

“Holidays in the Heartland” the theme for 2012 State Christmas Tree



University of Mary Brass Quartet, directed by Dennis Gowen



Governor Jack Dalrymple and First Lady Betsy Dalrymple



Joel Gilbertson



Lt. Governor Drew Wrigley and his wife Kathleen



2012 State Christmas Tree

“Holidays in the Heartland” was the theme for the 2012 State Christmas Tree that was lit during a ceremony at the Memorial Hall of the State Capitol on December 3.

The lighting is sponsored every year by the Office of the Governor, the North Dakota Council on the Arts and Capitol Facility Management.

The Heartland theme was chosen as an acknowledgment of the importance of agriculture to the state of North Dakota and our North Dakota traditions.

A total of 316 ornaments were donated from people across the state, and they were joined by other previously submitted ornaments to adorn the tree. Some of this years ornaments incorporated the Heartland theme by using wheat, pasta and much more into their ornaments.

Governor Jack Dalrymple and First Lady Betsy Dalrymple were joined by Lt. Governor Drew Wrigley and his wife Kathleen in readings, remarks and the official lighting of the tree.

Music was provided by the University of Mary Brass Quartet under the direction of Dennis Gowen; Joel Gilbertson, pianist; and the Bismarck High School *New Generation* Jazz Choir under the direction of Mike Seil.

The audience, accompanied by Joel Gilbertson, sang Christmas carols as well.

The tree skirt was handmade by members of the Quilters’ Guild of North Dakota.

Various holiday cookies, hot apple cider and coffee were served after the ceremony and were enjoyed by all!

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Bismarck High School *New Generation* Jazz Choir, directed by Mike Seil

Save the Dates! March 26-27 is the Statewide Arts Conference and Governor’s Awards for the Arts Ceremony

The Statewide Arts Conference will take place in Bismarck March 26-27, 2013, with the Governor’s Awards for the Arts ceremony to take place the evening of March 27. The North Dakota Governor’s Awards for the Arts program is presented by the Governor’s Office and the North Dakota Council on the Arts to recognize individuals and organizations who have made outstanding contributions to the arts in the state. Nominations are reviewed by the North Dakota Council on the Arts, who then submits final candidates to the Governor for selection of the award winners. The nomination form is available on page 3. Please contact the North Dakota Council on the Arts with any questions at (701) 328-7592 or jwebb@nd.gov. A tentative agenda is available on page 7.



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From the Top

Janine Webb, Executive Director
North Dakota Council on the Arts

Supporting the Arts in 2013

January of 2013 starts another busy cycle for the NDCA. Two grant programs have looming deadlines within the first quarter of the year. The Individual Artists Literary and Music Fellowship on February 15th and the larger Institutional Support grant deadline is March 15th. Any arts organization interested in applying for the 3-year Institutional Support program must send a letter or e-mail indicating their intent to apply by January 15th!

This is also a year in which the state legislature meets and determines our 2013-15 appropriation. The budget was submitted last July/August, has been reviewed and the request partially funded in the Governor's Budget, and now goes before the legislative appropriations committees for final review and approval. If the NDCA grants and programs have impact on you or your organization, it's important that you share that with your legislators. That's the only way they really know how their decisions affect the folks back home!

NDCA has held several focus groups across the state over the past few months as we gather input for its 2014-16 strategic plan. The draft plan will be available for public review and comment on NDCA's web site (www.nd.gov/arts) by late February. Please read it over and share your thoughts and ideas with us.

Finally, we hope you will consider attending the statewide arts conference and Governor's Awards held in Bismarck March 26-27, 2013. We'll be looking at various grants available to communities and organizations through NDCA, Arts Midwest and the National Endowment for the Arts in addition to various other opportunities. There will be time for attendees to have private consultations with representatives from grantors, a panel discussion on grantwriting tips and issues, and several other sessions. The final schedule will be posted on our web site by mid-January. The conference and Governor's Awards are jointly sponsored by the NDCA and Arts ND. The Governor's Awards ceremony is an evening of recognition for those that have devoted themselves to North Dakota arts in one way or another, as an educator, business owner, organization or as an individual. Come help us celebrate their achievements! Nominations for the awards are open until January 14th.

Governor's Awards for the Arts Call for Nominations

The Governor's Awards for the Arts are biennial awards presented to those who consistently strive to better their communities through their commitment to the arts. The Council asks for your assistance in recognizing these people by your submission of nominations for the 2013 Awards. Nominees are in every community. There are many whose contributions are highly valued by those who know them, but whose deeds often go unnoticed by most. You know them by their commitment, interest, ownership and support; whether behind the scenes or in the forefront. From the business people who give financial support, to the arts organization that presents the arts, to the teacher who finds money to bring the arts to his/her students; look for people who have helped plan, shape and promote your area arts events. Previous recipients have been chosen for their efforts to expand arts opportunities to new audiences, improve the quality of arts experiences, create an appreciation for North Dakota's cultural heritage, and make the arts more central to education and an integral part of community life.

A nomination form is available on page 3; and is also available on NDCA's web site at www.nd.gov/arts. For more information call (701) 328-7590.

North Dakota Council on the Arts' Governor's Awards for the Arts Call for Nominations

Dance ~ Drama ~ Literature ~ Music ~ Visual Arts ~ Traditional Arts

2013 North Dakota Governor's Awards for the Arts Nomination Form

Please type or print clearly. To make more than one nomination, photocopy this form.

CATEGORY (CHECK ONE): Individual Achievement (artist, staff, or volunteer)
 Arts Organization
 Arts in Education (educator, school, or administrator)
 Private Business

NOMINEE: Name and/or Organization (both, if applicable)

Address, City, State, Zip Code

Daytime Telephone

NOMINATED BY: Name and/or Organization (both, if applicable)

Address, City, State, Zip Code

Daytime Telephone

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT: On a separate sheet of 8.5" by 11" paper, describe in up to one (1) page why the nominee meets the criteria of this award.

ATTACHMENTS SUGGESTED: **1.** Attach a brief resume or biography of the recipient. No more than two (2) pages.
2. Support materials such as letters of support, news articles, reviews, awards, etc. Must be reproducible. Include SASE if you want materials returned.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE: Nomination materials must be postmarked by January 14, 2013. Faxed applications will not be accepted. Send to: ND Council on the Arts, 1600 E. Century Ave., Suite 6, Bismarck, ND 58503.

Poetry Out Loud – Meeting the Standards Through Authentic Learning

Currently adopted by most states, the Common Core State Standards offer a consistently defined, clear and rigorous set of benchmarks aimed at preparing students for college and the workforce. Because achievement of the standards is based on students' demonstration of proficiency, teachers face the challenge of helping every student meet that bar despite varying needs, learning styles and abilities.

The National Endowment for the Arts and North Dakota Council on the Arts, have partnered to offer high school teachers across the state a unique and engaging way to meet ND-ELA and Common Core Standards through poetry and recitation.

