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ART NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES May | 2023

Upcoming Arts Events

BookEnds



**May 13, 2023
11:30 a.m.**

**Live at the Wadena Depot
100 Aldrich Ave SW**

Nicole Kronzer is a former professional actor. She is also a high school English teacher. She loves to knit and run (usually not at the same time). She lives with her family in Minneapolis.

This is a charming Young Adult novel about a family who puts on an immersive, interactive play to save their historical home

BookEnds is a monthly literary event connecting readers and writers. Now in its sixth season it is held each month on the second Saturday at 11:30 a.m. Hosted by the Wadena County Historical Society and Travelin' Storyseller in collaboration with the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center. Recordings of past BookEnds events are on the website at www.WadenaCountyHistory.org

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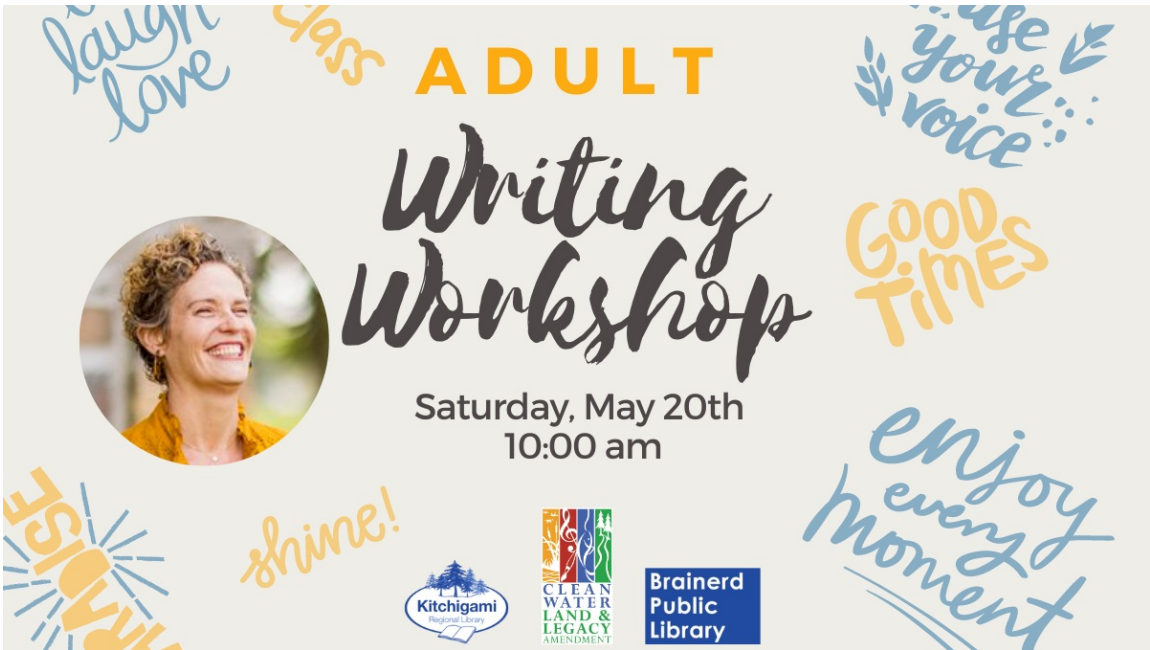


This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



The Upstage Players are excited to announce the 2023 summer community theatre production will be Singin' in the Rain! Auditions will be held May 15 & 16 from 6:00-8:00 in the Upsala High School media center. A variety of actors are needed for this production from middle/high school to the very wise. Those auditioning only need to attend one of the audition dates and will be released after their audition is complete. Join the Upstage Players for this entertaining musical!

Visit the website for more information at:
<http://www.upstageplayers.org/>



The Brainerd Public Library has announced a new workshop opportunity for adults with published author Beth Hautala on Saturday, May 20th, from 10:00 am to 12 noon at the Brainerd Public Library. In the spirit of the library's summer reading theme, FIND YOUR VOICE, Hautala will be leading a workshop for adults that encourages storytellers of all skill levels and abilities to consider how we use our “voices” to tell stories.

Examining character perspective, the power of voice, narrative arc, and theme in fiction, memoir, and poetry, Hautala will guide participants through a series of exercises that invite courage, creativity, and play as we pick up our pens and use our voices.

