LRAC May Art Headlines

LRAC News Brief

Networking Meeting for Arts Organizations
Friday, May 11 from 3-4:30pm at Theatre B, 215 10th St N, Moorhead.

LRAC will be hosting a networking meeting for arts organizations in our region. This will be an opportunity to come together, share ideas, best practices. We are also providing the opportunity to have a conversation with a panel of newspaper managers around the idea of having a monthly "What’s Happening in the Arts" announcement in regional papers and to hear about the membership benefits of the MN Council of Non Profits.

Agenda:
3-4:00 Discussion, arts organizations and panel of regional newspaper managers
4-4:30 What MN Council of Non Profits Has to Offer Your Organization, Joe Pederson

We hope you will be our guest.
Please RSVP to Maxine Adams, Executive Director at directorlrac@gmail.com
Photo credit: Amy Stearns, Exec. Director, DLCCC, Detroit Lakes

Watch Networking Video

Featured Event

Grant Writing Workshop

Thursday, May 3, 6 - 8:30pm
Lake Region Arts Council, 133 South Mill Street, Fergus Falls, MN 56537.

This workshop is designed to help individual artists and small arts groups to understand and prepare strong grant applications. Learn the essentials of Grantwriting along with the resources for searching and structuring your proposal.

This is a FREE workshop that is offered to all artists and is part of the Work of Art Series at Springboard for the Arts and is funded by a partnership with the Lake Region Arts Council.

Any questions please contact Dominic at 218-998-4037 or email
Featured Artist

Rebecca Albright, Fiber Artist

Rebecca Albright works with various surface design techniques. Exploring new dimensions and inspired by patterns and colors found in nature led this native Minnesotan to an ancient Japanese printmaking technique called Gyotaku, or fish rubbing.

A Concordia College grad, Rebecca has been making Gyotaku art, dyeing fabrics, and Eco printing for about six years. “I am an advocate for life-long learning. This includes workshops, classes, art galleries, the web, collaborating with like-minded friends, and learning through observation and study of the world around me, especially in nature. Trial and error has also been a great teacher.”

Rebecca is a member of the 2018 Artist Cohort, Arts Resource Experts Program.

Art credit: Gyotaku by Rebecca Albright

View Video

Featured Service

LRAC ArtsNews!

Is this your first LRAC Arts News? Or do you want to check out an article or grant announcement from last Fall?

The LRAC4.org website maintains an archive of LRAC ArtsNews! back to June 2017.

LRAC ArtsNews!

LRAC Gallery Exhibits

Main Gallery

Jessica Matson-Fluto

Exhibit: May 1 - June 30, 2018
Reception: May 15, 2018, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm.
Artist Jessica Matson-Fluto is known for her figurative work focused on the female form. Her paintings, drawings and prints have been included in group and solo exhibitions nationally and can be found in public and private collections throughout the US. Active in the Metro’s arts community.

Matson-Fluto teaches as an adjunct professor at Minnesota State University Moorhead and Concordia College. She received her MFA from the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and continues her artistic education by partaking in workshops and master classes nationally. She resides in West Fargo with her husband and twin sons.

Art credit: “Flight” oil by Jessica Matson-Luto

Solo Gallery

Tracy Anderson - Oil Paintings
LRAC 2018 Solo Gallery Exhibit: April 2 - May 30, 2018
Reception: May 15, 2018, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

A McKnight Foundation/LRAC Grant recipient who was featured on the PBS documentary “Postcards” this past February, Tracy Anderson is the only Minnesota artist to garner all four major awards in one juried show: People’s Choice, Members’ Choice, First Place and Best of Show.

"Whether I’m painting an expressive portrait, figures, or still life, in a tight or more loose style, it always seems to reflect my inward journey in life. Painting is a way to express my reactions and personality in response to the world we live in."

Art credit: "Le Regard" oil by Tracy Anderson

Anderson's website

LRAC Organization Grants

Spring Project Grant Awards
The Lake Region Arts Council, Fergus Fall, MN announces the results of the Spring Project Grant Round held on March 20, 2018. $18,385 was awarded to eight projects to be held throughout the LRAC nine county region. Many of this grant round’s projects focus on music; from percussion to blue grass, from exotic instruments to musical theater.

Photo credit: The High 48’s Band, Terrace Mill Grant

Read the Spring Project Grant Announcement

LRAC Legacy Grants
**Spring Legacy Grant**

On April 17, 2018, the LRAC Board reviewed 25 grant applications requesting $185,812 from both individuals and organizations from throughout the LRAC region. $107,637 was awarded to 17 grants; 5 individuals and 12 organizations.

Watch for the full announcement in the June Arts News.

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**LRAC Individual Grants**

**Individuals: Looking Ahead to Summer**

LRAC will be awarding over $16,819 in 2018 through three grant programs to individuals in the nine counties. These LRAC grant programs are funded by The McKnight Foundation.

**2018 Grant Awards**

- **Career Development Grant**, up to $1,200
  - **Grant Review: May 15, 2018**

- **Fellowship Grant**, $5,000, 1 musician or visual artist
  - **Deadline: May 8, 2018**
  - **Grant Review: June 19, 2018**

- **Artist Quick Start Grant**, six $750 grants,
  - **Deadline: August 7, 2018**
  - **Grant Review: September 18, 2018**

**This month: Artist Quick Start**

Each year LRAC awards six AQS grants for $750. Designed for both emerging and established artists in the LRAC region, the AQS grant is open to all disciplines.

Funds will cover trainings, workshops, classes, supplies, equipment, marketing, production, time to create and travel expenses. It's the shortest and simplest grant application available through LRAC.

**Why not "Quick Start" your next project?**

To learn more about the 2018 AQS Grant, click the AQS Grant Writing Webinar link.

**AQS Grant Writing Webinar 2017**

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**Other Opportunities**

**Minnesota State Arts Board**

**Arts Access** is a grant program designed to encourage strategic, long-term engagement between arts organizations and traditionally underserved communities. Grant funds may be used by an arts organization to collaborate with a community to create and/or increase access to meaningful art experiences.
The deadline to submit applications is **Friday, June 22, 2018**. Proposed projects must take place between January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019.

**MSAB FY19 Arts Access Grant**

National Council on Education of the Ceramic Arts

**Claytopia**, NCECA’s 53rd annual conference will take place in Minneapolis, Minnesota in March 27-30, 2019.

*Claytopia* is an invented word that builds on Wilde’s concept of the human imagination as a vehicle of restless yearning for a more livable, just, and meaningful world. Claytopia will engage regional, national and international artists, thinkers, curators, educators, and students to produce an array of exhibitions and experiences that build on, respond to, celebrate, and push against ceramic art’s diverse legacies. Together, we will expand critical discourse on teaching, learning, aesthetics, social impacts, design thinking, and artistic production.

With less than a year before the conference lands in Minneapolis, the NCECA board has placed numerous calls seeking artists, makers, educators, researchers, and venues to participate in the 2019 conference.

The following calls are currently open for submissions:

- Lectures, Co-lectures, Panels, and Discussions Proposal
- Demonstrating Artists
- Project Spaces

Due: Wednesday, May 16, 10:59 pm CST

- NCECA Annual Exhibition
Due: Thursday, June 21, 12:59 am CST

**LRAC Executive Director**

Maxine Adams

Please contact the LRAC office for more information: 218.739.5780 or LRAC4@LRACgrants.org

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