LRAC August Art Headlines

**LRAC News Brief**

**Rural Arts and Culture Summit 2019.** LRAC will help with registration fees.

If you live in Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens Traverse or Wilkin Counties, LRAC will reimburse up to $50 of your registration fee to attend the Arts and Rural Culture Summit, Oct. 3-5, 2019 at the Reif Center in Grand Rapids, MN. Contact Rebecca at LRAC4@LRACgrants.org for more information.

Registration is now open for the fifth biennial Rural Arts and Culture Summit, an event organized by Springboard for the Arts, which gathers rural artists, arts organizations and community leaders to highlight arts-based strategies to rural community and economic development. The event will take place October 3 - 5, 2019 at the Reif Center for Performing Arts in Grand Rapids, Minnesota and will offer over 25 workshops and presentations led by rural arts and culture practitioners from across the country.

**Click here to register for RAC Summit**

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**Cultural and Heritage Events**

"Wassamoo-Beshizi" (Power Lines)

An Exhibit Celebrating Indigenous Women Artists @ The Plains Art Museum through August 30, 2019

Waasamoo-Beshizi (Power-Lines) is a group exhibition featuring work by 25 contemporary Ojibwe, Dakota, Lakota, Nakota, Eastern Band Cherokee, Seneca, Cree / Flathead, and Ponca women artists. The exhibition recognizes Native women artists as central contributors, shapers, and culture bearers within Native communities and within the narrative of contemporary art.

Waasamoo-Beshizi celebrates the connections Native women have to each other and the intergenerational passage of knowledge through visual art and tradition. The title of this exhibition is inspired by powerlines and transmission towers, whose shapes are reminiscent of dresses. Many exhibiting artists engage with weaving, clothing, and textile
traditions while reflecting on culture and identity. Clothing can both hide and reveal something about the wearer, can reflect individual and cultural identity, and can celebrate, honor, and remember.

This exhibition is curated by Plains Art Museum’s Laura Youngbird, with support from Tasha Kubesh, Netha Cloeter, and Joe Williams. This exhibition was developed as a “Sister Show” connected to the Minneapolis Institute of Art’s exhibition Hearts of our People: Native American Women Artists. Mia’s exhibition is the first major thematic exhibition exploring the artistic achievements of Native women artists, from ancient times to the present.

**Featured Event**

**Art & Craft Affair**

At Railroad Park in Battle Lake and Sponsored by Art of the Lakes Saturday, August 10, 2019 9:00am - 4:00pm

The Art & Craft Affair in downtown Battle Lake was launched in 1977 by the Art of the Lakes Association. Annually, this event draws nearly 5,000 visitors and is held on the 2nd Saturday of August at Railroad Park, located at MN Hwy 78 and County Rd 83 in Battle Lake.

The mission of the Art & Craft Affair is to offer display vendors an opportunity to market creative, handmade, original arts and crafts, and to offer fairgoers, of all ages and economic status, an opportunity to enjoy the event and discover items of interest for purchase.

This event is free and open to the public.

**Featured Artist**

**Laura Youngbird: Artist, Arts Educator, Curator**

Laura Youngbird is an artist, arts educator and curator. She earned her BS, BFA and MA from Minnesota State University at Moorhead with a minor in American Indian Studies. As an undergraduate she worked in the Archaeology Department as a lab and field assistant. She is an enrolled member of the Minnesota Chippewa, Grand Portage Band. Laura currently lives in Breckenridge, Minnesota and is the Director of Native American Art at the Plains Art Museum in Fargo, ND. The themes in her work originated from experiences her family, and particularly her grandmother, had while at boarding schools and issues that surrounded their assimilation into non-Indian culture. Laura also
LRAC Gallery Exhibits

Main Gallery

"Bring Her Home" Exhibit
Stolen Daughters of Turtle Island

Please be aware this exhibition has the potential to trigger trauma in our artists & audience.