Space is limited, so **be sure to register at this link** or call the reference desk at the library at 218-829-5574 if you have questions.

Note that Beth will also be leading workshops for kids on June 21, so **click this link** to find out more about them and sign up the children in your life for one of those.





Celebrating Cultures

@ New York Mills Sculpture Park May 31, 2023

This event is co-presented by the New York Mills Regional Cultural Center and Nijjii Radio.

The New York Mills Regional Cultural Center is seeking additional cultural partners to make this a true cross-cultural exchange event; all cultures are welcome!

Do you have stories, traditions, artistic practices, or cultural food to share? All those interested in positive, family-friendly cross-cultural sharing are welcome.

Ideas for participation include art activities for children and adults, artist/maker demonstrations, cultural exchange sharing presentations, food booths/trucks, and any creative way to share and celebrate a variety of cultures!

At this year's event, they will continue their focus on family-friendly community art activities. They are also opening the event up to vendors to sell their goods. Vendors pay a fee of \$25 and keep all their profits. Artists who are demonstrating or sharing stories (and NOT selling goods) are welcome to participate at no cost.

Please bring your own tables, chairs, tents, etc. -- whatever you need to set up. The event begins at 4:00 p.m. You can set up at the Sculpture Park in the designated vendor area (spots first come first served) any time after 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31st. There are restrooms, water, and electricity in the Barn. Bring your own extension cords if you need power; access may be limited. Please let them know if you need access to electricity.

Have a friend or know an organization that might be a perfect fit for this event? Please forward this info to them!

Click below to register and pay the vendor booth fee online, email nymrcc@kulcher.org or call 218-385-3339 to sign up.

MUST REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH!

Click Here to Register



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Youth Education

EXPLORE MUSIC!



Alexander Peña



Jeff Andrews

DATES: July 31-August 4

TIMES: 9 a.m. to Noon

LOCATION:
Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts
702 S 5th Street, Brainerd

FEE: \$95 includes aT-shirt and a daily snack

AGE: Students entering grades 1-5

Please register through Brainerd Community Education by July 1. Enrollment in very limited.

Sound Garden
Saturday August 5 | 10am-12pm
Northland Arboretum

The Composer is Dead!
Sunday, August 6 at 2pm
Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts

LAKES AREA
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Explore Music with LAMF!

Kids in the Lakes Area won't want to miss this weeklong day camp packed with activities and creativity! Participants will move, dance, sing, and play instruments every day and exercise their creative muscles through guided improvisation. Our team of Teaching Artists brings their expertise in drumming, improvisation, theater, vocal studies, visual arts, and conducting to you and your explorers.

When: July 31-August 4, 9 am to noon, daily

Where: The Music Wing and Gichi-ziibi Center at Brainerd High School

Cost: \$95 registration fee, scholarships available

More at: www.lakesareamusic.org/explore-music

DEADLINE REMINDER!

Don't forget the deadline for Salute to the Arts is May 12th, it is the final day for submissions, and it is approaching quickly! Visit the link for rules and submission!

<https://www.crossingarts.org/calls-for-art>



New Podcast: Art & The Land

Arts Midwest Filling the Well Podcast Presents Art & The Land.

In this episode, hear from two Ojibwe artists whose creative practices are deeply connected to the land. Birchbark and quill artist Pat Kruse and water walker Sharon Day share their perspectives on the importance of having a reciprocal relationship with the natural environment and caring for community.

This conversation is part of their Filling the Well podcast series, which is returning with five new episodes starting this spring! Hear from rural Midwestern creatives and Indigenous culture bearers as they talk about what nourishes and inspires them.



Listen Now



Springboard for the Arts is excited to announce that applications are now open for the **2023-25 Rural Regenerator Fellowship**!

Rural places need leaders who know the importance of creativity and culture in cultivating human-centered systems for rural community health, economic vitality, and civic engagement. Expanding on over a decade of rural programming, Springboard's Rural Regenerator Fellowship supports these creative leaders in the Upper Midwest through unrestricted funding, and ongoing learning and exchange.

