



Upcoming Deadlines! Apply Now!

**Professional  
Mid-Career Artist  
Grant for \$3,000**

**Application Deadline: October 1st**

This \$3,000 project grant provides financial support to artists committed to advancing their work and careers. Artists may expand their present work, advance in skill or technique, or move in a new direction. They can apply for a specific project that contributes directly to their growth and development as a professional.

Applications are encouraged from artists in all art disciplines, and this may include dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art. Artists must have resided in Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, or Watonwan County for a minimum of six months prior to application.

Visit [www.plrac.org/artist-grant](http://www.plrac.org/artist-grant) or contact the office for more information!



**Artist Grant  
Writing Workshop**

**Tuesday, Sept. 19th - 5 p.m.**

Pioneer Bank, 1450 Adams Street, Mankato

PLRAC staff will conduct discuss guidelines, project timelines, and what projects can be funded. We encourage new applicants to attend.

Email [cindy@plrac.org](mailto:cindy@plrac.org) to register.

**Youth Scholarships  
available for students,  
grades 3-12**

**Application Deadline: November 1st**



**\$300 for grades 7-12  
\$200 for grades 3-6**

These scholarships will provide students the opportunity to study their chosen art with a practicing professional artist, attend an arts workshop, series of classes or special training opportunity.

Students in grades 7-12 must be participating with an instructor, an organization or arts discipline for at least two years to be eligible. Students in grades 3-6 must be participating for at least one year to be eligible. Artistic areas include dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art.

These scholarships are for students that are active and excelling in their art form; and are being rewarded for their goals, ambitions, and achievement. The on-going learning component of the lessons, classes, etc. is an important factor. Students need to reside in Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, or Watonwan County

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# Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants Awarded

## A total of \$197,925 was awarded to 26 Area Organizations

The grants are for arts activities in all artistic disciplines. A variety of activities including instrumental and vocal music concerts, theater and dance performances, exhibitions, literary readings, festivals, and classes for youth and adults are being funded. This fund was created by the people of Minnesota to support the arts and preserve our heritage. The Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, passed by the voters in Nov. 2008, created new resources for land conservation, water conservation, parks and the Arts. The next ACH Grant deadline is January 1, 2024. Organizations and schools can apply once per year for this grant.

**Arts Center of Saint Peter - \$9,000.** They will provide educational classes including clay, sewing, and literature; and sponsor the Pageant & Singalong Nation music group to support newcomers. Funds will be used for artist fees, supplies, salaries, and facility costs.

**Blue Earth Valley Concert Association - \$9,000.** They will sponsor their 2023-24 subscription series of music concerts at the Blue Earth Area Schools Performing Arts Center, September 2023-April 2024. Funds will be used for artist fees.

**Fairmont Opera House - \$9,000.** They will present their 2023-24 season of high-quality performances and events. Funds will be used to pay the performance and administrative fees for the Mankato Symphony Orchestra and vocalists from the Minnesota Opera to perform "Selections from the Messiah", December 17, 2023.

**Good Thunder Reading Series - \$9,000.** They will present their 2023-24 season of visiting literary artists and events. Funds will be used to pay the honoraria for two artists, Edurado C. Corral in February and Ngozi Ukazu in March.

**La Grande Bande, Gaylord - \$9,000.** They will present their concert season of Baroque and Romantic era music, September 2023 through May 2024. They will also conduct multiple masterclass sessions with students, host open rehearsals and pre-concert talks, and outreach concerts for those not able to physically attend a season concert. Funds will be used for artist fees, publicity, and rental fees.

**Lafayette Band - \$3,300.** They will continue to present their summer concerts. Funds will be used to purchase new music and supplies to conserve and facilitate future use of their current music library, and to pay travel stipends, and publicity.

**Mankato/North Mankato ACT on Alzheimer's - \$9,000.** They will sponsor the Singing Hills Chorus, a singing group made up of people with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias and their care partners. They facilitate two chorus sessions and concerts, one in the fall and one in the spring. They also offer free monthly Summer SingAlongs. Funds will be used for artist fees, salaries, rental fees, and publicity.

**Mankato Area Youth Choirs - \$6,000.** The choirs, consisting of students in grades 1-12, will hold weekly rehearsals and present two concerts in the fall and spring of 2023-24. Funds will be used to pay stipends to the directors and accompanist.

**Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra - \$6,500.** They will present multiple concerts during the year with many opportunities for students to participate. Funds will be used for the 2024 Summer Session and will include scholarships, director salaries, venue rentals, and music.

**Mankato Makerspace - \$9,000.** They will sponsor the "Makerspace Artists of Tomorrow" project, which is a program of weekly youth art classes for students in grades 6-12, September 2023 through June 2024. Funds will be used for artist stipends, salaries, supplies, and facility costs.

**Martin Co. Preservation, Assoc. (Red Rock Center for the Arts) - \$9,000.** They will sponsor their 2023-24 season of arts programming; including the Musical Lunch program; arts classes; and musical concerts including folk musician Dan Rodriguez, pianist Glenn Henriksen, and vocalists Paul and Kristin Johnson. Funds will be used for artist fees, salaries, and publicity.

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These activities are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

# Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants Awarded

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**Merely Players Community Theatre - \$9,000.** They will present their 2023-2024 season of plays in Mankato, including: “Junie B. in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells!”, “Agatha Christie's And Then There Were None”, and “Aristocats” held at Lincoln Community Center and “9 to 5 the Musical” at the Pond on Madison. Funds will be used for artist fees, publicity, and expendable supplies.

**Minnesota New Country School - \$6,000.** They will provide ten art and cultural field trips for students during the 2023-24 school year to promote life-long appreciation of all art forms. Activities are divided among several grade levels and include Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Children's Theater, Guthrie Theater, Stages Theater, Ordway Theater, History Theater, Franconia Sculpture Park, Walker Art Center, and a tour of Southern Minnesota Art Galleries. They will also host Prairie Fire Children's Theatre. Funds will be used for artists fees and ticket costs.

**Minnesota Valley Chorale - \$9,000.** They will perform four concerts in Mankato for the 2023-2024 season; two winter concerts in November and two spring concerts in April. Funds will be used for artist fees, membership scholarships, salaries, supplies, and venue rental.

**Musicorum, Mankato - \$9,000.** They will present their choral season in Mankato with a holiday concert in December 2023 and a spring concert in April 2024. Funds will be used for the director's salary, instrumentalist stipends, publicity, venue rental, and to purchase music scores.

**New Ulm Figure Skating Club - \$8,000.** They will present their 2024 Ice Skating Show “Skating to Infinity and Beyond” in March 2024. Funds will be used for salaries, supplies, and ice time rental.

**Prairie Winds Middle School Orchestra, Mankato - \$4,000.** They will sponsor an artist residency with Mary Carlson Zuehlke and Liz Draper to work with beginning orchestra students, September 2023 through March 2024. Funds will be used for artist fees.

**Project G.E.M. - \$9,000.** The Growth, Experience & Motivation Project will provide arts education program activities to at risk youth, ages 6-19, in Blue Earth and Nicollet Counties in 2023-24. This includes instruction in art, music, and drama in a variety of locations, taught by college students going in the education field. Funds will be used for artist fees, travel expenses, salaries, and supplies.