The curriculum for Poetry Out Loud has been designed to fit into a teacher's busy schedule. Taking place over a span of 2 to 3 weeks and according to each teacher's interest and agenda, this uniquely designed program does not require full class periods. To accommodate schools' testing demands and vacation calendars, Poetry Out Loud can be implemented at the school-level any time during the fall through early winter.

Poetry Out Loud curriculum materials include the print and online poetry anthologies, a comprehensive teacher's guide, an audio CD featuring distinguished actors and writers, a DVD of National Finals performances, and promotional and media guides. Hard copies of all materials are **free** and mailed to teachers participating in the official program. For more information, to register, and/or request free materials, visit the ND Poetry Out Loud website at; <http://ndpol.weebly.com/>, email rengelman@nd.gov, or call 701-328-7593.

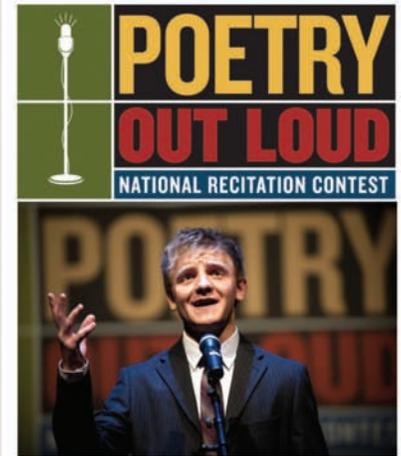
Important Dates:

Deadline for school registration - January 11, 2013

ND State POL Competition – March 4, 2013

National POL Competition – April 29 – 30, 2013

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Poetry Out Loud State Competition Finals March 4th

On Monday, March 4, 2013 high school students from across the state will participate in the Poetry Out Loud State Finals at the Belle Mehus City Auditorium. The winner of this competition will advance to the National Finals in Washington, DC in April 29-30, 2013, where \$50,000 dollars in scholarships and school prizes will be awarded. On March 4th the Semi-finals start at 9:00 a.m. and the finals round and awards ceremony will take place at 2:00 p.m.

Featured speakers and participants will be: Emce, Debra Marquart, Professor of English at Iowa State University, and a musician and poet; and judges include Jan Webb, Executive Director, North Dakota Council on the Arts; Nita Ritzke, Associate Professor of Humanities, University of Mary; Janelle Masters, Dean of Academic Affairs, Bismarck State College; and Bill Thomas, Director of Radio, Prairie Public. Live entertainment provided by Trio Apollo, a Bismarck-based woodwind trio; and a performance of songs and poems by Debra Marquart.

There will be a complimentary coffee house and open mic session from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. All Poetry Out Loud State Finals events are free and open to the public.

For more information contact Rebecca Engelman at (701) 328-7593 or via e-mail at rengelman@nd.gov.

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North Dakota Artist's Works on Display at the Capitol

The winners of the 2012 Annual Governor's Photo Contest are on display at the offices of Governor Jack Dalrymple, First Lady Betsy Dalrymple and the Attorney General's Office during January, February and March. In September six winning photos and 14 honorable mentions were selected. Nick Hornbacher, Bismarck, was deemed the Best of Show winner for the photo titled *Docked Riverboat at Sunset*, featuring the Lewis & Clark Riverboat on the Missouri River. This year's contest, which started in May, attracted a record 987 photo entries. Next year's contest, which will be the 10th annual, will begin in May 2013. Winning photos can be seen at the North Dakota Tourism web site at www.ndtourism.com.

For more information visit www.ndtourism.com/news/news-releases/detail.asp?newsID=524.



Adventure Category: "One last cast" – Lake Darling, near Souris. Photo by Gary Anderson, Minot



Scenery category: "Mirror" – Lake Upsilon, near St. John. Photo by Sheri Leas, Rolla



People Category: "Wedding celebration" – Northwood. Photo by Sheri Leas, Rolla



Events Category: "Wide Open" – Chippewa Downs, Belcourt. Photo by Jeremy Fonkert, Bismarck



Best of Show & Attraction Category winner: "Docked Riverboat at Sunset" – Missouri River, Bismarck. Photo by Nick Hornbacher, Bismarck



Wildlife Category: "Three Mooseketeers" – near Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge. Photo by Gary Anderson, Minot

North Dakota Artist's Works to be Exhibited at the Capitol



Steve Knutson

Fargo artist Steve Knutson's works will be on display at the Capitol Building in Bismarck during the months of April, May and June.

Knutson's works will be display in the Governor's ground floor and first floor offices, the First Lady's fourth floor, and the Attorney General's first floor offices.

Steve Knutson was born in Minot North Dakota. He graduated from the University of Minnesota Moorhead with an Art Education Degree with an emphasis in painting and drawing. Steve Knutson currently lives in Fargo North Dakota with his wife Becky and teaches art for Fargo Public Schools.

Artist Statement: As a painter and North Dakotan I feel it is necessary to create artwork that tells a story of who I am and where I am from. I try and achieve this goal with every painting I produce with recurring themes, images, and colors. I have found that my most recent work has begun to evolve and change, with regards to my color selections and paint application. This has helped me to embrace gestural mark making which has forced me to rely on my instincts while in the studio.

To contact Steve e-mail him at steveknutsonart@hotmail.com. For more information visit <http://steveknutson.wix.com/sknutson>; or view his Facebook page at www.facebook.com/StevenKKnutson?ref=hl.



Mapping Out the North Unit



Roosevelt



Rain in the South Unit



The Vanishing Herd

Institutional Support Grant and Music and Literature Individual Artist Fellowship Deadlines Approaching

Online applications are now available for the Institutional Support grant and the Music and Literature Individual Artist Fellowship program.

The Institutional Support Program is designed to benefit artists, arts organizations, and the general public. The program provides general support for qualifying arts and cultural organizations that have proven they have strong management and leadership, quality artistic programming and services, and are an important part of the arts infrastructure in their communities. Applicant's primary activity must be presentation, production, or service to the arts. The goals of the Institutional Support grant program are to: assist arts organizations in improving artistic or administrative standards; encourage arts organizations to attain financial stability by developing a diversified funding base; expand cultural opportunities to new and/or underserved audiences; increase opportunities for North Dakota artists and North Dakota residents to participate in a wide range of arts activities; and expand public appreciation and understanding of the various art forms.

All applicants must submit a letter stating their intent to apply no later than January 15, 2013 (postmark). Letters must be printed on either the applicant organization's letterhead or e-mailed directly to the NDCA at jwebb@nd.gov. **Staff review deadline is February 15, 2013** for any applicant desiring that NDCA staff review the application before final submission. **Final grant applications must be submitted on or before March 15, 2013.** Minimum grants in this category are \$2,000 per fiscal year. Only one Institutional Support grant application will be accepted from an organization per triennium based on 501(c)3 status.

