

Minnesota Sesquicentennial Art and Writing Contest for Students, Grades 5-12

Enter and Win Tickets for you and your family for the
Old Minnesota, Big Top Chautauqua Orchestra at the
Zabee Theater, Elk River High School on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:30 PM

Deadline for Entries is May 7, 2008

Old Minnesota is financed in part by funds provided by the State of MN through the MN Sesquicentennial Commission's Grant Program.

You say you can't even pronounce sesquicentennial. Not to worry, when Warren Nelson and the Big Top Chautauqua Orchestra are done with their evening presentation of Old Minnesota: Song of the North Star you will not only be able to say it, you'll be able to sing about it, and know why Minnesota isn't still part of Wisconsin! Old Minnesota : Song of the North Star is a personal, musical, historical hike through the old ways of the Gopher State.

The Contest is Cosponsored by the Arts Alliance and the Star News

The contest is being held in honor of the 150th Anniversary of Minnesota Statehood (Yes, the Sesquicentennial). Any student in grades 5-12 may enter the contest in the art, writing (fiction or nonfiction) or both categories. The work submitted must be the original work of the student and relate to the history of Minnesota. Any writing taken from another source must be credited. Art work can not contain images created by others such as photographs.

- Winners will be selected by qualified judges for writing and for art. There may be eight winners total.
- Two winners each (one writing & one art) will be selected in four grade categories (5-6, 7-8, 9-10 & 11-12).
- All entries will be displayed at the new Arts Alliance Gallery at 716 Main St. from August 14-September 13, 2008.

The entries will be available for pick up at the Alliance Gallery after that date.

- The winners will be notified by May 11 and tickets for the performance on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:30 PM will be held at the box office for the winners and their immediate families. The winners will be announced and introduced at the performance.
- Entries in writing will be accepted in hand written form but are preferred typed.
- Entries of art may be two or three dimensional. Two dimensional works must not be framed or matted.

Several sources are available for you to get information on Minnesota's State History.

A few are: Your Local Library, School Library and History Centers such as the Sherburne

- History Center (www.sherburnehistorycenter.org) in Becker, Wright County
- Historical Society in Buffalo (www.wrighthistory.org) and the Minnesota Historical Society (www.mnhs.org).



On the second page of this entry form you will find a list of ideas to get you started in your historical and creative adventure.

Please Attach This Form to Your Entry and Mail/Deliver Your Work to the Arts Alliance, 716 Main Street, Elk River, MN 55330. Work may be mailed to reach the Alliance by May 7 or hand delivered on May 6 or 7 between Noon and 5 PM.

Student's Name _____ Grade _____ Age _____

Address _____ Phone No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary Contact (if other than the student) _____

Relationship to the Student _____ Email Address _____ Phone No. _____

Submitted work is

writing art The title of the writing is _____
The title of the art is _____

Agreement

This must be signed by the Parent/Guardian unless the student is 18 or older.

I give permission to the Elk River Area Arts Alliance to print, publish, exhibit and/or photograph, including electronic formats, my art or writing submission (or my child's) for this Minnesota Sesquicentennial Art and Writing Contest.

I release the Elk River Area Arts Alliance from liability for any loss of or damage to the above described work.

Signature _____ Date _____