**ProMusica Minnesota - \$9,000.** They will host their series of three chamber music concerts in New Ulm.

“Heart Throbs” on October 15, 2023; “1930s Russia & America” on February 11, 2024; and “Cello Portraits” on April 7, 2024. Funds will be used for artist fees.

**St. Clair Public School, Instrumental Music - \$6,000.** They will provide an artist residency with percussion specialist, Michelle Roche. She will work with the 5th and 6th grade general music students and the 7th-12th grade concert band students. Funds will be used for artist fees and supplies.

**South Central Service Cooperative - \$9,000.** They will host the Young Writers & Artists Conference March 5-6, 2024 for students in grades 3-8, at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato. Students can participate in a variety of subjects related to writing and creative arts. Funds will be used for artist stipends and student scholarships.

**Springfield Community Theatre - \$4,000.** They will partner with Springfield Community Education and present the musical, “Footloose”, November 17-19, 2023. Performances will be held at the Springfield School's performing arts auditorium. Funds will be used for artist fees and equipment.

**State Street Theater Company, New Ulm - \$9,000.** They will present their 2023-24 season including a Latin music performance and workshop by Alma Andina in September, theater performances of “The Christmas Express” in December, and Chase & Ovation's Prince tribute in May. Funds will be used for artist fees.

**Tri-City United Community Education - \$6,000.** They will start a middle school drama program that will give students an opportunity to rehearse and perform on stage. They will also sponsor performances of “The Nutcracker” by the Youth Dance Ensemble and School of Burnsville, for grades K-5 in December. Funds will be used for artist fees, director fees, salaries and supplies.

**Waseca Arts Council - \$9,000.** They will sponsor multiple exhibitions including the Stitchers in Time Quilters Guild, the WAC Members Show, and exhibits by individual artists. They will also host week long Summer Art Camps in June, July, and August for youth. Funds will be used for instructor fees and art supplies.

**Waseca- Le Sueur Regional Library System - \$4,125.** They will collaborate with Cow Tipping Press and Open Arts Minnesota to sponsor literary and theater arts workshops for 10 adults with developmental disabilities in the Waseca area. The classes will culminate with book publication and a community reading event. Funds will be used for instructor fees.

## FY 2024 SMALL ARTS PROJECT and SCHOOL GRANTS

The Small Arts Project Grant is available to non-profit arts organizations and community groups sponsoring arts activities for their community. School Arts Project Grants are for public or private non-parochial schools K-12 for artist residencies, arts presentations, & arts related field trips.

### BLUE EARTH COUNTY

Deep Valley Book Festival, fees & publicity - \$2,500  
GSR Fine Art Festival, artist stipends - \$2,500

### BROWN COUNTY

Hermann Monument Society, German Festival - \$2,500

### LE SUEUR COUNTY

W.E.M. Community Education, youth theater - \$2,500

### WASECA COUNTY

American Indian Service Learning Project, classes - \$1,500  
Waseca Marching Classic, band clinics - \$2,135

## Three Small Arts Project and School Arts Project Grants Awarded in August

Our Small Arts Project and School Arts Project Grant program funds non-profit arts organizations, community groups, public organizations, or schools producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community or students. We encourage applications for artistic performances or the sponsorship of quality arts activities in the 9-county region. This may include dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art, etc.

GSR Fine Art Festival - \$2,500. They will host the art festival to provide artists a regional venue to sell their goods during the holiday season. The festival will be held November 25-26, 2023, at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center in Mankato. Musicians will also play throughout the two-days. Funds will be used for artist fees and rental fees.

Hermann Monument Society - \$2,500. They will sponsor HermannFest with ethnic music, speeches, and songs celebrating German heritage and the Hermann Monument in New Ulm, September 9, 2023. Events will be held at Hermann Heights Park and Harman Park throughout the day. Funds will be used for artist fees, publicity, and rental fees.

Waterville-Elysian-Morristown Community Education - \$2,500. They will sponsor Storybook Theatre to work with students in grades 1-9 to present their own theater production, September 25-30, 2023. Funds will be used for artist fees.

## Prairie Lakes FY 2023 Grants Awarded

(July 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023)

**\$304,400 - Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants**  
to 47 arts organizations, community groups,  
and schools

**\$85,826 – State General funds (36 grants)**  
Small Arts Project & School Grants

**\$30,800 - 121 Youth Scholarships** to Students in  
grades 3-12

**\$44,000 – Artist Development Grants (22 grants)**  
Grant amount is \$2,000, with funds  
from the McKnight Foundation.

**Total Awarded: \$465,026**

Prairie Lakes receives funding from the Minnesota Legislature through the **Legacy Amendment** from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, State General funds, and the McKnight Foundation.

**MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION**



# Welcoming Our New Board Members

We are pleased to announce that five new Board Members have been appointed. Justin Ek will represent the City of North Mankato; Moni Harper will represent the City of Fairmont; Michael Looft of Winthrop will represent Sibley County; Mikhail Rostislavovich of Waseca will represent Waseca County; and Dave Wahl of Springfield will represent Brown County.



**Justin Ek** is an artist from Mankato who is known for his community murals, paintings, social media presence, intricate weavings, and his work with youth and nonprofits in the area. He is passionate about using his skills to make a positive impact on the community and often volunteers his time to work with youth and nonprofits for free. Justin's art is a reflection of his love for nature and the world around him, and he is constantly looking for ways to use his art to inspire others and make a difference in the world. Justin also owns an art store in downtown Mankato where he sells his artwork and the work of other local artists as well as founded the Mankato Art Crawl through the store. Justin is an active board member of the City

Center Partnership and is involved in the CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour in Mankato that features a variety of sculptures throughout the city. He is also known for founding the Old Town Mankato Day of the Dead Celebration with his family. The event is a celebration of life and death that takes place in Old Town Mankato every October. The event features art, music, food, and other cultural activities, and is a great way to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the Mankato area. Justin is always looking for ways to use his talents to improve the community.



**Moni Harper** is a lifelong resident of Martin County and a graduate of Mankato (now Minnesota) State University with a BS in Business Administration Marketing and Management. She retired as MRCI Fairmont Brand Manager in 2019. Moni has participated in the Fairmont City band for 46 years and the Trimont Centennial Band for 20+ years. She is the bugler for Fairmont VFW and Legion Honor Guard. She was also a former chairman of the Martin County Area Foundation and past president of the Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce. She has served on the Fairmont Opera House and Civic Summer Theatre boards.



**Michael Looft** is a dedicated public servant and advocate for the arts, known for his multifaceted contributions to his community. Currently serving as the City Administrator for Winthrop, he brings a wealth of experience and leadership to the local government. His tenure has been marked by a commitment to effective governance and community development. Beyond his professional role, Michael is an integral part of the annual Bavarian Blast music festival held in New Ulm, where he lends his support and expertise. With a passion for the arts, he has consistently championed diversity in artistic expression, recognizing the importance of inclusion and representation within the creative realm. In his personal life, Michael is an avid

enthusiast of Clydesdale Horses. Alongside his partner, he spends his free time showcasing these majestic animals at various events and exhibitions throughout the Midwest. His dedication to both his civic responsibilities and personal interests underscores his well-rounded character and commitment to making a positive impact on the community and beyond.