The Individual Fellowship Program was established to recognize practicing artists residing in North Dakota with a monetary fellowship award. This program is designed to support professional artists with outstanding talent and ability to improve their artistic skills and enhance their career opportunities. Two fellowships of \$2,500 are awarded annually with different disciplines in each fiscal year. The North Dakota Council on the Arts (NDCA) reserves the right to not award either fellowship, based on the panel review. **2013 Fellowships are available for Literary and Musical artists. Draft review deadline is January 15, 2013; and the final grant submission deadline is February 15, 2013.**

Early submission is strongly encouraged for all programs. You can access NDCA's online grant system at <http://northdakota.cgweb.org>. As a reminder, the Professional Development and Special Projects grant applications are accepted throughout the year, but must be submitted no later than four (4) weeks prior to the start of the event. Early submission of applications is recommended since grant funds are limited and applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information or questions, please contact NDCA at (701) 328-7590; e-mail amschmid@nd.gov; or visit our web site at: www.nd.gov/arts/grants/grant.html.

Additional NDCA Grant Deadlines Approaching

Artist-in-Residence, Teacher Incentive, Community Arts Access, and Presenter Support grants must be submitted online by April 1, 2013 for programs taking place between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014 (draft review deadline is March 15). Complete descriptions of the grant programs, guidelines, and how to apply are available through NDCA's web site at www.nd.gov/arts, and click on "Grant Programs."

The application deadline date for the NDCA **Traditional Arts Apprenticeship grant is May 15, 2013 (postmarked)** for project periods of July 1, 2013 to April 30, 2014. Early submission is strongly encouraged. **Notice of Intent to Apply is due by April 15, 2013.**

The Traditional Arts Apprenticeship program is designed to honor and encourage the preservation of North Dakota's diverse living traditions by providing grants that allow master traditional artists to pass their skills and knowledge to apprentices on a one-to-one basis over an extended period of time.

The guidelines are available at www.nd.gov/arts/folkarts/TAP-grant.html; and the application is available via the following link: www.nd.gov/arts/folkarts/TAP-app.html. For further information, contact the North Dakota Council on the Arts at (701) 328-7590; e-mail tgeist@nd.gov; or visit our web site at: www.nd.gov/arts.

Plan to attend NDCA's 2013 Conference and Governor's Awards for the Arts March 26-27

At this year's conference we will discuss various grants available to communities and organizations through North Dakota Council on the Arts, Arts Midwest and the National Endowment for the Arts in addition to various other opportunities. There will be time for attendees to have private consultations with representatives from grantors, a panel discussion on grantwriting tips and issues, and several other sessions.

Sessions will include an introduction to the rural arts project in Wahpeton, ND; a panel discussion by granting agencies (Arts Midwest, National Endowment for the Arts, and local arts councils); information on working with artists and audiences with disabilities; introductions to new NDCA staff members and NDCA programs; new ideas to market your programs; and more.

On Tuesday, March 26, from 1:00-4:30pm NDCA will host a pre-conference on Careers in the Arts for People with Disabilities. From 5:00-7:00pm the Statewide conference opening reception will take place.

On Wednesday, March 27, the Statewide conference starts with breakfast from 8:00-9:00 a.m. and is scheduled to end by 3:40 p.m. The keynote speaker for lunch is Jamie Hand, Design Specialist and specialist for the Our Town grant program at the NEA. The Governor's Awards for the Arts Ceremony Social hour starts at 5:00 p.m. with the ceremony with dinner starting at 6:00pm.

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NCAC Announces New Executive Director



Stephanie Nelson

The Nelson County Arts Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Stephanie Nelson of Lakota as Executive Director. Nelson graduated from the University of Northern Iowa acquiring a degree in Art Education with an emphasis in sculpture. She has shared her love for art as a teacher in Iowa, Vermont, Texas, and currently as the K-12 art teacher in Lakota.

"I am delighted to except the Executive Director position for the NCAC," says Ms. Nelson. "I hope to continue building on the exceptional programs developed by the Board of Directors and Brenda BJORLIE. I look forward to promoting visual and performing arts in our community."

Nelson accepted the position as Executive Director after the retirement of Brenda BJORLIE in August. BJORLIE was the founder of the Nelson County Arts Council and has served as the executive director for the past 20 years. She has worked tirelessly to shape NCAC into what it is today. Since her retirement Brenda has continued to support NCAC by volunteering at events and training the new Executive Director.

BJORLIE said, "I have always stated that change in leadership and programming is good for all organizations and, although I will surely miss the day to day involvement in the arts, I feel confident that Stephanie will bring new ideas and a fresh outlook to the organization. I look forward to continuing my involvement with the NCAC as one of their many volunteers and would like to thank all the NCAC Board members, artists, and the corporate and individual supporters I have had the pleasure of working with these many years."



Brenda BJORLIE

Matthew Wallace Appointed Associate Director of NDMoA



Matthew
Wallace

The North Dakota Museum of Art Board has moved to appoint Matthew Wallace Associate Director of the Museum. Matthew formerly served as Assistant to the Director for Programming in tandem with Brian Loftus, Assistant to the Director for Administration. Wallace joined the Museum in 2004 to inaugurate and direct the Museum's Rural Arts Initiative. The budget has doubled four times since the initial planning grant of \$25,000 for the first biennium. Under the Rural Arts Initiative, Wallace installs exhibitions in up to fifteen rural communities each season. This past year he brought artists from Argentina, Iceland, and North Dakota to rural communities for week long workshops. In addition, Guillermo Guardia, the Museum's official artist-in-residence for the program spent weeks out in the State running ceramics and sculpture workshops.

Wallace also began the Summer Concerts in the Garden in 2007. This successful series attracts growing audiences from the Museum's community and throughout the Dakotas, Minnesota, and Manitoba. In the beginning, the performers were regional but as the income has grown, Wallace has been able to contract performing groups from across the United States, while still including regional artists. The headlining artists often express their pleasure in the museum environment and with the audience that bridges from toddlers to great-grandparents, from young people to whole families. Mostly, they are used to performing for self selected groups of young adults in club environments or on festival stages.

In 2010, Wallace received a Masters of Liberal Arts from Minnesota State University of Moorhead following his 1999 BA from the University of North Dakota. He spent two years in the Peace Corps in Romania before interning with Senator Byron Dorgan in 2004, followed by a stint as Legislative Correspondent through an internship with Senator Joe Lieberman. He is a board member of Arts North Dakota, served as President of the Board of The Third Street Gallery from 2005 – 2011, and has recently been appointed North Dakota's representative on the Board of Arts Midwest, a nine-state arts organization originally established by state art agencies and the National Endowment for the Arts. It is the mission of Arts Midwest's to promote creativity, nurtures cultural leadership, and engages people in meaningful arts experiences, bringing vitality to Midwest communities and enriching people's lives.

