



Bob and Marita Kelter performing at the Old Time Radio Program as part of the River Arts Festival, Vintage Americana.

Our Mission:
Inspire,
enrich and
educate the
community
through the
arts.

Kids ON THE KEYBOARD

Piano Playing Marathon on the River Arts Steinway
May 31st, 2009, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

One important reason River Arts, Inc. chose to purchase a Steinway Grand Piano was to inspire the youth in our community to pursue and continue piano lessons. We also think it is important that our young people can feel ownership in the piano by having the opportunity to contribute. Most importantly the Kids on the Keyboard piano playing marathon gives young pianists the chance to showcase their musical talent.

Students will be playing for approximately 10 minutes each. They will seek pledges for their minutes on the piano. RAI is hoping to have all pledges matched by a corporate sponsor. The River Arts Center Theatre will be open for people to come and watch performances. Come see and hear the Steinway, support our young musicians and hear some beautiful music!

While this year we are targeting donations for the piano, in the future we hope this event could be a way to start a scholarship fund to enable more young people in our community to be able to take piano lessons. Thank you for helping us kick off this event and lay the ground work for years of exceptional piano music.

If you would like to make a pledge for a piano student, but don't know anyone specifically, please contact us at info@riverartsinc.org or (608)643-5634.

Thank you for supporting the arts in our community!

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Sauk Prairie Alum to offer Art History Lecture Series

Greek Art, Medieval Demonology and Classical Inspiration in the WISCONSIN STATE CAPITOL is the focus of an art history lecture series starting this month by Dr. Kevin McManamy, Assistant Professor of Art History, UW Parkside.

Kevin is a Sauk Prairie alumni and received his PhD from UW Madison in 2000.

LECTURE DETAILS
River Arts Gallery
Mondays 7:00-8:30 pm
April 20, 27 & May 4

"Creatures, Costumes and Acoustics"

RAI is offering a summer school class to 6th-10th graders with a week long artist-in-residence by Puppet Farm Arts. Students will design and build imaginative costumes, masks, puppets, and musical devices - primarily from recycled material. They will learn the concepts of ecosustainable practices and the gentle craft of transforming trash into imaginative pieces of art! RAI Board members and retired Art Teachers Ann Campboll and Chris Junkins Morey will also co-teach this class. See the creations at the Cow Chip Parade.

Dave Bennett's Tribute to Benny Goodman

If you know Benny Goodman as "The King of Swing," when you hear Dave Bennett you'll know who is heir to the throne. Several members of Goodman's original band have endorsed Bennett's talent on the clarinet as "the closest ever" to the Goodman sound and style. Bennett and his ensemble bring new energy to such classics as *Moonglow*, *Sing Sing Sing* and *String of Pearls*.

Dave began his playing at age 10 on a clarinet given to him by his grandparents. He then taught

himself how to play Goodman songs by ear, listening to a tape given to him by his grandfather.

Join the celebration as we observe the 100th anniversary of Benny Goodman's birth through Dave Bennett's Tribute.

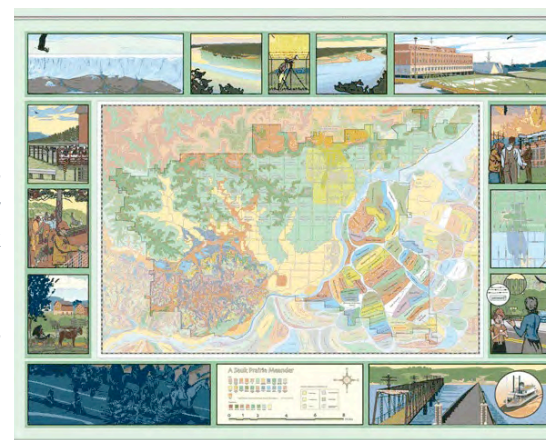
- Friday, April 24, 7:30 pm
- Tickets \$20/\$15 - adults, \$5 - students
- Purchase at www.RiverArtsInc.org, the Sauk Prairie Community Center or at the door.

