

The Owatonna Arts Center's

# V I S I O N S

March - April, 2006

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The mission of the Owatonna Arts Center is to provide the people of the Owatonna area with opportunities to expand their awareness, participation, experimentation and appreciation of the creative process and of the visual and performing arts.

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## President's Message

If you're like me, you wonder whether Mother Nature is going to play tricks on us or just let us think for a fleeting moment that spring may actually be closer than we think! Let's not leave it up to the Groundhog this year!

It continues to be an exciting time at your Arts Center. We are still working on our strategic planning process. Our consultant is on maternity leave at the moment, but we will have some items finalized soon. We continue to move forward with our building project. We have always appreciated the support we receive from the City of Owatonna for our facilities, and look to continue that relationship.

As usual, Silvan has scheduled many activities that are sure to capture your interest. Please come out, brave the weather and enjoy our beautiful facility.

For any of you traveling to warmer climates for spring break or otherwise, travel safe. We hope to see you all soon.

*Steve Grubish*

## Owatonna Public School Student Art Exhibition K-12

March 5 - 26, 2006

The best part of the Student Art Exhibition is the Art. Each original has that individual's personality, their thought process, the way they perceive the world around them and their technical abilities, time and energies. The Arts give the students the opportunity to use all of their abilities, intellectual and mechanical. This is a good exhibition to learn about the young and see the future through their works.

## Whistlepigs Folk Concert

March 11, 2006, 7:00 pm

Get your ticket early as you won't want to miss the Whistlepigs String Band on Saturday evening, March 22 at 7:00 PM. The Whistlepigs pride themselves on tight harmonies and hot instrumentals with a repertoire of traditional and progressive blue grass, from Bill Monroe, Hank Williams, Flatt & Scruggs to Gillian Welch and a growing selection of band-penned tunes. Tickets are available at Kottke's and the Arts Center.

## **Making Betty Crocker Talk**

**March 21, 2006, 7:00 pm**

Susan Marks, author of *Finding Betty Crocker*, will present interesting information about an icon of American culinary arts. At the height of her popularity in the 1940s, Betty Crocker received four to five thousand letters per day. She was so popular that in 1945, Fortune Magazine called her the second most popular woman in America. Copies of her book will be available for purchase and signing. This program is co-sponsored with the Steele County Home Economics Association, Delta Kappa Gamma, Owatonna Business and Professional Women, and the Arts Center. The \$2.00 admission will benefit the Arts Center.

## **Kent McWilliams Piano Concert**

**March 25, 2006, 7:30 pm**

Kent McWilliams, Assistant Professor of Piano Performance at St. Olaf College will give a solo concert on Saturday evening, March 25, 2006 at 7:30 PM. This highly acclaimed pianist who has performed in over a dozen countries will perform works by Chopin, Scriabin and Mozart, plus a work by the contemporary Canadian Composer Denis Gougeon. This concert is made possible in part with funds from the Sally P. Oswald Fund.

## **Rob Raybal Exhibition**

**April 2 - 30, 2006**

Roy Raybal blends traditional images of the Chicano experience with icons taken with the struggle of La Causa for equality and social justice in America. With the awareness of educator and progressive visionary he depicts angels, prophets, messiahs, trickster and heroes in the fused SERREALIST RELIGIOUS. Ray is a former campesino farm worker. He graduated from the University of Minnesota's CLA in 1972 and attended San Francisco State as a graduate student in Art, Humanities and Education, and is a founder and former teacher at the Chicano Studies Department.

Mr. Raybal is working with Centro Campesino of Owatonna as a mentor and master painter

training a new generation to carry on this tradition of painting santos this very Chicano art form.

There will be an opening reception on Sunday, April 2, 2006. It will be a great time to meet the artist and many of his young apprentices.

## **Minnesota Heart Gallery Exhibition**

**April 2 - 30, 2006**

In 2001 in New Mexico, Children and Youth Families Department opened its first Heart Gallery. Volunteer professional photographers and children in the custody program worked together to create professional portraits of youth in need of permanent homes. The portraits include the youths' hopes and dreams of their future life along with their hope to find a home with a welcoming family. In Minnesota, a group of energetic volunteers is working with the same idea. The long term Minnesota Heart Gallery hopes to bring attention and funding to adoption efforts in Minnesota including promotion of child-specific recruitment. The Heart Gallery uses media coverage of the event to build awareness of the needs and existence of waiting children.