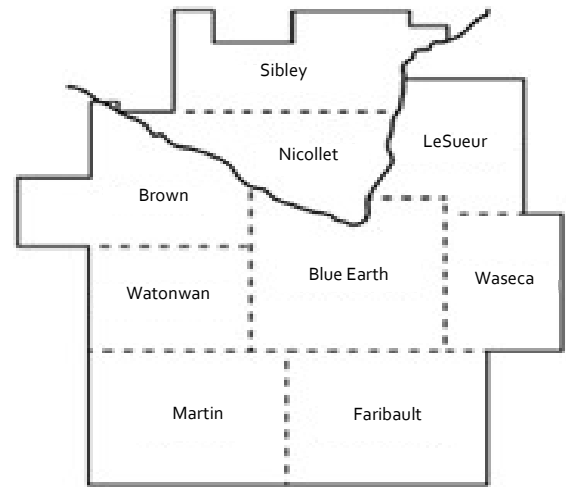


**Mikhail Rostislavovich** Over the past 40 years, Mikhail has worked in various positions within our Federal and State Governments, working with International leaders and Heads of State. At home here in Minnesota, he has held positions as Liaison Officer for the Bishop of the Episcopal Church of Minnesota, the Governor, and Lt. Governors. One of his greatest achievements was founding Veritas Et Lux, a private school in St. Peter. Community involvement is a hallmark in his life to give back to the communities he lives in. Currently, Mikhail is the President and Chairman of State Street Theater Co. in New Ulm. He serves on the Boards of the Waseca Arts Council, and the Waseca Historical Society. He also serves as the

President of the Waseca Exchange Club and is a member of the Waseca Rotary. Organizations like Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council and other cultural and heritage organizations are the backbone of strong vibrant cities and communities.



**Dave Wahl** is a Navy Veteran, accomplished DIY'er, and jack of all trades whose many talents include singer, actor, and former musician. He is currently the Maintenance Manager at Corteva Agriscience (Pioneer Hi-Bred) in Jackson, EMT with the Springfield Ambulance Service, American Legion Post Commander, and City Planning and Zoning Commission member. Dave was extensively involved in theatre and music throughout high school and returned to the stage over ten years ago. He has been a board member of the Springfield Community Theatre since 2012 and has shifted his focus from acting to working behind the scenes in set construction and stage crew for the last several SCT productions.



## FY 2024 Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

**Deadlines are: August 1 and January 1**

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council will fund projects from non-profit tax-exempt 501c3 arts organizations or those using a fiscal sponsor that are producing or sponsoring an arts activity in dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art. This includes arts and music festivals, community bands and choirs, theatre events, dance activities, literary readings, public art, visual arts exhibitions and classes, etc. **No cash match is required.**

**ACH Arts Project Grant.** Arts Programming and Access – maximum request \$9,000.

Funds may be used for Arts programming that is in-person or virtual. Expenses may include artist fees, artist travel, salaries, equipment, technology, training, promotion, monthly rent (lease payments) and utilities.

**ACH Arts & Music Festivals Grant.** Maximum request \$6,000. For non-profit tax-exempt 501c3 arts organizations that are sponsoring arts/music festivals and activities that represent diverse ethnic and cultural arts traditions.

**ACH Education Grant.** Maximum request \$6,000. For arts education programs by non-profit community groups and schools. This may include arts classes, author reading, artist residencies, live art performances, mini-workshops, or arts related field trips for schools.

**ACH Youth Scholarship.** Youth Scholarship for Students (grades 7-12) – \$300, and (grades 3-6) - \$200. Students have the opportunity to study their chosen art with a practicing professional artist by taking lessons over a period of months. This is for all Art disciplines. Deadline for both age groups is November 1.



The applicant or organization must have an address and provide arts programming within the Prairie Lakes region; the counties are: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, or Watonwan County.

## **Small Arts Project Grant**

Non-profit arts organizations, community groups, or public organizations producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community are eligible. The grant may be up to \$2,500. BIPOC projects can apply for up to \$4,000. Fundable activities include: arts and music festivals, community bands and choirs, theatre events, dance activities, literary readings, public art, visual arts exhibitions and classes, etc. **Deadline: July 1, and the 1st of each month until April.**

## **School Arts Project Grant**

Grants are for **schools K-12 public and private.** Grants up to \$2,500 are available to fund Artist residencies, live art performances, mini-workshops or arts related field trips. **Deadline: July 1, and the 1st of each month until April.**

## **Individual Artist Grants**

Artist Grants are for a specific project that contributes directly to their artistic growth and professional development in dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art. Funds may be used for supplies, matting and framing, equipment, attending a workshop, studio time, studying with a mentor, or artist time.

**Deadline: October 1 - Professional Mid-Career Artist Grant, \$3,000**

**Deadline: March 1 - Career Development Grant, \$1,500**

**Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, 105 22nd Avenue NE, Suite A, Waseca, MN 56093**  
[plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net) Online Application through our website, [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org).

# FY 2024 PLRAC GRANT DEADLINES

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Organizational Grants - Non-profit arts organizations, community groups, schools, or public organizations producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community are eligible. Fundable projects may include: community choirs & bands, dance activities, literary readings, music presentations, theatre productions, visual arts classes and exhibitions, folk and traditional art, etc. Maximums for the Arts and Cultural Heritage grants vary, please check guidelines for details.

Small Arts Project Grant maximum is \$2,500 and BIPOC cultural arts project may request up to \$4,000. PLRAC is interested in receiving new applications for BIPOC cultural activities that engage the public.

Artist Grants - Are for specific projects that will advance your work and arts career.

Applications are available online at [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org).  
A tutorial that explains the online process is on our website.

**Small Arts Project - \$2,500**  
**and BIPOC Projects - \$4,000**

1st of the Month Deadline  
July 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024

**School Arts Project - \$2,500**

1st of the Month Deadline  
July 1, 2023 to April 1, 2024

**Youth Scholarship**  
**Grades 7-12 - \$300**

November 1 Deadline

**Arts and Cultural**  
**Heritage Grant**

Aug. 1 and Jan. 1 Deadline

Arts Project Grant - \$9,000  
Arts Festivals Grant - \$6,000  
Arts Education Grant - \$6,000

**Youth Scholarship**  
**Grades 3-6 - \$200**

November 1 Deadline

**Professional**  
**Mid-Career Artist**  
**Grant - \$3,000**

October 1, 2023 Deadline

**Artist Career**  
**Development Grant**

\$1,500

March 1, 2024 Deadline

If any of the information in the grant guidelines is unclear, contact the Prairie Lakes office at (800) 298-1254, (507) 833-8721 or [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net).

Upon request, Prairie Lakes grant application materials will be made available in an alternate format such as large print, computer flash drive, or on audiotape. Please call the Prairie Lakes office in Waseca at 1-800-298-1254. For TTY, contact the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529.