Monte Yellow Bird, AKA Black Pinto Horse, Flies High in the City of Angels with Recent Award



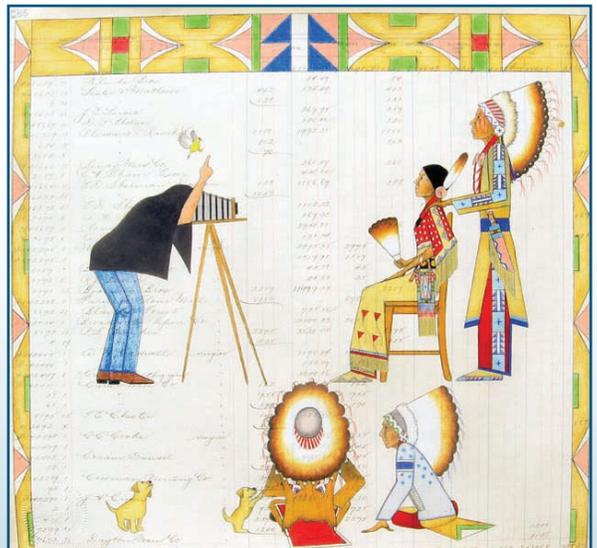
Monte Yellow Bird/Black Pinto
Horse

On November 2, at the Awards Ceremony, Gene Autry Museum, American Indian Art Market, Black Pinto Horse received First place with his ledger piece titled, "Watch the Birdie", which took the category of painting and drawing, as he competed against world renowned artists such as painter, Tony Abeyta and ledger artist, Michael Horse.

Judge and award winning beadwork artist, Emil Her Many Horses, had much to say about the piece, "I was impressed with the attention to detail...the shading of the eagle feathers in the headdresses as well as the designs of the beaded ornamentation to the outfits led me to vote for this drawing. There was also a sense of humor about the drawing as illustrated by the "Birdie" and the faithful "Dog"...Monte's ledger drawing was well executed and deserved a first place ribbon."

"Watch the Birdie" is reminiscent of the old studio portraits taken of Native peoples in the late 1800's. Monte Yellow Bird created the piece for the 8th Red Nation Film Festival, which is celebrating 35 films. Actress and Executive Director of RNFF Jonelle Romero commissioned him to do the artwork.

To learn more visit www.blackpintohorsefinearts.com.



ND-born Artist Receives Lifetime Achievement Award



James Rosenquist

Every October, Americans for the Arts leads the country as they celebrate our cultural riches through National Arts and Humanities Month. The Americans for the Arts National Arts Awards serves as the focal point for these nationwide celebrations. The National Arts Awards represents a unique opportunity for 500 of the world's top artists and philanthropic and corporate leaders to come together annually to recognize and celebrate the achievements of individuals and corporations who have exhibited outstanding leadership in the visual and performing arts, arts education, and philanthropy.

The six honorees were: Eli and Edythe Broad Award for Philanthropy in the Arts—Microsoft Co-Founder Paul G. Allen; Corporate Citizenship in the Arts Award—AXA Art Insurance Corporation; Outstanding Contributions to the Arts Award—Tony Award®-winning actor Brian Stokes Mitchell; Bell Family Foundation Young Artist Award—multiplatinum recording artist Josh Groban; Arts Education Award—Co-Founder of the National YoungArts Foundation Lin Arison; and the Isabella and Theodor Dalenson Lifetime Achievement Award—acclaimed painter James Rosenquist. James Rosenquist, born in 1933 in Grand Forks, North Dakota, is considered one of the most important American artists of our time. To learn more, visit www.americansforthearts.org/events/2012/naa/001.asp.

Minot Artspace Project Underway

The Minot Artspace Lofts is a new construction project that will anchor the downtown Minot central business district. The site is located at the corner of Main Street and Central Avenue. The new 34-unit residential building will be designed to meet the space needs of creative individuals and their families. Each unit will have sufficient additional space for an artist's studio. The project will also contain non-residential space that will be designated for commercial arts-related uses, such as frame shops, galleries and/or serve the needs of local arts organizations.

This project will be an anchor for continued investment in the creative economy, creating permanent, affordable and sustainable space. Completion is expected in the Fall of 2013!

Arts Midwest World Fest

Arts Midwest World Fest presents international musical ensembles in intensive week-long residencies in smaller Midwest communities. Its purpose is to foster an understanding of and appreciation for global uniqueness and differences. Tarim, from China, will be in Devils Lake from April 28-May 4, 2013 as part of Arts Midwest World Fest.

Theirs are the ancient songs of the Silk Road, the melodies of the Uygurs, the Kazaks, the Kirkiz; the rhythms of the Hui, the Uzbek, and Tatars. As you listen, close your eyes—the sounds will take you to the spice markets, deserts, and vineyards of western China, a land of vast contrast, scale, and history. Experience Tarim (pronounced tah-rim), an ensemble of musicians and dancers from the Cultural Bureau of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region. To learn more visit www.artsmidwestworldfest.org/about.

Plains Art Museum Receives Major Gift

Plains Art Museum is excited to announce it has received a major gift to its capital campaign from North Dakota-born artist James Rosenquist. The gift was a tribute to Rosenquist's parents, the late Ruth and Louis Rosenquist, and a studio in the Katherine Kilbourne Burgum Center for Creativity has been named the "Painting / Drawing Studio in memory of Ruth and Louis Rosenquist."

"My parents met at an airport in Grand Forks," Rosenquist explained. "My beginnings are in North Dakota, so it seemed fitting to do something to remember them."

"It is so fitting that our Painting and Drawing studio in the Center are named in honor of two North Dakotans who raised one of the most remarkable artists of our times—James Rosenquist. I am honored that Jim generously gave to the Center in memory of his parents. He understands the value of children learning about art," said Colleen Sheehy, Plains Art Museum Director and CEO.

Plains Art Museum commissioned Rosenquist to create a large scale mural. In 2010, The North Dakota Mural, at 13 feet high and 24 feet wide, was installed to be on permanent display in the Ruth and Seymour Landfield Atrium. It has become the Museum's signature work of art. An anonymous donor contributed \$600,000 in honor of his college philosophy teacher, Dr. Jovan Brkic. The gift was matched with an equal donation from the artist for the commissioned mural. It is the only painting by James Rosenquist in North Dakota.

Three New Artists added to Artist-in-Residence Roster

The North Dakota Council on the Arts has three new Artist-in-Residence artists joining the roster.

Bonnie Tressler of Jamestown – Book Arts; Seth Eberle of Bismarck – Puppetry; and Kris Kittyko of Bismarck – Music.

For more information on these new artists, existing artists and organizations, and program details visit www.nd.gov/arts/arts_ed/roster.html; or contact Rebecca Engelman at (701) 328-7593.

March, April Arts Observances Planned

National Youth Art Month is an annual observance each March to emphasize the value of art education and to encourage public support for quality school art programs. The focus of this month is to convey to the public that art education develops self-discipline, self-esteem and a sense of pride in self-expression. Observed since 1961, more information is available at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Youth_Art_Month.

