admission is free; Lot’s of fun, crafts & food for all ages. For more information call 320-587-5252

September 19 Mu Daiko Performance at the Willmar Education and Arts Center (WEAC), 611 5th St SW, Willmar; Students will perform from 7:00 to 7:30 pm and Mu Daiko will perform at 7:30 pm. Email villarsm@willmar.k12.mn.us for more information

September 22 Monroe Crossing at the Danebod Gym Hall, Tyler; 7:30 pm; This is part of the Tyler Arts Council Concert Series; For more information, email: rgsiemers@hotmail.com

September 22 Art Rocks Outdoor Art Fair Main St., Downtown Luverne; 10 am to 6 pm; Free and open to the public; Also, they are looking for artists who want to have a booth at the event. For more information, email sunrisem@mchsi.com or call Sandra Dowie at (507) 283-2347

September 22 Judy Cook Concert at the War Memorial Building, 407 12th Street in Worthington; 7:30 pm; Call (507) 372-8245 for more information

September 22 Songs of the Tall Grass - a story from America's heartland that follows a homestead family in the 1860s as they make their way up the ladder of life. Based on diaries and journals from the 1800s, the show incorporates songs from the time that have been carefully updated for a modern ear. 7:00 pm; Tickets are $10 for adults and $8 for children; Dassel-Cokato Performing Arts Center, 4852 Reardon Ave. SW, Cokato; Call 320-286-4100 for more information or email bettyn@hutch.k12.mn.us

September 24 SMAHC Board Meeting 7:00 pm at the SMAHC Offices, Marshall.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 1 SMAHC Arts in Education & Communities and Individual Artist Study Opportunity Grants Application Deadline; AiEd & Communities provide matching grants to schools, organizations, and
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communities for artist residencies or arts-related field trips that include educator training and community involvement. Individual Artist Study Opportunity Grants provide $50 to $500 for specific study opportunities - all ages & disciplines; Grant forms are available on the SMAHC website (www.smahc.org) or email: smahcinfo@iw.net; Telephone: 1-800-622-5284 or locally 507-537-1471.

October 5-7 Meander Art Crawl features 33 individual artist's studios in and near the Western Minnesota communities of Ortonville, Appleton, Madison, Milan, Dawson, Montevideo and Granite Falls. Call for the free brochure that includes driving directions to all studios: (320) 564-4745 or visit http://www.artsmeander.com/

October 8, Cultural Community Partnership Grants Deadline This Minnesota State Arts Board program is designed to enhance the artistic and career development of artists of color. Read more about this program at http://www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/cultural_community_partnership.htm; You may contact Amy Frimpong for additional information or answers to specific questions, or call (800) 866-2787

October 12-14 Federation of Minnesota Weavers Annual Meeting at Shalom Hill Farm near Windom; For further information and registration please go to http://psfamn.org/

October 13 SMAHC Annual Celebration at the Marshall Golf Club, 800 Country Club Drive, Marshall; This SMAHC fundraising event will feature a live auction, a silent auction, great entertainment, great food and ART! Costumes are encouraged (but not required); 5:30 pm; Tickets are $30 and are available from SMAHC Board Members or call 800-622-5284 or locally 507-537-1471.

October 20 Scott Stulen: New Works at ARThouse, 117 1st Avenue NW, New London; Saturday, October 20, 2007; 5-9pm; Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. Door prizes for the first 15 visitors -- An ARThouse Tradition!! For more information, email arthouse@arthousenewlondon.com or visit their website: www.arthouseonewlondon.com

October 26 Midori and Robert MacDonald Recital at Memorial Auditorium in Dawson; The concert starts at 7:30 pm; For more information, call the box office at 320-769-2955 Ext.246; website: www.dawsonboydarts.org.

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We are proud to report that we had 60 people in attendance for our August 6th Arts Presenters conference held at the YMCA in Marshall. We are honored that representatives from many different organizations were able to join us including the Appleton 52 Wing Restoration Committee, Dawson-Boyd Arts Association, Tyler Arts Council, Business, Arts, & Recreation Center in Windom, the Crow River Players, Fine Arts Council of Tracy, Hutchinson Theatre Co., Jackson County Art Guilds, the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, Memorial Auditorium in Worthington, Prairie Arts Chorale, Song of the Prairie Chorus, Prairie Music Concert Series, the Worthington Concert Association, Hutchinson Concert Association, Choirs of Note, Friends of the Arts, and the Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, our host for the conference.

Attendees were able to meet the new Executive Director of the MN State Arts Board, Tom Proehl, who was kind enough to travel to Marshall to present a session on contracts. He also informed us of the State Arts Board grant programs for which presenting organizations may apply. We enjoyed the opportunity to have Mr. Proehl participate in our workshop.

We'd like to thank our other presenters as well, all of whom offered excellent sessions. These presenters include Luanne Fondell, Pat Schultz, Margaret Hurlbut-Vosburgh and Chad Felton. Thanks also to our showcase artists, Pete Lothringer and Ross Anderson who entertained us with their exquisite jazz. And finally, thank you to Paula Nemes, Carol Purrington, Jean Replinger, Ellen Skramstad and Pat Schultz from MAFAC for hosting and all of their volunteer efforts.

Left & Center: Conference Attendees; Right: Conference Presenters
Margaret Hurlbut-Vosburgh & Pat Schultz with Tom Proehl
More conference pictures are posted on the SMAHC website at www.smahc.org

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