



Community Arts Grant Funding Awarded – 2019

Community Arts Grants totaling \$94,800 were awarded to projects and programs that showcase the quality and diversity of the Marathon County arts community. The variety of programs that received funding included summer drama camps, local festivals, painting workshops, artist residencies, and community performances.

CenterStage Band & Show Choir: \$4,778

An annual, family friendly, band and show choir performance at the Grand Theater. The show this year is "Going Back to the '80's!" will be held September 26-28 and is free to the general public.

Central Wisconsin Children's Theatre: \$4,755

2019 Summer Drama Camps offer theatre education to area youth and theatre arts educators.

Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra: \$2,310

Dorothy Vetter Educational Concerts for fourth graders. The CWSO will perform three 45-minute symphony orchestra concerts at Sentry Theatre in Stevens Point in March of 2020.

Community Ballet Program: \$1,320

Provides classical ballet training, with a literacy component, to a culturally diverse population of children in the greater Wausau area, particularly to those who are economically disadvantaged.

Edgar Elementary School: \$1,855

The Missoula Children's Theatre, a professional children's theater group, will conduct a 5-day theater residency at the Edgar Public Schools. They will produce a full-scale musical performance complete with costumes, make-up, song and dance with approximately 60 children from the Edgar area participating.

Hmong American Center: \$4,873

The Hmong Wausau Festival will occur this year over a two day span on July 27 and 28 at the Eastbay Sports Complex. Over 8,000 attendees, 1,000 competitors, and hundreds of vendors from across the country will participate in a weekend of arts, music, sports, competitions, and food.

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum: \$4,919

San Francisco-based sculptor Thomas Hill will be in residence at the Woodson Art Museum November 4-19. During the seven-day residency, Hill will work with area students to create distinct wire sculptures they will take home; discuss his artistic process during an interactive public program; and lead a wire-sculpting workshop for teens and adults.

LuCille Tack Center for the Arts: \$2,407

The 2019-20 Arts Adventure Performance Series in Spencer will include performances that will provide an exciting extension to the classroom, coinciding with school curriculum and educational objectives that support literacy, cultural and historical enrichment, and character building for students grades Pre-K to 12.

Madison Scouts Drum & Bugle Corps: \$4,900

Northwoods Encore Drum & Bugle Corps Show will be held at Steim Stadium July 2, 2019, feature drum and bugle corps from through the midwest.

Marathon County Public Library: \$4,928

The third-annual Central Wisconsin Book Festival will take place over the course of four days, Sept. 26-29, 2019. The festival will include a wide variety of events featuring authors of fiction, non-fiction, and poetry.

Mosinee Community Theatre: \$4,703

The summer production of "Monty Python's Spamalot" will engage the creative enthusiasm of community volunteers on and off stage. This production will give individuals from Mosinee and surrounding communities an opportunity to experience dramatic arts in a fun and unique way.

Opera for the Young: \$1,343

"The Pirates of Penzance" will be brought to Marathon County schools, offering a unique experience from other outreach companies. This will not only include a one-day professional opera performance, but also giving teachers enrichment materials that help prepare the student chorus and audience members for the interactive, participatory experience.

NAOMI/People for the Power of Love: \$3,814

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day Commemoration, an evening celebration of Dr. King's life and work, is undertaken in support of a broader mission to foster understanding throughout the community regarding ethnic, cultural, diversity, inclusion, and equity issues.

Performing Arts Foundation: \$4,738

2019-20 Access for All Program at the Grand, is an outreach program that engages families and individuals in the arts, enabling them to experience the performing arts at The Grand regardless of their economic status.



River Valley Jazz Society: \$4,349

The 10th Annual River Valley Jazz Festival will promote jazz music at various venues in the downtown Wausau area July 26-28, 2019.

South Beach Chamber Ensemble: \$4,853

South Beach Up North will celebrate its fifteenth anniversary with a unique and diverse series of chamber music concerts in Wausau and Minocqua in July of 2020.

Summit Players Theatre: \$1,000

Shakespeare will be brought to Rib Mountain State Park June 28, 2019. This season's production, "Romeo & Juliet", supports community and family engagement through a family-accessible, 75-minute, six-actor adaptation of the script, complemented by an educational pre-show workshop entitled, "Playing with Shakespeare: Get Outside with Will."

UWSP at Wausau: \$4,849

Vocal Jazz Fest is a program that invites a regional or nationally known vocal jazz artist or group to the campus for a two-day residency. The first day sees the group working with the UWSP Wausau choir and Vocal Jazz Ensemble and day two is a full day of clinics and master classes with choirs from all over the Midwest.

Wausau Community Theatre: \$3,811

From the Oscar-winning team of Alan Menken and Stephen Schwartz comes a lush retelling of Victor Hugo's epic story of love, acceptance and what it means to be a hero as Wausau Community Theatre brings "The Hunchback Of Notre Dame" to the stage October 31–November 2, 2019.

Wausau Concert Band: \$2,164

The local concert band will celebrate its 125th anniversary with a special concert at the Grand Theater on June 27, 2019.

Wausau Conservatory of Music: \$4,798

The 2019-20 Youth Choral Program brings area vocal music professionals, WCM staff, and youth together, to enjoy and participate in choral music and music education which will encourage them to carry an appreciation for music on into their adult lives.

Wausau Festival of Arts: \$3,307

The 2019 Festival of the Arts will be providing live entertainment in downtown Wausau across three different stages. This will include music by more than 30 local favorites as well as nationally known performers.

Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art: \$4,349

Jacob Dhein, a renowned contemporary painter exhibiting works from New York to Los Angeles, will discuss his insights into painting - not only what makes good painting, but the importance of art as a place of broader personal understanding and community connection. He will also be performing a live demonstration during his residency in Wausau.

Wausau River District: \$4,833

Jazz on the River is a free concert series that takes place on Sunday evenings from July through August at Kickbush Plaza, behind the Marathon County Public Library. This concert series brings in a variety of musical acts; allowing a platform for local and regional jazz musicians and artists.

Wausau School District: \$4,844

Wausau West High School 2019 Winter Concert at the Grand; and a Wisconsin Singers Residency help to facilitate additional music education programming for West music students as well as provide top quality, affordable entertainment for the greater Wausau area.