National Poetry Month is observed every April to bring together publishers, booksellers, literary organizations, libraries, schools and poets around the country to celebrate poetry and its vital place in American cultures. For more information, visit www.poets.org/page.php/prmID/41.

Jazz Appreciation Month has been designated in April by the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, in cooperation with various music education groups and organizations. To learn more, visit www.smithsonianjazz.org.

2013 Fargo Film Festival takes place March 5-9

March 5-9 are the dates for the 13th annual Fargo Film Festival.

This is the premier film festival in the state of North Dakota. It takes place at a variety of locations in the Fargo-Moorhead community, with the Fargo Theatre as the festival's home base and venue for the majority of screenings.

For more information contact the Fargo Theatre at (701) 239-8395 or visit www.fargofilmfestival.org.

Art in the Garden Festival Call for Entries

The Rainbow Garden of Mayville is seeking artists for their Art in the Garden Festival June 14-15, 2013. Outdoor sculptors will be our honored guests at an evening tent party on June 14. Artists of any discipline are welcome. To learn more call Sandy at (701) 430-0887, or e-mail bokeefe@hattonK12.com.

Red River Watercolor Society 19th National Juried Watermedia Call for Entries

Submission deadline is April 1, 2013. Red River Watercolor Society 19th National Juried Watermedia Exhibition starts June 16th. Juror/Workshop instructor is Arne Westerman. Top Awards: \$1,250; \$1,000; \$750; plus more. For a prospectus and more information visit www.redriverws.org/Wordpress/2012/10/26/national-show-prospectus-and-workshop-2013; or send a #10 SASE to RRWS, PO Box 1656, Fargo, ND 58107-1656.

Artists Celebrating Christ Call for Entries

ACC, Artists Celebrating Christ, a unique inter-denominational event to exhibit all forms of Christian art in a supportive atmosphere, invites students and adult artists to submit entries. All art forms accepted. Registrations due February 15, 2013. For more information contact Shannon Wirrenga at (701) 400-2815; visit www.accartshow.com; or e-mail info@accartshow.com.

9th Annual Custer Stampede Buffalo Art Auction Call for Entries

The Custer Stampede Buffalo Art Auction is a public art project in Custer, South Dakota, sponsored by the Custer Area Chamber of Commerce. The selection committee will select the table top and free form artists. The cost for the table top fiberglass forms will not exceed \$200. Cost of the forms will be deducted from the sale price of your artwork after the commission is calculated so there is no upfront form cost to the artist.

Only completed applications will be considered (www.custerstampede.com/images/pdfs/2012%20Artist%20Application%20-%20TT,%20FF.pdf). Application materials are due by January 28, 2013. To learn more visit www.custerstampede.com.

Wabi-Sabi 2013 Winter Show Call for Entries

The First Wabi-Sabi Winter Show at the Spirit Room will be held March 2-April 14, 2013. The theme, wabi-sabi, is the recognition of imperfection in the world and its inhabitants, making life much more interesting than living in a perfect world. Entry registration forms are due by February 22, 2013. Instructions for submitting work and entry forms are available at www.spiritroom.net.

NDCA Awards \$624,953 in Grants Statewide

The North Dakota Council on the Arts completed its spring and fall grant rounds for Fiscal Year 2013. \$624,953 was awarded in nine different grant programs: Artist in Residence, Community Arts Access, Institutional Support, Professional Development (\$8,198), Presenter Support, Special Projects (\$9,513), SALT, Teacher Incentive and Traditional Arts Apprenticeship. All applications were evaluated by grant review panels and all awards were subject to approval by the NDCA's board of directors. General descriptions of the different grant programs, complete guidelines and application instructions for these, and other NDCA grant programs, are available on NDCA's web site at www.nd.gov/arts; or by calling NDCA's office at (701) 328-7590.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE (AIR)

CITY	SCHOOL NAME	ARTIST NAME	GRANT AMT
<i>AIR Spring Grant Round</i>			
Bismarck	Pride Manchester House	Robin Reynolds	\$966
Fargo	Ben Franklin Middle School	Charlene Hudgins	\$3,000
Hettinger	Hettinger Public School	The Coats	\$5,000
Underwood	Underwood High School	Copper Street Brass Quintet	\$4,000
<i>AIR Fall Grant Round</i>			
Bismarck	Pride Manchester House	Wendy Klug	\$988
Bismarck	Miller Elementary School	Ali LaRock	\$2,500
Bismarck	St Anne School	Sowah Mensah	\$2,100
Bismarck	Will-Moore Elementary School	Cultural Kaleidoscope (Russian)	\$2,100
Bismarck	Cathedral Elementary School	Sowah Mensah	\$2,100
Bismarck	St Mary's Elementary School	Martin and Nellie Beggs (Cultural Kaleidoscope - Australian)	\$2,300
Bismarck	General Federation of Women's Clubs	Laura Youngbird	\$1,453
Casselton	Central Cass School	Wendy Klug	\$1,708
Devils Lake	Devils Lake Public School	Jane Kalmbach	\$3,960
Fairview, MT	East Fairview Elementary School	Jane Kalmbach	\$1,800
Forman	Sargent Central Public School	Jane Kalmbach	\$1,370
Fort Ransom	Sheyenne Valley Arts/Crafts	Wendy Klug	\$919
Jamestown	Jamestown Fine Arts Assoc	Bonnie Tressler	\$2,084
Langdon	Langdon Area Public School	Mike Hazard	\$1,168
Mandan	Mandan High School	Ali Larock	\$770
Williston	St Joseph's Catholic School	Martin and Nellie Beggs (Cultural Kaleidoscope - Australian)	\$2,100

FOLK AND TRADITIONAL ARTS APPRENTICESHIPS

CITY	MASTER ARTIST NAME	APPRENTICE NAME	GRANT AMT
Belcourt	Owen Jerome	Ronald Hamley	\$1,600.74
Belcourt	Maureen L Williams	Alice Davis & Rainy Allery	\$2,500
Bismarck	Frank Koch	Becky Fuller	\$1,680
Bismarck	D. Joyce Kitson	Shauna Walker	\$2,500
Fargo	Loy Larson	Jamison & Angelana Quanbeck	\$1,900
Garrison	Aldine Rush	Colette Youngbird	\$2,500
Hallock, MN	Edward Jerome	Larry Azure	\$2,470
Mandan	Linda Suchy	Lisa Rebenitsch, Melissa Pfenning, Kelly Hanlon, & Amy Hansen	\$2,500
Manning	David Watkins (d/b/a Wagon and Wheel Works)	Shawn & Desiree Meyer	\$2,500
Minot	John Martinson	Larry & Steven Boutiler	\$1,400
Minot	Gerald Schlag	Katelyn Johnson	\$2,500
Moorhead, MN	Margreat Sam	Ishika Gupta	\$2,500
Napoleon	John Gross	Celia Schmaltz	\$2,035
Sabin, MN	Izudin & Dzenan Becic	Tim Jorgensen	\$2,500
Sabin, MN	Izudin & Dzenan Becic	Dave Holzer	\$2,500
St. Paul	Gordon (Pop) Wagner	Eve Suchy	\$2,457
Wahpeton	Irina Astvatsaturova	Luba Dobos	\$2,500