## **Mary Hunt & Christiane Harrassowitz Concert**

**April 23, 2006, 2:00 pm**

The Thursday Musical which promotes chamber music and local musicians is sharing with us a two piano program on Sunday, April 23, 2006 at 2:00 PM. Mary Hunt and Christiane Harrassowitz will be performing "Variations on a Theme of Haydn, op. 56b" by Johannes Brahms.

Mary Hunt is a free-lance pianist active as a soloist, chamber musician and accompanist. With graduate degrees from Boston University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, she has been featured on both the Minnesota and Wisconsin Public Radio. Her teaching experience includes private studios in Madison, Wisconsin, and Houston, Texas, and as a member of the Luther College, St. Joseph School of Music, and the St. Paul faculty. She is also on the staff of the Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights.

Christiane Harrassowitz is on the faculty of the Music Department and Core Department at the College of St. Catherine and the St. Paul Conservatory of Music. She has served as a faculty member at the University of St. Thomas Music Department and Quinas Honors Program as well as the University of Osnabrueck, Germany. Ms. Harrassowitz has performed many recitals as a solo pianist and chamber musician throughout her home country and as the featured chamber musician on German television and radio. Since moving to the Twin Cities, she has continued her active professional career as a pianist. Sundin Music Hall, Landmark Center, Temple Israel and Concordia College have been among the many places she has performed. This concert is underwritten in part with funding from the Sally P. Oswald Fund.

## Horacio Nuguid Piano Concert April 30, 2006, 2:00 pm

Horacio Nuguid a native of Philippines will give an all-Chopin Concert. Nuguid began his formal training at the age of fourteen at the Conservatory of Music of the University of Santo Tomas in Manila. Nuguid came to the United States after receiving his degree and earned his Master of Music degree in Piano Performance from the University of Northern Iowa in 1987 and his Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Piano (Performance & Literature) from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Nuguid has performed solo and chamber recitals in the U.S., Philippines, Austria, and Switzerland. This concert is made possible in part with funds from the Sally P. Oswald Fund.

## 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Steele County Art Exhibition May 7 - 28, 2006

As we look forward to spring, warmer weather, green grass a reminder to all Steele County artists that the 54.<sup>th</sup> Annual Steele County Art Exhibition will open on Sunday, May 7.<sup>th</sup> The show is open to all residents of Steele County or members of the Arts Center who are at least 18 years of age. Original works produced in oil, watercolor, acrylic, casein, pencil, pen & ink, hand pulled prints, charcoal, pastel, crayon and sculpture can be shown. Applications can

be picked up at the Arts Center and works must be submitted April 18<sup>th</sup> through the 29.<sup>th</sup>

## Spring Luncheon May 11, 2006, 11:30 am

Come and enjoy lunch with the Friends of the Arts Center on Thursday, May 11, 2006 at 11:30 am to 1:00 PM and learn about the traditional art of the Tea Ceremony and see a collection of kimonos. A spring Asian lunch will be served. You will need to purchase tickets by May 4.<sup>th</sup> Tickets are available at Kottke's and the Arts Center for \$20.00. Tickets will go on sale in mid April.

## Scholarship Applications

The Arts Center offers two Arts Scholarships. One is presented to a 2006 graduating Steele County senior high school student and one to a post secondary student. The high school seniors and post secondary students must have graduated from a high school in Steele County or be a current resident of Steele County for more than one year. The applicant must have a permanent address in Steele County. The arts forms that will be considered are (professional or educational degree in any of these fields), visual art, communication, dance, drama, literature and music. The applications are available at the Arts Center or can be printed from the Arts Center's web site [www.owatonnaartscenter.org](http://www.owatonnaartscenter.org). The dead line for applications is March 31, 2006.

## Thank You

The Arts Center has again received the "Let It Shine" grant from Insty Prints. The grant will be used to print newsletter and education mailers. Thank you to Insty Prints for helping us inform the community of the many programs, exhibitions, and classes that are offered through out the year.

Soup is always a welcome treat anytime of the year and more so during the winter. The Annual Chili Supper was a big success. Mary Butler-Fraser made just the right amount of soup, so know one went away wanting. The Friends helped with serving and clean up making for a very efficient operation. The potters sold bowls and other handmade pieces adding to the unique Chili Supper experience but also raising addition funds. Wal-Mart will match the monies taken in that evening making it doubly profitable. Thank you to all who worked the Chili Supper and to all that enjoyed a hot bowl of soup.

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Memberships, donations and memorials to OAC are welcome any time, and help to enhance the current financial stability of the Owatonna Arts Center.

### OAC Gallery Hours:

1 to 5 PM • Tuesday thru Sunday • Closed on Mondays

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