# Arts Events and Opportunities

(An asterisk\* denotes Arts Events funded by a Prairie Lakes Grant.)

**\*Sept. 1-8** Harold Enamorado's Cala Woodworking Exhibit. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org).

**Sept. 1-9** "Fluidity" Exhibition of artwork by Abby Lunebrek, Sydney Heid, Hanne Tebben, and Zoe Jensen. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. [www.the410project.com](http://www.the410project.com).



**\*Sept. 1-29** Leonardo Drake's Exhibit of recent work. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Wed.-Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m., and Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Sept. 1-30** Mankato Community Collage Exhibition, photographs by Josh Madson. (Reception, Sept. 1, 6-9 p.m.). Held at the Coffee Hag, 329 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. Hours: 7:30 p.m.-5 p.m., seven days a week. (507) 387-5533.

**Sept. 1-Oct. 7** Share Your Talents Community Exhibit. Held at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 First St. N. Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. [www.artsandheritagecenter.org](http://www.artsandheritagecenter.org) or (507) 364-8107.

**\*Sept. 1-Oct. 28** Michael Callahan's "Through Line" Mixed Media Exhibit. (Reception, Sept. 2, 3-5 p.m.) Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Gallery hours: Wed.-Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun. 1-5 p.m. [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org) or (507) 931-3630.

**\*Sept. 1-April 2024** The annual CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. [www.cityartmankato.com](http://www.cityartmankato.com) or (507) 388-1062.

**Sept. 1-22** "Piedra Falsa" Ceramic Exhibit by Cassiano Alvarez and Craig Hartenberger. (Sept. 21, Artist Talk from 7-8 p.m. and Reception from 8-9 p.m.) Held at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/conkling-gallery/>.

**\*Sept. 5-21** Stephanie Kay Spencer's "Landscapes and Flowers" Painting Exhibit. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. or by appointment. (507) 235-9262 or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**\*Sept. 5-26** Henderson Music on Main Concerts, Tuesdays during the Classic Car Roll Ins, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Held outdoors in the Evolution Shirts Parking Lot, 307 Main St., Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Lions Club, (507) 380-7789.

**Sept. 5-28** Michael Wiechmann's art exhibit. (Reception, Sept. 7, 7 p.m.) Held at the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center Gallery, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. Gallery hours: Sun.-Thurs. 1-9 p.m. and Fri. & Sat. 1-8 p.m. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu).

**Sept. 6** Outdoor concert by Jazz10, 7 p.m. Held on the campus green at Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu).

**\*Sept. 7** MN State University, Mankato, Performance Series Concert by singer/songwriter Humbird, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events).



**Sept. 7** Virtual author event with Lidia Bastianich. She will discuss her memoir "My American Dream: A Life of Love, Family, and Food", 6 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org) or (507) 304-4001.

**Sept. 7** Yvonne Cory's "The Charm of the Full Bib Apron" presentation, 2 p.m. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N Park St., Fairmont. (507) 238-4207 or [www.martincountylibrary.org](http://www.martincountylibrary.org).

**Sept. 7** Music in the Park Series: Watermelon Slush performing 5:30-7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Held at Wheeler Park, 402 Page Ave., North Mankato. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library. [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary) or (507) 345-5120.

**\*Sept. 7-8** 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Minnesota Shorts Play Festival, 7 p.m. each night. The same plays will be performed both nights, featuring six short plays and four 1-minute plays. Advanced tickets \$10, available at [www.merelyplayers.com](http://www.merelyplayers.com); at the door \$12. Held at Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 388-5483 or "Minnesota Shorts Play Festival" on Facebook.



**\*Sept. 7-30** Letha Kelsey and Gregory Euclide's "Susurrations" Exhibit. (Reception, Sept. 8, 5-7 p.m.) Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-6 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. [www.thecarnegiemandato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemandato.com) or (507) 625-2730.



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**\*Sept. 8** Blue Earth Valley Concert Association sponsors Divas 3, singers with powerhouse voices will sing the biggest hits, of the greatest divas, in music history, 7 p.m. Tickets are sold as a four Concert Series package, adults \$50, students \$10, or family \$110. Concert held at Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 N. Grove St. <https://concertassociation.net/blueearthmn/> or (507) 526-7186.

**\*Sept. 8** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Bully Pulpit Bluegrass Band performing bluegrass music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org).

**\*Sept. 9** HermannFest 2023, including ethnic music beginning at 11:30 a.m. in Hermann Heights Park, 10 Monument St., New Ulm. Additional music performances and fireworks will be held beginning at 6 p.m. in Harman Park, 101 N. Garden St., New Ulm. For a complete schedule go to: [www.hermannmonument.com](http://www.hermannmonument.com). (507) 359-8233.

**Sept. 9** The Mankato Symphony Orchestra's "Symphony on the Prairie" concert, 6 p.m., free. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy popular tunes in a beautiful outdoor setting. Held at Benson Park, 2000 Carlson Dr., North Mankato. Sponsored by the City of North Mankato and the Mankato Symphony Orchestra, (507) 625-8880 or [www.mankatosymphony.com](http://www.mankatosymphony.com).

**\*Sept. 9-10** 32nd Annual Rock Bend Folk Festival in St. Peter. The festival features a variety of music on two stages and art booths by many local artisans, in a family friendly setting. Free; Sept. 9 at 12 Noon-10 p.m. and Sept. 10 at 12 Noon-6 p.m. Food vendors are on site or bring your own. Bring lawn chairs and blankets, no pets. Held at Minnesota Square Park, on Hwy 169, St. Peter. For a complete list of performers go to [www.rockbend.org](http://www.rockbend.org).

**\*Sept. 10 & 24** Open Clay Studio in English or Spanish, 3-5 p.m. Try your hand at clay or develop your skills, with guidance and encouragement from an experienced potter. Free. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**Sept. 11** Movie Monday, view "Mrs. Doubtfire", 1 p.m. Held at North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary) or (507) 345-5120.

**Sept. 12** Screening and discussion of "Pleasantville", 6:30 p.m. Fifth in a series looking at the history of special effects in cinema. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. [www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library) or (507) 359-8334.

**\*Sept. 14** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night with local artists performing, hosted by Molly & Sonny Boy, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org).

**Sept. 14** Good Thunder Reading Series featuring poet Victoria Chang. Workshop, 10-11 a.m., Memorial Library, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, MN State University, Mankato. Craft talk, 3-3:50 p.m., at Centennial Student Union Room 245, MN State University, Mankato. Reading, 7:30-8:15 p.m., at Centennial Student Union Room 245, MN State University, Mankato. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5144 or <http://gt.mnsu.edu/>.

**Sept. 14** Music in the Park Series: Bee Balm Fields performing 5:30-7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Held at Wheeler Park, 402 Page Ave., North Mankato. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library. [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary) or (507) 345-5120.

**\*Sept. 14-16** Dedication of the restored and relocated "Towering To Our Future" sculpture in New Prague. Sept. 14: Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Celebration, 6-8 p.m. Project Artist Kiersten Dahl-Shetka will present along with other who have participated in the project. During the Dozinky Festival: Sept 15, 5:30-8 p.m. and Sept. 16, 1-4 p.m. individuals will be able to participate in a fun activity to learn about the tower sculpture and reflect on what they love about their community. Held at the New Prague Library, 400 Main St. E. Sponsored by the city of New Prague. (952) 758-4401.