On loan from All My Relations Arts Gallery in Minneapolis, MN

Exhibit dates: July 5 - September 27, 2019
Gallery hours, M-F, 9-5
137 S. Mill St., Fergus Falls, MN

Bring Her Home highlights the ongoing epidemic of missing and murdered indigenous women. It features original works by 16 visual artists from across the United States and many tribal nations.

In light of the local movement to stop sexual exploitation and the international #MMIW awareness campaign, Bring Her Home shares visual stories of the impacted women. Emerging curator and artist, Angela Two Stars, brings together these artists to reclaim the identities of missing and murdered indigenous women. Rather than reduce the issue to a statistic, she challenges us to honor the life of each indigenous woman as we would a sister, a wife, a mother, a best friend, a cousin, or a daughter.

Featured artists include Jaune Quick-To-See Smith, Molly Murphy Adams, Karen Goulet, Angela Babby, Wade Patton, Leah Yellowbird, and more.

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LRAC Call for Artists

Is wood your artistic medium?
LRAC will be featuring the artwork of regional artists that work with wood, as our Oct. 1, 2019 through Dec. 20, 2019 Main Gallery Exhibit. There will be a public reception for the exhibit on Oct. 15 from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. LRAC is seeking work from any artist residing in the LRAC region, which includes the counties of Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse and Wilkin.

Notification of selected artwork will be announced Aug. 30, 2019. Work should be delivered to the LRAC Gallery from Sept. 23-27, 2019.
If you are interested in participating, please submit up to three images of your work online by Aug. 18, 2019. To submit work, click on the Call for Artists button below.

Please let our office know if you have questions, 218-739-5780.
**LRAC Solo Gallery**

**Mike Makovsky: Sports Photographer**  
Exhibit dates: August 1 - September 30, 2019

Mike Makovsky bought his first “real” camera with his high school graduation money and “upgraded” many, many times during his career. Makovsky began taking sports photos 25 years ago when his children first started in little league and after they moved on, he continued to do so professionally. Mike always carried at least one camera in his vehicle (including his Harley) and on his travels, never passed an opportunity to stop at a lemonade stand. Although a champion of the entrepreneurial spirit, he didn’t think twice about taking pictures of everyone else’s children, while never collecting a dime. He was not interested in editing - “you get the good, the bad, and the ugly in sports just as you do in life - sometimes you miss the shot and sometimes you win.” In addition to photography, other passions in his life included children, agriculture, business and sports. Mike passed away last year due to a brief illness but we are blessed with his memory and so very fortunate to have his amazing photos to admire forever.

**LRAC Grant Announcements**

**LRAC 2020 Grant Calendar/Changes**

It's hard to believe that the new LRAC Grant Year is starting July 1, 2019.

**MORE GRANT IMPORTANT CHANGES:**

- **5:00 pm Deadline Time (reminder)**
  - Grant Deadlines will be at **5:00 pm**
- **Grant Start Date Requirement**
  - Must be **4 weeks** from the Grant Review Date
- **Grant Award Notification time**
  - 48 hours after Grant Review Meeting
- **LRAC Misuse of Funds Procedure**
  - Grantee consequences for intentional misuse of grant funds

**LRAC Individual Grants**

**LRAC Artist Quick Start**

The Clock is ticking, it's time to wrap up and submit your Artist Quick Start Grant application.

Now's the time to apply for $750. Six grants will be awarded, totally $4,500.

**Open to to all disciplines:** dance, literary, performance, visual, and everything in between...
**Artist Quick Start Grant** will cover training, classes, supplies, equipment, marketing, arts related travel and additional expenses.

**Important Dates:**
- **Grant Deadline:** Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 5:00 pm
- **Grant Review:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019
- **Grant Start Date:** After October 17, 2019

Click to Apply for the Artist Quick Start Grant

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**LRAC Fall Legacy Individual Grant**

**Legacy Individual Grant** is the "give back" grant which includes a public component requirement along with the artistic growth of the individual applicant.