COMMUNITY ARTS ACCESS

CITY	ORGANIZATION NAME	GRANT AMT
<i>CAA Spring Grant Round</i>		
Bismarck	Heartview Foundation	\$1,250
Bowdon	Bowdon Development Center, Inc.	\$1,500
Carrington	Foster County Historical Society	\$1,500
Casselton	Rural Cass County Community Theater	\$2,000
Enderlin	Enderlin Fine Arts Association	\$1,000
Gwinner	Gwinner Arts Council	\$1,800
Hankinson	Hankinson Park Board	\$2,000
Harvey	Harvey Lions Club	\$800
Hazen	Hazen Chamber of Commerce	\$2,000
Lisbon	Ransom County Fair Association	\$1,600
Lisbon	Sheyenne Fine Arts Association	\$2,000
New Rockford	Central North Dakota Steam Threshers Association	\$1,200
Oakes	Oakes Public School	\$1,800
Rutland	City of Rutland	\$1,650
Stanley	Sibyl Center for Life Enrichment	\$1,500
Walhalla	Gorge Arts and Heritage Council	\$1,500

NDCA Statewide Grant Awards *(continued)*

COMMUNITY ARTS ACCESS *(continued)*

CITY	ORGANIZATION NAME	GRANT AMT
<i>CAA Fall Grant Round</i>		
Bismarck	VSA Arts of North Dakota	\$1,500
Bismarck	Charles Hall Youth Services	\$1,300
Bismarck	Heartview Foundation	\$1,250
Elgin	Elgin-New Leipzig Public School	\$1,400
Fargo	Angels of the Muse	\$500
Fessenden	Wells County Fair Association	\$1,800
Forman	Forman Community Club	\$1,800
Hazen	Hazen Arts Council	\$1,800
Mayville	Rainbow Garden of Mayville Park District	\$1,500
Milton	The Little Star Theatre	\$1,400
Raleigh	Prairie Learning Center	\$600
Rolla	Rolla Arts Council (Rolle County Historical Society)	\$1,500

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

REGION/CITY	ORGANIZATION NAME	GRANT AMT
Bismarck	Dakota West Arts Council	\$6,150
Bismarck	Missouri Valley Chamber Orchestra	\$4,636
Bismarck	THEO	\$6,825
Bismarck	Northern Plains Dance	\$8,542
Bismarck	Sleepy Hollow Summer Theatre	\$8,241
Bismarck	Bismarck Art & Galleries Association	\$7,421
Bismarck	Bismarck-Mandan Civic Chorus	\$4,220
Bismarck	Bismarck-Mandan Symphony Orchestra	\$9,790
Bismarck	Central Dakota Children's Choir	\$7,909
Bismarck	Dakota Stage Ltd.	\$7,438
Cando	Cando Arts Council, Inc.	\$9,590
Devils Lake	Lake Region Heritage Center	\$5,799
Devils Lake	Arts Council of the Lake Region	\$9,960
Dickinson	Ukrainian Cultural Institute	\$7,870
Dickinson	Arts on the Prairie	\$2,000
Dickinson	DSU Art Gallery	\$8,372
Fargo	Fargo Theatre Mgmt Corp	\$10,000
Fargo	Learning Bank, The	\$6,765
Fargo	The Arts Partnership	\$7,805
Fargo	Northern Prairie Performing Arts	\$9,243
Fargo	Future Builders	\$10,000
Fargo	FM Area Youth Symphony	\$6,978
Fargo	Plains Art Museum	\$10,000
Fargo	Fargo-Moorhead Orchestral Association	\$10,000
Fargo	Red River Boy Choir	\$3,935
Fargo	Theatre B	\$6,668
Fargo	Spirit Room	\$3,075
Fargo	Fargo-Moorhead Opera Company	\$9,775
Grand Forks	North Valley Arts Council	\$4,763
Grand Forks	ND Museum of Art	\$10,000
Grand Forks	Grand Forks Master Chorale	\$10,000
Grand Forks	ND Ballet Company	\$3,622
Grand Forks	Greater Grand Forks Community Theatre	\$4,528
Grand Forks	Empire Arts Center	\$6,509
Grand Forks	Artwise	\$9,440
Grand Forks	Greater Grand Forks Symphony	\$10,000
Jamestown	Jamestown Fine Arts Association	\$10,000
Langdon	Northern Lights Arts Council	\$8,013
Mandan	Mandan Art Association	\$3,591
Minot	Minot Symphony Orchestra	\$10,000
Minot	Minot Chamber Chorale	\$5,930
Minot	Minot Area Council of the Arts	\$10,000
Minot	International Music Camp	\$10,000
Minot	ND Art Gallery Association	\$8,056
Minot	Taube Museum of Art	\$7,575
Minot	Western Plains Opera	\$9,225
Minot	Art Friends of NW Art Center	\$7,355
Minot	Brass Band of Minot	\$3,780
Moorhead, MN	Fargo-Moorhead Chamber Chorale	\$3,930
Moorhead, MN	Rourke Art Gallery Museum	\$6,757
New Rockford	Dakota Prairie Regional Center for the Arts	\$8,123
Pekin	Nelson County Arts Council	\$10,000
Rugby	Village Arts Inc.	\$10,000
Williston	James Memorial Preservation Society	\$9,390
Williston	Entertainment Inc!	\$10,000

PRESENTER SUPPORT

CITY	ORGANIZATION NAME	GRANT AMT
<i>Spring Grant Round</i>		
Bismarck	Flickertail Woodcarvers	\$2,000
Bismarck	Gallery 522	\$2,000
Bismarck	Urban Harvest	\$2,000
Bismarck	Missouri River Community Band	\$2,000
Bismarck	Capitol Shakespeare	\$2,000
Fargo	Fargo Park District	\$2,000
Fargo	FM Visual Artists	\$2,000
Grand Forks	Grand Cities Children's Choir	\$2,000
Grand Forks	Northern Valley Youth Orchestra	\$2,000
Grand Forks	Friends of First Night of Greater Grand Forks	\$1,500
Mandan	Musicians Association	\$2,000
Moorhead, MN	Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County	\$2,000
<i>Fall Grant Round</i>		
Bismarck	Bismarck State College Foundation	\$2,000
Bismarck	University of Mary	\$2,000
Dickinson	Dickinson State University Foundation	\$1,000
Fargo	North Dakota State University	\$2,000
Fargo	Red River Valley Woodcarvers	\$2,000
Jamestown	Jamestown College	\$2,000
Minot	Frozen Fingers Music Association	\$600
Moorhead, MN	Minnesota State University-Moorhead	\$2,000
Moorhead, MN	Nordic Culture Clubs	\$1,800
Valley City	VCSU Community School of the Arts	\$550
Wahpeton	Three Rivers Arts Council	\$1,800