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Monday, September 4th  
for the Labor Day holiday.**

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**\*Sept. 15** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Los Rebeldes performing tex-mex music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org).

**Sept. 15** Johnny Cash Tribute Show with Mitchell Hall and the Tennessee Trio, Door open at 6 p.m. music starts at 7 p.m. Tickets: in advance general seating \$25, at the door \$35. VIP in advance only \$35. Held at the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St., Mankato. (507) 625-7553 or [www.katoballroom.com](http://www.katoballroom.com).

**\*Sept. 15-17** Wacipi 2023, Mankato PowWow. American Indian presenters, craft vendors, traditional Indian food and dancing will take place. Event hours: Fri. 3-10 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Grand Entry times: Fri. 7 p.m.; Sat. 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.; and Sun. 1 p.m. General Admission \$7 for the whole weekend, seniors 60 and older and children 12 and under are free. Held at Land of Memories Park, 100 Amos Owen Lane, Mankato [www.mahkatowacipi.org](http://www.mahkatowacipi.org).

**Sept. 15-17** "Theatre Physics," an all-original, vaudeville-style production by Bethany theatre students and alumni. Sept. 15 at 7 & 9 p.m.; Sept. 16 at 7 & 9 p.m., and Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. Held at Bethany Lutheran College, Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. Call for tickets at (507) 344-7374. [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu).

**Sept. 15-30** Mary Walchuk's "A Trip Inside My Head" Exhibition of new and renewed artwork. (Reception, Sept. 15, 7-9 p.m.) Held at 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. [www.the410project.com](http://www.the410project.com).

**\*Sept. 15-Oct. 13** Wade Davis' Printmaking Exhibit. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org) or (507) 359-9222.

**\*Sept. 16** "Bienvenido Otoño! Welcome, Autumn!" A flamenco dance show with Molly Stoltz, 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$15 at the door. Held at The People's Store, 303 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Molly received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in FY 2023 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

**Sept. 16** MN State University, Mankato, Performance Series Concert by Molly Maher & Her Disbelievers with Bad Liquor Management, 7 p.m. Advance tickets \$15, at the door \$20. Held at Hooligans, 1400 Madison Ave., Suite 210, Mankato. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events) or (507) 389-5549.

**Sept. 16** All Bethany Choir Reunion Concert, 2:30 p.m., free. Held at Bethany Lutheran College, Younge Gym in the Sports & Fitness Center, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. (507) 344-7374. [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu).

**Sept. 16** Bend of the River Fall Festival, beginning at 3 p.m. Music lineup includes DJ Dougie, Tim Montana, Elle King, and 38 Special. Tickets: general admission \$48, pit \$58, and VIP \$98. Purchase at <https://bendoftheriverfestival.com/tickets/>. Held at MN State University Mankato Blakeslee Stadium, 191 Stadium Rd., Mankato. "Bend of the River Fall Festival" on Facebook.


**Sept. 17** Virtual book discussion about "Betsy-Tacy" by Maud Hart Lovelace, 6:30 p.m. Open to all. Free for Betsy-Tacy Society members; \$10 for non-members. Pre-registration required for the Zoom link. Hosted by the Betsy-Tacy Society. [www.betsy-tacysociety.org](http://www.betsy-tacysociety.org) or (507) 345-9777.

**Sept. 18** Concert by the Goo Goo Dolls with special guest Fitz and the Tantrums, 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$45, available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or call 1-800-745-3000. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 310 West Rock Street, Mankato. [www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com](http://www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com)

**Sept. 18-29** Installation Classes Exhibit. (Reception, Sept. 21, 6-7 p.m.) Held at Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 12 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to 12 Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 Midnight. (507) 389-6767 or <https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art-galleries/csu-gallery/>.

**Sept. 20** Virtual author event with Adam Alter. He will discuss his book "Anatomy of a Breakthrough: How to Get Unstuck When It Matters Most", 1 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org).

**Sept. 20-23** "The Temperamentals" theater production, 7:30 p.m. each day. Adults \$10, seniors over 65 and youth under 16 \$9. Held at Andreas Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. [www.mnsu.edu/theatre/](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre/) or (507) 389-6661.

**\*Sept. 21** Angie Anderson will be performing original music and covers with her cousin Joy Ciaffoni in their musical duo "The Cousins", 7-9 p.m. Held at Sweet Haven Tonics, 116 N Minnesota St., New Ulm. Angie received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in FY 2023 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. 

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**\*Sept. 21** “A King’s Entertainments” Concert by the La Grande Bande performing Baroque and Romantic era music with period instruments, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: Season pass for 4 concerts \$32. Individual concert tickets in advance \$10, students \$5, available at [www.lagrandebande.org/tickets](http://www.lagrandebande.org/tickets), at the door \$15. Come early, at 6:45 p.m., with your ticket and enjoy a pre-concert talk with Michael Asmus as he discusses the musical selections for the concert. A free open rehearsal time will be announced. Held at First Lutheran Church, 213 Hennepin St. N., Winthrop. [www.lagrandebande.org](http://www.lagrandebande.org) or (507) 995-7086.



**Sept. 21** View “Before Night Falls”, as part of the ArtHouse Film Series. 7-9:30 p.m., free. Refreshments will be served, and a cash bar will be available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org) or (507) 359-9222.

**Sept. 21** Music in the Park Series: Sawyer’s Dream performing 5:30-7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Held at Wheeler Park, 402 Page Ave., North Mankato. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library. [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary) or (507) 345-5120.

**\*Sept. 22** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Chase Burkhart performing original music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org).

**Sept. 22** Ronda Redmond will present a reading from the book “Said the Old Widow to the New”, 6 p.m. Held at Sidetracked, 420 Park Lane, Mankato. [sidetrackedmankato@gmail.com](mailto:sidetrackedmankato@gmail.com).



**\*Sept. 23** 36th Annual Waseca Marching Classic, parade at 12 Noon in downtown Waseca and includes competing High School Marching Bands, classic car cruise, dignitaries, royalty, and more. Field competition for H.S. Marching Bands, 5:30 p.m., fireworks after the awards ceremony. Pre-sale admission wristbands available at Waseca businesses \$7 or day of the show \$10. Held at the Waseca High School football field, 1717 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NW. [www.wasecamarchingclassic.com](http://www.wasecamarchingclassic.com).

**\*Sept. 23** Singer/Songwriter Dan Rodriguez in Concert, 7 p.m. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org) or (507) 235-9262.

**Sept. 23** Baumgartner Memorial Concert, 5:30 p.m. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**Sept. 23** “See, Hear, Play: Trailblazers!” Family Concert Series, 10:30 a.m., free, created for children and their caregivers, all ages welcome. Great for families with young children who want to dance and clap along. Held at the St. Peter Public Library, 601 S. Washington Ave. Sponsored by the Mankato Symphony Orchestra. (507) 625-8880 or [www.mankatosymphony.com](http://www.mankatosymphony.com).