$12,300 to be awarded in the Fall Legacy Individual Grant Round.

**What to know more?**
We are here to help you! Contact the LRAC office to make an appointment to talk "one to one" about your potential project. Your options are either an in person, a phone call or a GotoMeeting appointment.
Email LRAC at LRAC4@LRACgrants.org to set up your time!

**Important Dates:**
- **Grant Writing Webinar:** Thursday*, August 22, 2019 at 6:00 pm
- **Grant Deadline:** Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 5:00 pm*
- **Grant Review:** Tuesday, November 19, 2019
- **Grant Start Date:** **After December 20, 2019***
* (New This Year)

Register for the Legacy Individual Grant Writing Webinar

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**LRAC Organization Grants**

**LRAC Fall Project Grant**

The LRAC Fall Project Grant is accepting applications from non profit arts organizations and public entities.

$12,870 will be awarded in the Fall Project Grant Round.

- Apply for up to $3,000 per project with a 20% match.
- Multiple Project Grant Applications are acceptable.
- Open to Arts organization, Schools, Libraries, Museums, etc.

**Important Dates**
- **Grant Deadline,** **Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 5:00 pm***
LRAC Fall Legacy Organization Grant

The LRAC Fall Legacy Organization Grant is accepting applications from non profit organizations and public entities.

$49,300 will be awarded in the Fall Legacy Organization Grant Round.

- No Maximum and no Match requirement
- Support Artistic Programming and Education to provide Access to the Arts in the LRAC region.
- Open to Arts organization, Schools, Libraries, Museums, etc.

Join LRAC on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, 4:00 pm for the live webinar. The webinar recording will be available on the LRAC4.org website after August 23, 2019.

Important Dates:
- Grant Deadline, Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 5:00 pm*
- Grant Review, Tuesday, November 19, 2019
- Grant Start Date, Wednesday, December 20, 2019*
* (New This Year)

Register for the Fall Legacy Organization Grant Writing Webinar

Other Opportunities

Minnesota State Arts Board
FY 2020 Partners in Arts Participation

Partners in Arts Participation is a grant program designed to broaden opportunities for Minnesotans to participate in the arts. Grant funds may be used by Minnesota nonprofit health or human service organizations to integrate the arts into their programming or services.

Applicants may choose to have their constituents engage in existing high quality arts experiences, and/or may work with an artist or arts organization to design experiences tailored to meet the needs of the constituents they serve.

- Deadline: Friday, August 23, 2019

MSAB Partners in Arts Participation Grant

FORECAST

FORECAST is accepting applications for a variety of artist grants starting August 12,
Mid-Career Project Grant
Supports the creation of a new, publicly accessible, temporary or permanent artwork anywhere in the state of Minnesota by a Minnesota-based mid-career public artist

Mid-Career Professional Development Grant
Supports Minnesota-based mid-career artists seeking to expand or advance their careers in the field of public art, through a project idea or participation in career-enhancing activities

Early-Career Artist Project Grant
Supports creation of a temporary or permanent public artwork anywhere in the state of Minnesota by an early-career Minnesota-based artist

Early-Career Artist Research & Development Grant
Supports early-career artists in public art related research and development or with the planning phase of freely accessible public art installation or activity in Minnesota

- Deadline is October 16, 2019

Non Profit Leadership Training Series
Join West Central Initiative and Lakes Country Service Cooperative for a 5 part training series on individual skill development for non-profit leaders.

Two topics will be covered on each training day. Registration is for the same individual to attend each of the nine training sessions.
Space is limited!

Where? All trainings will take place in Fergus Falls at West Central Initiative.
Who should attend? Non-profit leaders (CEO, ED, Manager, Director, etc.)

About Essentials Training Group: Working to provide professional development resources and training opportunities to build stronger non-profits in our region.

Registration: $500.00*
Early Bird: $450.00 (Register by Aug. 1)

*Cost includes lunch at each session.
Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wilkin counties.