SCHOOLS AND ARTISTS AS LEARNING TEAMS (SALT)

CITY	SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION NAME	ARTIST NAME	GRANT AMT
Bismarck	Roosevelt Elementary School	Ali LaRock	\$6,000
Jamestown	Jamestown Fine Arts Assoc	Bonnie Tressler	\$6,000

TEACHER INCENTIVE

CITY	SCHOOL NAME	TEACHER NAME	GRANT AMT
<i>Spring Grant Round</i>			
Kenmare	Kenmare Public School	Donna Schmit	\$300
Kenmare	Kenmare Public School	Terese Skjoldal	\$300
<i>Fall Grant Round</i>			
Bismarck	Shiloh Christian School	Karen Backman	\$300
Bismarck	Sunrise Elementary School	Kylie Schell	\$300
Bismarck	Sunrise Elementary School	Theresa Ell	\$300
Bismarck	Sunrise Elementary School	Karla Slind	\$300
Bismarck	Sunrise Elementary School	Laura Vetter	\$300
Bismarck	Rita Murphy Elementary School	Rashawn Kitzman	\$300
Bismarck	Rita Murphy Elementary School	Samantha Meyer	\$300
Bismarck	Rita Murphy Elementary School	Pamela Passariello	\$300
Bismarck	Rita Murphy Elementary School	Anne Gilbertson	\$155
Bismarck	Roosevelt Elementary School	Janel Spaeth	\$300
Bismarck	Pioneer Elementary School	Cecilia Ziegler	\$300
Bismarck	Pioneer Elementary School	Cheryl Bland	\$300
Bismarck	Pioneer Elementary School	Mary Landsberger	\$300
Bismarck	Pioneer Elementary School	Amber Carr	\$300
Bismarck	Pioneer Elementary School	Kristy Fleck	\$300
Bismarck	Pioneer Elementary School	Jody Netzer	\$300
Kenmare	Kenmare Public School	Terese Skjoldal	\$300
Kenmare	Kenmare Public School	Donna Schmit	\$300
Kenmare	Kenmare Public School	Peggy Balvitsch	\$300
Lisbon	Lisbon Public Schools	Kari Webb	\$300
Mandan	Mandan High School	Michelle Lund	\$300
Mandan	Christ the King School	Denelle Scheerle	\$300
Minot	Our Redeemer's Christian School	Jocelyn Anderson	\$300
Minot	Montessori of Minot	Dana Elmore	\$300
Minot AFB	Memorial Middle School	Holly Eidsness	\$300
Newburg	Newburg United School District	Kate McDonald	\$300
Newburg	Newburg United School District	Ashton Halone	\$300
Newburg	Newburg United School District	Courtney Arnason	\$300
Newburg	Newburg United School District	Jessica Marsh	\$300
Roseglen	White Shield School	Robert Syvertson	\$293
Roseglen	White Shield School	Monique Kvalnes	\$293
Roseglen	White Shield School	Clifford Davis	\$293
Roseglen	White Shield School	Luralynn Hodges	\$293
Roseglen	White Shield School	Lora Nieuwenhuis	\$293
Roseglen	White Shield School	Sarah Thorson	\$293
Roseglen	White Shield School	Scott Demond	\$293
Roseglen	White Shield School	Kim Dickens	\$293
Roseglen	White Shield School	Anthony Esquibel	\$293
Roseglen	White Shield School	Mike Every	\$293
Roseglen	White Shield School	Patricia Marquard	\$293
Roseglen	White Shield School	Alison Otto	\$293
South Heart	South Heart School	Jessica Geis	\$298
South Heart	South Heart School	Barbara Meduna	\$300

NEA Chairman Announces Retirement



Rocco Landesman

On November 20th, Rocco Landesman confirmed his plans to step down as Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts at the end of the calendar year:

“My intention has always been to serve one term, and we have been able to accomplish more than I had ever thought possible: sparking a national movement around creative placemaking, forging significant relationships with other federal agencies, creating an unprecedented healing arts partnership with the Walter Reed

National Military Medical Center, and increasing both the scope and impact of our research office.

“We have continued to support and strengthen the entire spectrum of arts in this country, and we have been able to expand the national conversation through convenings, traditional media, and new technology. I am proud and honored to have served alongside such an amazing group of dedicated public servants.

“The time has come for me to become a cliché: I turned 65, am going to retire, and cannot wait to spend more time in Miami Beach.”

NEA Senior Deputy Chairman Joan Shigekawa will serve as the acting head of the agency until a permanent successor is confirmed.

NEA Chairman Landesman Announces Challenge America Fast-Track Grants (2 North Dakota recipients)

On December 4, 2012, Chairman Rocco Landesman announced that 153 Challenge America Fast-Track grants totaling \$1.53 million will be awarded to organizations in 41 states, Washington, DC, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. These include 49 first-time Arts Endowment grantees. The Challenge America Fast-Track category offers support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to populations whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability.

“The NEA was founded on the principle that the arts belong to all the people of the United States,” said NEA Chairman Rocco Landesman. “We’re proud that Challenge America Fast-Track grants bring more opportunities for arts engagement to underserved communities.”

Challenge America Fast-Track grants support two major outcomes: public engagement with diverse and excellent art and livability, or the strengthening of communities through the arts. These grants focus on high-quality, local projects including festivals, exhibits, performances, public murals and sculptures, environmental art, and cultural tourism. All Challenge America Fast-Track grants involve professionally trained, experienced artists and arts professionals. The review process for Challenge America Fast Track applications is expedited and all grants in this category are for the amount of \$10,000. The NEA encourages applications from organizations with operating budgets of less than \$50,000 and those that have not previously applied for public funds. In this FY 2013 funding round, the NEA received 393 eligible Challenge America Fast-Track applications, requesting a total of \$3,930,000.

North Dakota Recipients: (grants are for \$10,000)

Bismarck Mandan Orchestral Association, Bismarck, ND: To support Spanish Fire: Guitarist Petar Jankovic in North Dakota, including performances and workshops conducted by the classical guitarist. Project activities will include Jankovic’s participation in narrative performances for local youth, a performance at an assisted living center, and his performance during BMSO’s season-opening subscription concert.

Circle of Nations School, Inc., Wahpeton, ND: To support Our School, Our Stories, an artist residency program. Featuring picture book illustrator and street artist Shawn McCann, the program will engage Native American children in fourth through eighth grade at the Circle of Nations School to develop their own picture books for exhibition in conjunction with McCann’s work.

To learn more, visit www.arts.gov/news/news12/Challenge-America-Announcement.html.