**Sept. 23** Concert by Billy Currington with special guests Eli Young Band and Hannah Ellis, 7 p.m. Tickets start at \$35, available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com), or call 1-800-745-3000. Held at the Vetter Stone Amphitheater, Riverfront Park, 310 West Rock Street, Mankato. [www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com](http://www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com)

**Sept. 24** Open Mic Night, 6-8 p.m. Featuring musicians, poets, dancers and entertainers. Free, register through Eventbrite to perform or attend. Held at The Big Red Barn, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. Sponsored by the Living Earth Center. [www.livingearthcentermn.org](http://www.livingearthcentermn.org) or (507) 389-4272.

**\*Sept. 24** Alma Andina with Ina-Yukka – Soul of the Andes performance, 12 Noon. Tickets: Ages 13 and up \$10, ages 5-12 \$5, children under 5 free. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org).

**\*Sept. 26-Oct. 11** South Central Minnesota Quilts for Veterans Exhibit. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Gallery Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. or by appointment. (507) 235-9262 or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**Sept. 27** Virtual author event with Amor Towles. He will discuss his novel “The Lincoln Highway”, 7 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or [www.beclibrary.org](http://www.beclibrary.org).

## Arts Event Happening in Your Area?

Please submit the event information to us by the 15th of the prior month to be included in an upcoming newsletter!

Email the date, time, location, ticket price, and a brief description of the event to: [plac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plac@hickorytech.net).



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**Sept. 28** Music in the Park Series: Rain Kings performing 5:30-7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Held at Wheeler Park, 402 Page Ave., North Mankato. Sponsored by the North Mankato Taylor Library. [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary) or (507) 345-5120.

**Sept. 28-30 & Oct. 5-8** "Rent" theater production, Sept. 28-30 & Oct. 5-7 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 7 & 8 at 2 p.m. Adults \$24, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen \$21. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or [www.mnsu.edu/theatre/](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre/).

**Sept. 29-Oct. 1 & Oct. 6-8** Mankato Playhouse presents performances of "Cats, Young Actors Edition" Sept. 29-30 & Oct. 6-7 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 1 & 8 at 2 p.m. Tickets: adults \$15 and students \$13. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or [www.mankatoplayhouse.com](http://www.mankatoplayhouse.com).

\***Sept. 30** The Mankato Symphony Orchestra's concert, "New Paths", 7 p.m., featuring composers Montgomery, Tchaikovsky, and Brahms. Adults \$25, students ages 13-17 \$10, 12 and under \$1. Held at St. Peter High School Performing Arts Center, 2121 Broadway Ave. (507) 625-8880 or [www.mankatosymphony.com](http://www.mankatosymphony.com).

**Sept. 30** Alecia Bayer will present a reading of poems from "Crazy Broken Thing", 4 p.m. Held at Sidetracked, 420 Park Lane, Mankato. [sidetrackedmankato@gmail.com](mailto:sidetrackedmankato@gmail.com).

**Sept. 30** Deuces Wild! Dueling Pianos theater style show, 7 p.m. Tickets \$30, available online at <https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/>. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com).

**Sept. 30** From Iberia to the Americas: Worlds of Spanish Song, with Dr. Janani Sridhar and pianist Alex Wood, 7:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu) or (507) 933-7013.

**Sept. 30** Lightfoot of the Rockies, Gordon Lightfoot Tribute Show, 7 p.m. Tickets in advance \$25, at the door \$30. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org).

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**Area Wineries** have live musical entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings. Please contact them for times, musicians.

Chankaska Creek Ranch and Winery, 1179 E. Pearl St., Kasota. [www.chankaskawines.com](http://www.chankaskawines.com) or (507) 931-0089.

Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. [www.indianislandwinery.com](http://www.indianislandwinery.com) or (507) 234-6222.

Morgan Creek Vineyards, 23707 478th Ave., New Ulm. (507) 947-3547 or [www.morgancreekvineyards.com](http://www.morgancreekvineyards.com).

Next Chapter Winery, 16945 320th St., New Prague. (612) 756-3012 or [www.nextchapterwinery.com](http://www.nextchapterwinery.com).

## Youth Opportunities

**Sept. 5** Little Rembrandts Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-5, \$20. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. Registration is required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Sept. 5** Club Picasso Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 6-12, \$20. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. Registration is required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Sept. 7** Wacky Wonders, 3:30-4:15 p.m. Grades 2-5. Class to focus on fun as we explore art, crafts, and STEM projects. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library).

\***Sept. 9** Kidcasso, Open Art Studio, children of all ages, \$5, 9-11 a.m. An open art studio experience for creative learners to experience, explore, and create a variety of open ended arts and crafts using a variety of fun supplies and embellishments. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration appreciated, however walk-ins welcome. Held at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org) or (507) 235-9262.

**Sept. 12** Craft Club, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-12, \$30. Come in and have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. Register at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**Sept. 12** Teen Tuesday, 4 p.m. Grades 6-12. Class to focus on fun as we explore art and crafts. Registration is required. Held at New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. [www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library) or (507) 359-8334.

**Sept. 16** Children's Learn to Paint Class. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Grades Kindergarten+, \$25. Children will be taught step-by-step painting techniques while also being given the freedom to make the artwork their own. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org).

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**Sept. 19** Teen Queer/Straight Alliance Craft with Pride, 5-7 p.m. Ages 13 and up, free. If you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, queer, questioning, two-spirited, or an ally, this program is for you. Come join us for an evening of arts and crafts, snacks, and fun! This will be a safe, positive, and friendly space. Held at the St. Peter Public Library Meeting Room, 601 S. Washington Ave. <https://www.saintpetermn.gov/299/Library> or (507) 934-7420.

**Sept. 19 & Oct. 3** Hand Building with Ceramics, 6-8:30 p.m. Ages 13 and up, \$70. Beginners will learn how to create three dimensional forms with clay. One 25 pound bag of clay is included. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Sept. 20** Creative Kids, 4-4:45 p.m. Grades K-1. Class to focus on fun as we explore art, crafts, and STEM projects. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library).

\***Sept. 23** Kids Fall Themed Art Classes, \$5, PreK-1<sup>st</sup> grade, Applies and Caterpillars. Grades 2-3, Stamp It Up. Grades 4+, Sunflowers. Registration required. Contact Red Rock Center for more information. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**Sept. 25-26** Auditions for the musical theater performances of “Junie B. Jones in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells!”, 6 p.m. each day, ages 7 and up. Performances will be held Nov. 10-19. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. Contact Merely Players for more information, [www.merelyplayers.com](http://www.merelyplayers.com) or (507) 388-5483.

## Grant Opportunities

**Sept. 6** McKnight Choreographer Fellowship Intent to Apply Deadline. The McKnight Fellowship for choreographers is administered by the Cowles Center in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It is intended to help an artist set aside periods of time for study, reflection, experimentation, and exploration; take advantage of an opportunity, or work on a new project. Three unrestricted fellowships of \$25,000 will be awarded. Intent to Apply application deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 6. Final Application deadline is March 20, 2024.