The Fellowship is open to individual artists, makers, culture bearers, grassroots organizers, community development workers, public sector workers, and other rural change makers who are committed to advancing the role of art, culture, and creativity in rural development and community building. We are also thrilled to share that we've added two new eligible states this year, Kansas and Nebraska!

More About the Fellowship:

- Fellows participate in two years of peer learning and exchange and receive an unrestricted \$10,000 stipend.
- Eligible applicants must live and work in a rural place in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, or Nebraska and/or the Native Nations that share those geographies.
- Applicants who are Black, Indigenous, Native, People of Color, LGBTQIA+, and/or People with disabilities will be prioritized in the selection process.

Apply by Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at:
<https://springboardforthearts.org/rural-regenerator-fellowship/>

Have questions before you apply? Attend the Fellowship info session on **Friday, May 5 from 12:00-1:00 pm Central Time via Zoom!**

Minnesota State Arts Board
New Grant Opportunity for Arts Organizations

Application materials are now available for the Accessible Arts grant program. Arts organizations and arts affiliates are welcome to apply.

Accessible Arts is a new grant program in FY 2024. It offers project grants that support making arts activities more accessible to people with disabilities. In this program, funds will be used for investments that will have a longer-term impact on the applicant. Example investments include, but are not limited to:

- Professional development related to accessibility;
- Hiring accessibility consultants to conduct audits or develop accessibility plans;
- Improvements to digital accessibility; and/or
- Small physical or equipment investments (less than \$5,000) that will make programming more accessible.

Applicants may request between \$10,000 - \$20,000.

The Arts Board will host a virtual Information Session for potential applicants to learn more about the program's purpose, the application process, and key accessibility resources for arts organizations. See below for more information.

Details, including full program guidelines, eligibility, and resources for applicants can be found on the [Accessible Arts program page](#).

**Accessible Arts Program
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Now Open: Midwest Award for Artists with Disabilities

Arts Midwest is now accepting applications for the Midwest Award for Artists with Disabilities, a new award supporting accessibility in the arts and celebrating the work of disabled Midwestern visual artists.

The Midwest Award for Artists with Disabilities is a \$3,000 award that recognizes disabled visual artists, celebrates their efforts, and encourages their future work.

They invite mid-career 2D and 3D visual artists with disabilities who live in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin, or the Native Nations that share this geography to apply.

The award application will close at 11:59 pm CT on May 22, 2023.

[Click Here to Learn More & Apply](#)

Resources for Promoting Arts Events

Visit Brainerd
www.visitbrainerd.com

Visit Brainerd provides free marketing outlets for businesses and artists alike to increase visibility for upcoming events. Check out their website at www.visitbrainerd.com for details on how to use their event calendar and other courtesy marketing services. Download the marketing information flyer below.

[DOWNLOAD MARKETING INFORMATION HERE](#)

MNAA Accessible Arts & Culutre Calendar

The Minnesota Access Alliance (MNAA) provides this Accessible Arts & Culture Calendar for patrons who use accessibility accommodations such as Audio Description, Captioning, ASL interpreting, and sensory-friendly accommodations. Visit the link for more details at <https://calendar.mnaccess.org>.

FWAC Arts Calendar

Submit your arts event to be included in our Arts Calendar and eNewsletter.

[Submit Your Event](#)



FWAC Grant Opportunities



As one of the eleven Regional Arts Councils of Minnesota, the Five Wings Art Council is entrusted with the stewardship and distribution of funds acquired from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage (ACH) fund as well as funds allocated from the General Budget through the Minnesota State Legislature.

We embrace the vision, guiding principles, goals, and key strategies developed in partnership with the Minnesota Regional Arts Councils and the Minnesota State Arts Board. FWAC is committed to working together to accomplish this vision of this constitutional amendment. We do this through grant programs designed to support the work of community organizations to bring the arts to the citizens of their community. Five Wings Arts Council also grants funds from the McKnight Foundation to support the work of individual artists within our region.

The Five Wings Art Council administers grant programs for individual artists and arts organizations living in Cass, Crow Wing, Todd, Morrison, and Wadena Counties.

These grant programs have been established to provide assistance for artists at various stages in their career development, and for arts organizations.

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE & APPLY](#)

Questions?

****Before beginning the application process please contact Vicki Chepulis, Grants & Programs Coordinator to ensure the project is eligible for funding.**

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