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The EDDY

"Eddy...A current that runs contrary to the main current or tradition, as of life, art, or philosophy; a byway."

Executive Director's Message

Ah, autumn along the rivers. Birds are gathering, students are queuing for the best seats, the maple trees are about ready to give us their annual rendition of fireworks and arts lovers thoughts turn to, what else, the arts.

The new season offers new sounds, colors, movements and fun! In this edition of the Eddy we present our 2007-2008 Performance Series at the Zabee Theater which is conveniently located at the Elk River High School on School Street in Elk River. Close to Home.

We are proud to showcase some of the best regional performing artists in a place close to your house. Just down the block from where you shop or dine. No need to battle highway fatigue to venture to a distant venue to pay top dollar to park, we have entertainment for you and your entire family, and you can pick up milk on the way home. Top quality.

Our performing artists have been seen on stages across the country, on your TV, heard on the radio, and at venues nearby. We want you and your family to see, hear, and learn from the best and this season we deliver. Great Value.

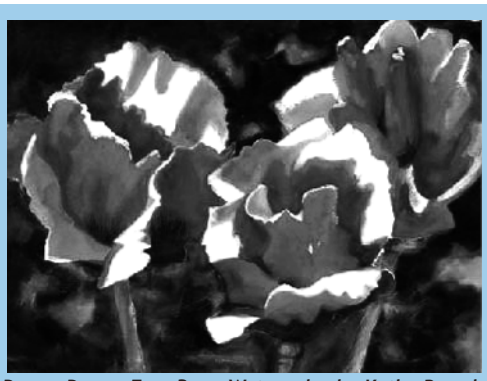
If you purchase a season pass, as a member you receive an additional voucher for one performance of your choice so you may bring along a friend. Check out the Performance Brochure for the great values we are offering for top notch performers.

See you at the Zabee!

— Patrick Grace

Watercolorist Show

Little Falls resident and Arts Alliance member Kathy Braud will be showing a selection of her recent watercolors at the Sherburne County Government Center, September 6 through October 5. Kathy Braud's watercolors explore the vibrant boundary between realism and abstraction. Her dramatic value contrasts add an air of mystery to her work. Floral still life, landscapes, and figurative subjects are all explored with equal aplomb. She is a signature member of Red River Watercolor Society, and Vice President and Workshop Chair of Central Minnesota Watercolorists. She is also a member of Minnesota Watercolor Society, Northstar Watercolor Society, Artists of Minnesota, and Artists del Norte. .



Poppy Power Zam Bam, Watercolor by Kathy Braud

Ms. Braud also teaches watercolor regionally and at the summer Montana Art Experience workshop near Glacier National Park. She is interested in bringing artists together to learn and grow. She has been the recipient of four Five Wings McKnight Individual Artist Grants and is on the Minnesota Arts Board "Arts in Education" Roster 2007-2008. ***(see hours the Government Center is open on page 2)***

United States Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus

The Arts Alliance is proud to sponsor the visit of the US Army Field Band and Chorus at the Rogers Fieldhouse at 7:30 PM, Saturday, October 27. The last time they visited us in 2005, there was a full house at the Zabee Theater, so this time we are borrowing the Rogers Fieldhouse. The concert is free, but you must have a ticket in order to attend. (see below for information on how to receive your tickets.)

From Boston to Bombay, Tokyo to Toronto, The United States Army Field Band has been thrilling audiences of all ages for more than six decades. As the premier touring musical representative for the United States Army, this internationally-acclaimed organization travels thousands of miles each year presenting a variety of music to enthusiastic audiences throughout the nation and abroad. Through these concerts, the Field Band fosters the support of the American people for members of the armed forces and supports diplomatic efforts around the world. Since its formation in March 1946, the Field Band has appeared in all fifty states and in more than thirty countries on four continents. The organization's four performing components, the Concert Band, the Soldiers' Chorus, the Jazz Ambassadors, Talent in America. More than six decades as the military's most traveled musicians have earned them the title, *The Musical Ambassadors of the Army.*

Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus performs at the Rogers Fieldhouse
Saturday, October 27at 7:30 PM

T**o order your free tickets** for the US Army Field Band and Chorus send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Arts Alliance, 1170 Main Street, Elk River, MN 55330.

Please tell us how many tickets you want. Limit of four tickets per household.

Members Show

October 8- November 9
Sherburne County Government Center

It is nearly time once again for the Arts Alliance members to show off their latest art work. All Arts Alliance members are encouraged to submit up to four original art pieces on October 8 at the Sherburne County Government Center between 5 PM and 7:30 PM. This is a nonjuried show that is meant to highlight the depth and breadth of the many talented artists who are nurtured, mentored, and encouraged by their association with the Arts Alliance.

Artists are responsible for providing their own labels, which should include the artist's name and title of the work, price of work, and a phone number where you can be reached. The Arts Alliance does not receive commission for sales during the Members Show, this is one of the benefits of being a member of the Arts Alliance. Please note: though there is no size restriction, other than you have to be able bring through the door, hanging pieces can not weigh more than 15 pounds and must have hanging wire, no sawtooth hangers allowed. Artists are responsible for installing and removing their own art work. Pedestals are available for three- dimensional work on a first come first serve basis.

The Sherburne County Government Center is located west of downtown Elk River on Highway 10.

The Center is open Monday-Friday from 8 AM-4:30 PM.

The Sherburne County Government Center prohibits the display of objectionable subject matter or nudes. Please respect this request.

Call the Arts Alliance office, 763.441.4725, or visit our website: www.elkriverart.org

Otsego Festival, September 15

The Arts Alliance has been invited to showcase member visual artists at the new City of Otsego Public Works building. The recently opened facility normally welcomes visitors doing business with the City of Otsego, but because the City is rightly proud of this new facility they will have it open for inspection during the Festival, September 15.

We will be showing off some of the local artistic talent in the public areas of the building and have a table there with information about our other programming. For more information about the Otsego Festival, check out their website at **www.ci.otsego.mn.us.**

Arts In Harmony 2008 Prospectus Available

The largest annual national juried art show in Minnesota will take place February 4- March 28, 2008. Deadline for entry is December 7. Over $9000 in prize awards will be awarded again.

Past participants should be receiving their prospectus in their mailbox in October. If you do not receive your copy because you have not entered in the past, you can download it from our website, or call our office and we will be happy to mail one out.

Arts Alliance Blog

It's not every day that we get to tell our members and friends about new events, news items, or new works of art, music, or dance, but with our new Blog we can tell you as soon as things happen. We all enjoy learning about new things important to us, like the arts! We have found however that email addresses change, our missives somehow end up in the junk drawer, or you want to decide when you have the time to find out what's new with the Arts Alliance. Now you can! Our website now has a Blog button on the left hand side. Check it out and leave us a comment!

Mississippi Flyway Artists
Fall Art Sale

October 20, Saturday, 10 AM- 8 PM
October 21, Sunday, Noon-5 PM

Local artists, many of them Arts Alliance members, will be having a one weekend only art sale at the new Otsego Riverfront which is at Hwy.101 & Route 39. Plenty of free parking. Paintings, ceramics, photography, metal, wood, leather, fused glass, jewelry, woven basketry and much more.

For more information email istander@aol.com

Website Links

Arts Alliance members who are visual or performing artists are invited to send us a link to their websites. As a benefit to your membership we will put your name and your website link on the specially developed page on our website. email your info to elkriverart@sherbtel.net

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