Go to <http://www.mcknightdancechoreo.org/choreographer-fellowships-overview> for more information or email [mckfell@thecowlescenter.org](mailto:mckfell@thecowlescenter.org).

**Sept. 6** McKnight Dancer Fellowship Intent to Apply Deadline. The McKnight Fellowship for dancers is administered by the Cowles Center in partnership with the McKnight Foundation. It is intended to help an artist set aside periods of time for study, reflection, experimentation, and exploration; take advantage of an opportunity, or work on a new project. Three unrestricted fellowships of \$25,000 will be awarded. Intent to Apply application deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 6. Final Application deadline is March 20, 2024.

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## Adult Opportunities

\***Sept. 1-11** Submission Dates for the Carnegie Art Center’s Juried Art Exhibition. To enter, artists may upload 1-5 images of up to 2 works. Submissions must include artists' full name, preferred contact information, and dimensions and titles for each submission. Entry fee covers up to 2 works: non-members \$20, members \$15, students \$10. Go to [www.thecarnegiemandkato.com/opportunities](http://www.thecarnegiemandkato.com/opportunities) to upload images. Exhibit dates: Oct. 5-21. Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. [www.thecarnegiemandkato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemandkato.com) or (507) 625-2730.

**Sept. 3-4** Auditions for the musical theater performances of “The Addams Family”, 7 p.m. each day, ages 15 and up. Please bring sheet music for a song you have already learned. Mankato Playhouse will provide a pianist at auditions to accompany you. Performances will be held Nov. 3-19. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. Contact Davori Productions for more information, [www.mankatoplayhouse.com](http://www.mankatoplayhouse.com) or (507) 317-1245.

**Sept. 5** Colorful Abstract Painting Class for adults, 5:30 p.m. Learn how to create a cohesive palette, then evaluate and build your work of art. Registration required. Held at the Le Center Public Library, 10 W. Tyrone St., (507) 357-6792.

**Sept. 5 & 19** Knit and Crochet Club. Join the club and bring a project you’re working on, 2-4 p.m. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N Park St., Fairmont. (507) 238-4207 or [www.martincountylibrary.org](http://www.martincountylibrary.org).

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**Sept. 6** Cassatt Society Class, 4:30-6 p.m. \$20. Use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project to take home. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets first Wednesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**Sept. 6 & 20** Needlework Group, self-directed time to work on projects including quilting, embroidery, crochet, knitting, etc. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Bring your own supplies. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. [www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library) or (507) 359-8334.

**Sept. 7** Generative Writing Workshop. 6-7:30 p.m. A writing experience for absolute beginners and anyone looking to shake up their creative process! The instructor will provide everything you need: paper, writing utensils, and prompts. Participants will be encouraged but not required to share what they produce. No registration required; drop-in fee \$10. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org) or (507) 931-3630.

**Sept. 8** Attention Music Teachers: The Minnesota Valley Music Teachers Association will host refreshments and their business meeting at 9 a.m. Program runs 9:30-11 a.m., Get the Scoop on Digital Pianos. We will head to Scheitel's Music off Hwy. 169 in Mankato to learn more about digital pianos. Annual membership is free this year. Held at Hilltop United Methodist Church, 108 S. Manitowish Dr., Mankato. (507) 514-3970 or [www.mvmta.com](http://www.mvmta.com).

**Sept. 9** Southern Minnesota Poet's Society Meeting, 12 Noon. This month will feature favorite poems. Bring poems to share written by you or by your favorite poets. Enjoy a delicious lunch. Held at Wow! Zone, 2030 Adams St., Mankato. Sponsored by Southern Minnesota Poets Society. [www.southernmnpoets.org](http://www.southernmnpoets.org) or (507) 345-1174.

**Sept. 10** Virtual Drop-In Writers Lounge. 1-3 p.m. This is a chance to work quietly while enjoying the fellowship of other writers. We will also provide breakout rooms for those who hope to chat with and bounce ideas off other writers. Pre-registration recommended. Hosted by the Betsy-Tacy Society. [www.betsy-tacysociety.org](http://www.betsy-tacysociety.org) or (507) 345-9777.

**Sept. 11** Memoir Writing Group, Bring your own writing or a topic to write about and be a part of a group to keep you inspired and sharing your stories, 10-11:30 a.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. [www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library) or (507) 359-8334.

**Sept. 11** Poetry Group, each participant is encouraged to read aloud two or three poems, of their own or by others, and discuss them. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/513/Library).

**Sept. 11-Oct. 30** Reading Like a Writer Class. Mondays, 6-8 p.m. Instructor Alex French leads an exploration of various craft books, with discussion and writing exercises to connect the writing process to our experience of literature. \$160, registration required. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**Sept. 13** Crafters Guild, 4:30-6 p.m., \$30. Come in and have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. Registration is required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Meets second Wednesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**Sept. 13** Writers Group, 6-7 p.m. Bring a piece of writing to share or just come for the fun writing prompts. All genres welcome! Held at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Avenue. (507) 345-5120 or [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary).

**Sept. 13-27** Art Group, self-directed time for artists of all levels and abilities to join this adults-only group. Each artist should bring his/her own materials and ideas. All materials must be non-odorous. 1:30-3:30 p.m., meets every Wednesday. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library](http://www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library).

**Sept. 14** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night for local musicians, hosted by Molly & Sonny Boy, 7-9 p.m., held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org).

**Sept. 14-Oct. 26** Beginner Pottery Class, Thursdays, 6-8:30 p.m., \$140. Beginners will learn how to use the wheel to create three dimensional forms and vessels. One 25 pound bag of clay is included. Registration required at <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org) or (507) 835-1701.

**Sept. 19 & Oct. 3** Hand Building with Ceramics, 6-8:30 p.m., \$70. Beginners will learn how to create three dimensional forms with clay. One 25 pound bag of clay is included. Register <https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com>. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

# Arts Events and Opportunities

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**\*Sept. 20** Open Knitting. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Bring your projects, make progress, and make new connections with fellow knitters. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org) or (507) 931-3630.

**\*Sept. 21** Pumpkin Wreath Class, \$25, 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend and your favorite beverage and join this fun fall class. Registration required. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**Sept. 23** Linoblock Carving & Printing on Vandercook Presses Class, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Introduction to linoleum block carving and printing using your own designs. Participants will be taught to transfer designs, carve and print on paper. No experience required. \$35. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. [www.thegrandnewulm.org](http://www.thegrandnewulm.org) or (507) 359-9222.

**Sept. 24** Open Mic Night, 6-8 p.m. Calling all musicians, poets, dancers and entertainers. Free, register through Eventbrite to perform or attend. Held at The Big Red Barn, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. Sponsored by the Living Earth Center. [www.livingearthcentermn.org](http://www.livingearthcentermn.org) or (507) 389-4272.



**Art for All Open Studio**. The space has art supplies for the public to use. Wed., Thurs, and Fri. 2-7 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Held at Sidetracked, 420 Park Lane, Mankato. [sidetrackedmankato@gmail.com](mailto:sidetrackedmankato@gmail.com).