RAI's Commissioned Art Work Receives Award

At the WLIA (Wisconsin Land Information Association) 2009 Annual Conference at the Kalahari Resort, River Arts Inc.'s commissioned art work by John Miller "A Sauk Prairie Meander" won the People's Choice Award in the map poster competition.

The WLIA Conference is the premier GIS (Geographic Information Systems) conference in Wisconsin emphasizing local, regional, statewide and federal trends, issues, and applications related to geographic information.

The "Meander" was commissioned for the River Arts Festival 2008 by River Arts Inc., in conjunction with the Smithsonian "Between Fences" Expo. The piece depicts the Sauk Prairie School District with its invisible and visible fences bordered by eleven vignettes which illuminate scenes of impor-



tant "fence" issues in the Sauk Prairie area. These include Badger Ammunition, the Prairie Dam, the divide between Sauk City and Prairie du Sac, historic boats and bridges, and the Blackhawk War, to name a few.

The "Meander" was something of a non-traditional entry whose objective was to trigger discussion among the GIS/cartographic community within Wisconsin.

Kent Peña, who advised John Miller in creating his artistic "map" and who submitted the "Meander" for the competition stated, "I think we were very successful in achieving this, given the positive comments and discussion I experienced at the conference."



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ERIC GENUIS
Composer & Pianist
to Perform with
other Musicians

Durward's Glen and River Arts, Inc. are collaborating to present composer, virtuoso pianist and captivating performer, Eric Genuis. His concerts are a definite must-see and have proven riveting for all, from contemporary music lovers to the most sophisticated classical musicians. A young and rapidly rising artist, he has been performing his works throughout the world. Most recently he has recorded with the famed Maestro Allan Wilson of London, England and the Slovak National Symphony Orchestra. Eric will perform with an ensemble of world class musicians.



Saturday, May 30
7:30 p.m.
River Arts Center

Tickets \$12/10
Purchase at:
RiverArtsInc.org
Community Center or
At the Door

This event benefits
Durward's Glen &
River Arts, Inc.

Youth Art Month Exhibit
April 14 - May 13
Public Reception
April 23, 3:30 - 7:30



**Minneapolis Guitar
Quartet with
Flamenco Dancer**

Friday, May 8, 7:30 p.m.
Tickets: Adults \$20/15
Students \$10
**RiverArtsInc.org, Sauk Prairie
Community Center or at the door**

With the passion, style, and musical sophistication borrowing from the best chamber music and string quartet traditions, the Minneapolis Guitar Quartet has successfully made its case as one of the world's leading guitar ensembles since its founding in 1986. "Flawless, musical and witty" (Classical

"The MGQ demonstrates that it is one of the major guitar ensembles in the world."

Soundboard Magazine
regarding MGQ's
CD - *Over Land and Sea*

Guitar Magazine, England), the MGQ has performed throughout the United States both in recital and with orchestra, balancing a dizzying array of first-rate repertoire ranging from Renaissance and Baroque to Spanish, Latin American and Romantic, to highly imaginative existing and newly commissioned contemporary works. Cutting-edge composer/performer Daniel Bernard Roumain, one of the more than

20 composers commissioned by the MGQ, calls the group "more than a guitar quartet, more than superb musicians, and more than a great chamber group. They are ambassadors of sound, style, and substance."

In 2006, the MGQ began a fascinating new concert collaboration with a Flamenco dancer, featuring an original production on Six Pieces on Spanish Folksongs by the great Spanish composer Enrique Granados. With music arranged by the MGQ, the choreography reflects the extraordinary vitality of Spanish culture and includes Spanish regional and folk dancing, classical ballet and flamenco.

The MGQ has been heard on the nationally syndicated Saint Paul Sunday, and on National Public Radio's Performance Today.

Our original marketing materials noted that MGQ would perform with Flamenco dancer, Colette, Illarde. The dancer will now be Sachiko Nishiuchi. Sachiko is a resident artist of the highly acclaimed Zorongo Flamenco Dance Theatre in Minneapolis.



