LRAC June Art Headlines

LRAC News Brief

LRAC Looking for Volunteers
Here’s a chance to to have fun and support the Arts!

Board members needed for Traverse, Pope, and Stevens Counties. As a Board member you can help make sure the arts thrive in our communities. Board members help determine the awarding of LRAC grants, hear about the newest arts events, and see the newest art of regional artists.

Being a Board member, is fun, educational, and helps connect your County to LRAC, the largest arts funder in the region.

Interested ??? For more details and a nomination form, email me at directorlrac@gmail.com.

Watch LRAC Board Video

LRAC welcomes new Board Member representing Traverse County

Alexis Johnson - Wheaton, MN

Alexis Johnson has a degree in Graphic Design Technology from Minnesota State Community & Technical College. She was the Creative Director at Area Woman Magazine, Graphic Designer at Essentia Health, and Lead Graphic Designer at Vanity Corporate Offices until she opened her Wheaton, MN floral shop, The Affair Floral, in 2015. When asked why she would like to serve on the Lake Region Arts Council she replied, "I would love to serve on the LRAC Board because I’m excited to meet fellow artists, art lovers and advocates for art in the surrounding counties. I would like to get more involved in the community and bring arts to the forefront".

Featured Event
Share Your Story for “Otter Tail County: The Musical!”

June 16, 2018, 12:00 - 2:00 pm
Pelican Rapids Public Library
25 W Mill St, Pelican Rapids

Please join PlaceBase Productions and the Otter Tail County Historical Society for Story Swaps in Pelican Rapids & Parkers Prairie to help create Otter Tail County: The Musical! *Please note, these are the Story Swaps that had to be rescheduled because of April snowstorms.

Open auditions for this “one of a kind” production will be held in July 2018. PlaceBase will be looking for 50-100 local performers, musicians, singers, dancers, artists, volunteers and Otter Tail County enthusiasts to be a part of the production. Auditions will be open to all ages and abilities; no previous experience or preparation necessary.

Click Here for Otter Tail County: The Musical

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**Featured Artist**

**Maranda Pedersen - Metal Artist**

"Metal sculptor Maranda Pedersen talks softly, but she carries a big torch" (The Arts Partnership newsletter).

This 24-year-old Fargo native and Minnesota State University - Moorhead graduate loves working with metal "because it's so forgivable. You can keep manipulating it by adding or subtracting to it. I like that it's in a constant state of change."

In 2016 Maranda received a grant from The Arts Partnership to buy an oxy-acetylene kit to create thick rods for large metal sculptures. This device, which she describes as a "blow torch on steroids", heats metal to 3,000 degrees and allows her to bend it into geometric sculptures.

Over the past several years Pedersen has focused on creating smaller household utilitarian pieces, however, public art and large museum installations are her main career aspirations.

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**Featured LRAC Service**

**LRAC Calendar**

Great site for art events in the LRAC region

Have you tried the LRAC's Arts Calendar?
If not, make this your first stop for checking out upcoming concerts, plays, exhibits, workshops, performances, and much more in the LRAC region and beyond.

LRAC's Arts Calendar

LRAC Gallery Exhibits

Main Gallery
Jessica Matson-Fluto
Exhibit: May 1 - June 30, 2018
Artwork contains adult content

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: "Self Portrait #1" 2008 "charcoal and gesso by Jessica Matson-Fluto

Solo Gallery
Jody Pederson
LRAC 2018 Solo Gallery Exhibit: June to July 31, 2018

Jodi's exhibit at the LRAC Solo Gallery features her work with fused glass. Jodi has been working with glass over 19 years. She also works with glass bead making, pendant and beaded glass jewelry and small beaded sculptures. More of her work can be seen at her website, Wolf Nest Glass Works, http://www.wolfnestglassworks.com/

Watch Video of Jodi Peterson

LRAC Legacy Grant

Spring Legacy Grant Awards

The Lake Region Arts Council announces the results of the 2018 Spring Legacy Grant Round held on April 17, 2018. $28,715 was awarded to five Legacy Individual...
Artist Grants and $78,922 was awarded to 12 Legacy Organization Grants.

Photo credit: Ayumi Shafer, Co Director of DanceBARN Collective jumping for joy with their check!!

Read the Spring Legacy Grant Announcement

LRAC Individual Grant Awards

Career Development Grant

On May 15, 2018, the LRAC Board reviewed 21 grant applications requesting $24,147. It was a very competitive grant rounds with many great applications. $7,314 were awarded to six grants.

Fellowship Grant

At the June 19th meeting, the LRAC Board will be awarding the 2017 Fellowship Grant. This year's art disciplines are music and visual arts. One individual will receive $5,000 to expand their artistic pursuits in the coming year.

Watch for both announcements in the LRAC July Arts News

Art credit: "Pop Culture Cash" by James Charles

LRAC Upcoming Grants

Fiscal Year 2019 Starts July 1st

It's hard to imagine but LRAC is wrapping up 2018 and moving into 2019 starting July 1, 2018. The Fall Grant Rounds are just around the corner.

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

Fall Project Grant, $12,870
  • Webinar: July 31, 2018
Other Opportunities

Minnesota State Arts Board

Arts Tour Minnesota is a program designed to provide Minnesotans greater access to high quality arts activities regardless of geographic location. Grants may be used to support Minnesota presenters hosting professional tours by Minnesota and non Minnesota artists, or to support Minnesota artists and arts organizations touring existing artworks to Minnesota communities that are outside of their home region. The program is open to tours featuring visual, literary, and performing arts.

The deadline to submit applications is Friday, July 13, 2018. Proposed projects must take place between June 1, 2019, and May 31, 2020.

McKnight Expands Artist Fellowships Program

The McKnight Foundation will add fellowships in five new artistic disciplines and residencies for McKnight Artist Fellows in all disciplines over the next three years. The McKnight Artist Fellowships program currently supports mid career creatives working in 10 artistic disciplines.

In the next two years, it will add fellowships for print makers, textile artists, book artists, social/community-based practice artists, and traditional artists. In 2020, in acknowledgment that artists are living and working in national and global contexts, the program will also begin providing residencies for McKnight Artist Fellows across all artistic disciplines.

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Please contact the LRAC office for more information:
Serving the LRAC region: Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin counties.