**Adaptive Recreational Services** offers a monthly "Painting with Rhonda Class" for teens and adults with disabilities, 6:15-7:30 p.m. Classes are free; however registration is required. There will be some canvases available for painting at home. For more information contact Adaptive Recreational Services Coordinator Karrie Borchert, (507) 217-0383, [arsnu@newulmtel.net](mailto:arsnu@newulmtel.net), or [www.nuars.org](http://www.nuars.org).

**Mankato Makers Space** is offering art classes in ceramics, leather, glass work, metal sculpture, woodworking and more. Visit their website to view the list of classes and the restrictions for each class. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. (507) 514-2921 or [www.mankatomakerspace.org](http://www.mankatomakerspace.org).

**The Grand Center for Arts and Culture** in New Ulm has an opportunity for artists, historians, and makers in all disciplines to curate a bi-monthly exhibit in "The Smallest Museum in Minnesota". The museum cabinet is 31.75" wide, 32.75" high and 7.5" deep. The museum is located outside the front entrance at 210 North Minnesota Street, New Ulm. For more information visit [www.thegrandnewulm.com/smallest-museum-in-mn](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com/smallest-museum-in-mn).

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## Prairie Lakes Mission and Value Statements

**Mission Statement:** The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council serves the artistic communities of the 9-county area of southcentral MN by supporting the creation and presentation of diverse art forms, fostering equitable access to arts opportunities, and integrating arts and culture to enhance quality of life in our communities.

**We value:** The Arts, Artistic Merit, Creativity, Community, Accessibility, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.

### **Value Statements:**

**The Arts:** We value all forms of artistic expression, and resist the notion that there is but one universal definition of art or one best type of art. Instead, we embrace all artistic disciplines, genres, and subgenres, and encourage work that uses imagination, emotion, and craft to communicate.

**Artistic Merit:** We value artistic merit that promotes growth and development of creative knowledge, skills and understanding.

**Creativity:** We value the dedicated pursuit of and engagement with the arts. Creative expression contributes to the health of individuals and communities alike.

**Community:** We value art that reflects a rich and expansive range of cultures, traditions, experiences, and perspectives. The art created by and supported by the community deepens our understanding of ourselves and each other.

**Accessibility:** We value arts programming and arts education that is available to everyone.

**Equity, Diversity, Inclusion:** We value an equitable, diverse, and inclusive community. We are committed to countering systemic inequities that exclude individuals and communities from access to the arts based on race, gender, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, class, age, and geography.

## *Non-profit Art Centers*

**Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery**, 206 N. First St. Various events and monthly exhibits. Gallery hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or [www.artsandheritagecenter.org](http://www.artsandheritagecenter.org).

**Arts Center of Saint Peter**, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Monthly exhibits, an extensive variety of children, youth, and adult art classes and clay classes are offered at [www.artscentersp.org/classes](http://www.artscentersp.org/classes). Register online for classes at [www.stpetercommunityedonline.com](http://www.stpetercommunityedonline.com) or [www.artscentersp.org/classes/](http://www.artscentersp.org/classes/). Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 1-6 p.m., Thurs. 1-8 p.m., Fri. & Sun. 1-5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. [info@artscentersp.org](mailto:info@artscentersp.org), (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**Carnegie Art Center**, 120 South Broad Street, Mankato. Artist studios, monthly exhibits and a unique Gift Shop featuring original art work by local artists. Wheelchair accessible. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. & Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730, [www.thecarnegiemandkato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemandkato.com), or [artctr@hickorytech.net](mailto:artctr@hickorytech.net).

**Mankato Makerspace**, 1700 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Mankato. They offer art classes in ceramics, leather, glass work, metal sculpture, woodworking and more. Visit their website to view the list of classes offered. (507) 514-2921 or [www.mankatomakerspace.org](http://www.mankatomakerspace.org).

**Red Rock Center for the Arts**, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Hours: Tues., Wed., & Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and evenings & weekends by appointment. Monthly art exhibitions, artist receptions, workshops, various events for all ages and ballroom dances. [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org), (507) 235-9262, or [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net).

**The 410 Project**, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Monthly exhibits. Hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. [www.the410project.com](http://www.the410project.com) or [the410project@hotmail.com](mailto:the410project@hotmail.com).

**The Grand Center for Arts & Culture**, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Music will be promoted via our website and social media. Gallery shows held monthly, with virtual slideshows online. Gallery and gift shop hours: Tues.-Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m., office hours Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Artist studios available for rent on third floor. [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com), (507) 359-9222, or [laurel.stinson@thegrandnewulm.org](mailto:laurel.stinson@thegrandnewulm.org).

**Twin Rivers Council for the Arts**, 523 120 South Broad Street, Mankato. Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m. [officemanager@TwinRiversarts.org](mailto:officemanager@TwinRiversarts.org), (507) 508-7165 or [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org).

**Waseca Art Center**, 200 N. State Street. Monthly exhibits and educational programs. Hours: Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m., and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 835-1701, [www.wasecartcenter.org](http://www.wasecartcenter.org), or [info@wasecartcenter.org](mailto:info@wasecartcenter.org).

## *College Galleries*

**Bethany Lutheran College**, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. Art exhibits are held at Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours: Sun.-Thurs. 1-9 p.m. and Fri. & Sat. 1-8 p.m. [www.blc.edu/art-exhibits](http://www.blc.edu/art-exhibits).

**Conkling Art Gallery**, 139 Nelson Hall, MN State University, Mankato. Monthly exhibits. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or [www.mnsu.edu/artdept](http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept).

**Hillstrom Museum of Art**, 800 W. College Ave., Gustavus Adolphus, College, St. Peter. Events are free and open to the public. Hours: weekdays 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and weekends 1-5 p.m. (507) 933-7200 or [www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom/](http://www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom/).

**South Central College Lookout Gallery**, Room C167, 1920 Lee Blvd., North Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. To inquire about displaying artwork, email: [michelle.johnson@southcentral.edu](mailto:michelle.johnson@southcentral.edu).

**Student Union Gallery**, lower level of the Centennial Student Union, MN State University, Mankato. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 12 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to 12 Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 Midnight.

## *Community Theaters*

**Curtain Call Theatre**. Performances are held in different LeSueur County locations. [www.curtaincalltheatre.net](http://www.curtaincalltheatre.net) or (507) 744-8497.

**Mankato Playhouse**. 12 Civic Center Plaza Ste 1700, Mankato. [www.mankatoplayhouse.com](http://www.mankatoplayhouse.com), (507) 317-1245 or (507) 338-5800.

**Merely Players Community Theatre**. Performances at Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. [info@merelyplayersmn.org](mailto:info@merelyplayersmn.org), [www.merelyplayers.com](http://www.merelyplayers.com) or (507) 388-5483.

**Springfield Community Theatre**. Performances are held at the Springfield High School, 12 Burns Ave. (507) 723-6315, go to "Springfield Community Theatre, Springfield, MN" on Facebook.

**State Street Theater Company**. Performances at their building, 1 N. State Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9990, [info@statestreetnewulm.org](mailto:info@statestreetnewulm.org), [www.statestreetnewulm.org](http://www.statestreetnewulm.org).



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