Feedback on the exhibits for the River Arts Festival

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| <i>Very interesting exhibit - loved it!</i>
- Franklin, WI | <i>Terrific example of whole community together for art!</i>
- Wisconsin Dells, WI | <i>Such stories in pictures.</i>
- Kalamazoo, MI |
| <i>Great exhibit - enjoyed it all!</i>
- Greendale, WI | <i>Delightful exhibit!</i>
- Evansville, WI | <i>Wonderful facility-beautiful display.</i>
- Cushing, WI |
| <i>Astounding Photos.</i>
- Blue Mounds, WI | <i>Wonderful!</i>
- Delafield, WI | <i>So strong-so wonderful!</i>
- Deerfield, IL |

Promotion for the River Arts Festival outside of our area was possible through a Joint Effort Marketing grant from the Wisconsin Department of Tourism.



Ken Davis Laugh Concert June 13, 7:30 p.m.

Ken Davis is one of the most sought after speakers in North America. He has appeared on television and stage around the world and is the host of the popular daily radio show, "Lighten Up", heard on over 800 stations across America including WNWC (102.5 FM) in the area. He provides a unique mixture of side-splitting humor and inspiration that never fails to delight and enrich audiences of all ages.

Ken's books have received national critical acclaim, including the Campus Life "Book of the Year" award

and the CBA Gold Medallion Award. According to the Dallas Morning News, Ken is "one of the funniest comedians to come down the pike."

Tickets are \$25-Adults and \$15-Students and are available at RiverArtsInc.org, Ballweg Pharmacy, Blue Spoon Cafe, McFarlanes', Community Center and Family Christian Stores in Madison.

All proceeds from this event support the River Arts Steinway fund. If the evening performance sells out, a matinee will be added.

Playing Games-BDDS at River Arts

Catch Me If You Can - June 19, 7:30 p.m.

River Arts, Inc. recently accepted Bach Dancing and Dynamite Society's (BDDS) request to host a performance in their 2009 three-week summer festival, "Haydn Seek". This season honors the 200th anniversary of the passing of Joseph Haydn. In addition to virtually inventing the string quartet, piano trio, and symphony, Haydn was the greatest musical jokester of all time. His works are the perfect embodiment of BDDS's core motto "serious fun" as they combine the greatest compositional technique with a profound sense of the playfulness of life.

To further celebrate Haydn's sense of play, each program in BDDS's 18th season is named after a popular game. "Catch Me If You Can" features works with high-speed musical chases, including Haydn's "Gypsy Rondo" piano trio and the thrilling "Dumky" trio of Antonin Dvorak.

Tickets for this performance can be purchased as part of BDDS's season online at bachdancingand-dynamite.org or by calling (608) 255-9866, M-F, 8:30



a.m. - 5:00 p.m. BDDS is offering a special price to people in our community of \$25 for adults and \$10 for students (local performance only). These tickets can be purchased at the door. Join in the fun and games on Friday, June 19, at 7:30 p.m.

**SMALL TOWN
MIDWEST**

Photo Exhibit
by the Center of
Photography



Piano Burning at the Roxbury Tavern
by Reece Donihi

This exhibit by the Center of Photography in Madison focuses on small town life in the Midwest. This exhibit is sponsored by Eannelli Pharmacy.

June 8 - July 18, 2009
Reception June 11
5:00-7:00 p.m.

WINNERS
Raffles & Contests

Apron Contest Winners:

Most Creative
Rita Frakes
(made from pink bubble wrap)
Most Artistic

Suzanne Myers Otto
"Pride of the Seas"
Most Representative of
1930s-'40s (2 winners)
Diane Goodman
Made with vintage pattern
Patty Cook
Made with Flour Sacks

**River Arts Festival
Quilt Raffle:**
Gloria McCormick

Wine Cabinet Raffle:
Eric Rapp