NEA Creative Writing Fellowships

The National Endowment for the Arts application guidelines are available for the FY 2014 Creative Writing Fellowships in Prose. Creative Writing Fellowships encourage the production of new work and allow writers the time and means to write. The program offers \$25,000 grants to published creative writers.

Please note that these grants are highly competitive. In FY 2013, the NEA awarded 40 grants out of 1,137 eligible applications. You can find out more about recent fellowship recipients in the NEA's Writers' Corner, which includes bios and excerpts of work by the winners. Applications are evaluated through a process of anonymous manuscript review under the sole criteria of artistic excellence and merit. Panelists do not know the identities of the writers, their publishing histories, academic achievements or previous awards.

The NEA Literature Fellowships program operates on a two-year cycle with fellowships in prose and poetry available in alternating years. For FY 2014, which is covered by these guidelines, fellowships in prose are available. Fellowships in poetry will be offered in FY 2015 and guidelines will be available in the fall of 2013. You may apply only once each year.

The deadline for application submission is February 28, 2013. For full grant application information and guidelines, go to: www.arts.gov/grants/apply/Lit/index.html.

Arts Advocacy Day

Arts Advocacy Day takes place April 8-9, 2013. The 2012 election has made a dramatic impact on Congress with more than 80 new members of Congress taking office in early January. The next Congress will renew the focus on reducing the federal deficit and creating jobs, and it is imperative that arts advocates work together to craft a policy agenda that supports our nonprofit arts sector and arts education.

During Arts Advocacy Day you can network with your fellow arts advocates from across the country; and strategize with experienced advocates during an interactive role play session on how to make the case for the arts and arts education to your members of Congress.

Receive two free tickets to the Nancy Hanks Lecture on Arts and Public Policy with your Arts Advocacy Day registration, or reserve a single general admission Nancy Hanks ticket online. To register or learn more, visit www.artsusa.org/events/2013/aad/default.asp.

New Big Read Grants and Reading Selections Available

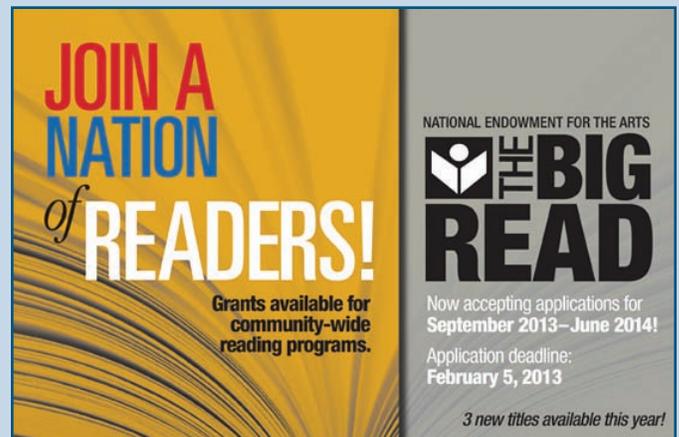
The Big Read is accepting applications from non-profit organizations to develop community-wide reading programs between September 2013 and June 2014. The Big Read is a national program designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment. Application deadline is February 5, 2013.

Organizations selected to participate in The Big Read receive a grant, educational and promotional materials, and access to online training resources and opportunities. Approximately 75 organizations from across the country will be selected.

There are three new titles to The Big Read list this year:

- *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri
- *True Grit* by Charles Portis
- *Into the Beautiful North* by Luis Alberto Urrea

For more information visit www.NEABigRead.org/application_process.php. Questions? Call Arts Midwest at (612) 238-8010 or e-mail TheBigRead@artsmidwest.org.



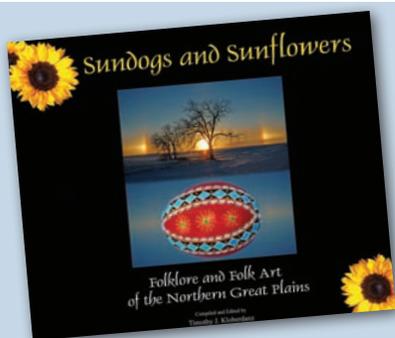
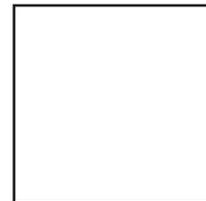
The 26th Annual Nancy Hanks Lecture on Arts and Public Policy

The lecture takes place April 8, 2013, 6:30 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Concert Hall. Grammy Award®-winning musician Yo-Yo Ma will deliver the 26th Annual Nancy Hanks Lecture on Arts and Public Policy.

The Nancy Hanks Lecture on Arts and Public Policy is a leading national forum for arts policy intended to stimulate dialogue on policy and social issues affecting the arts. It is held each year on the evening before Arts Advocacy Day at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC.

Prairie Arts

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CDs and publications available at NDCA

The recently published *Sundogs and Sunflowers: Folklore and Folk Art of the Northern Great Plains*, is one of several books and CDs available from the NDCA that highlight North Dakota's diverse cultural traditions. To purchase, call 701-328-7590 or mail orders to: North Dakota Council on the Arts, 1600 E. Century Avenue, Suite 6, Bismarck, ND 58503-0649. For mail orders, add 6 percent tax and \$3 for shipping/handling.

CDs and Recordings

Each CD is \$15.95

- *Spirit Woods, Traditional Stories and Songs of Forests and Trees*
- *Achikadidi, Traditional Ma'di Music of Southern Sudan and Northern Uganda*
- *Un de' che cha pi: The Way We Are*, by Mary Louise Defender Wilson
- *Faerie Harp*, by Debi Rogers and Sue Bicknell
- *At the Fiddler's Knee*, by Dick and Lisa Barrett
- *My Relatives Say, Traditional Dakotah Stories as told by Mary Louise Defender Wilson*
- *The Elders Speak: Dakotah and Ojibway Stories of the Land*, told by Gourd Woman and Eagle Heart
- *Morning Star Whispered, Traditional Stories and Flute Music*, by Keith Bear

Publications

- *Sundogs and Sunflowers: Folklore and Folk Art of the Northern Great Plains*, by Timothy J. Kloberdanz and Troyd A. Geist. \$34.95 (shipping \$4.25)
- *Faces of Identity, Hands of Skill: Folk Arts in North Dakota*, by Troyd A. Geist. \$15.95
- *From the Wellspring: Faith, Soil, Tradition – Foks Arts From Ukrainian Culture in North Dakota*, by Troyd A. Geist. \$15.95
- *Iron Spirits*. Editors Nicholas Curchin Vrooman, project director, and Patrice Avon Marvin. \$10.95
- *Prairie Patterns: Folk Arts in North Dakota*, by Christopher Martin. \$25
- *Sister Rosalia's Lace*, by Christopher Martin. \$3
- *Art for Life: The Therapeutic Power and Promise of the Arts* (free)