

Connecting
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Arts ...



WALWORTH
COUNTY
ARTS COUNCIL

A New Year 2026



MILWAUKEE
SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

Upcoming MSO Concerts

February 20, 2026: Tchaikovsky's Sleeping Beauty

Alpesh Chauhan, conductor & Johannes Moser, cello, Anna Thorvaldsdottir
Before we fall (cello concerto), Tchaikovsky's Selections from *Sleeping Beauty*

April 10, 2026: Wincor Conducts Shostakovich

Katharina Wincor, conductor & David Fray, piano, Mozart *Piano Concerto No. 9*
Shostakovich *Symphony No. 1*

June 5, 2026: Rachmaninoff & Saint-Saens

Ivan Lopez Reynoso, conductor & Jinwoo Lee, violin, Saint-Saens *Violin Concerto*
Rachmaninoff Symphony No. 2

Subscriber Details:

- We will meet again at the Elkhorn Park & Ride at 9:15 AM. It is about a 45 minute ride.
- Concert tickets will be distributed on the bus. There are no tickets to be distributed for the luncheon (there is a list of our group at the MSO of those attending the luncheon).
- There is a (free) pre-concert talk for about 30 minutes beginning at 10:15 AM.
- The concert is from 11:15 AM to 1 PM (with a 20 min. intermission), and 'Meet the Artist' luncheon immediately following.
- We will depart at approx. 2:15 PM and arrive back at the Elkhorn Park & Ride at approx. 3 PM.

*If you are unable to attend, please inform Ron Pippitt (262) 215-7056 to avoid any transportation hold ups.

New Board Member



My name is Dawn Sammons and I am humbled to serve as a new council member for Walworth County Art Council. I love to travel, sew, and spend time with our dog. I am a lifelong resident of Walworth County as well as a retired school teacher from Fontana Elementary. I earned my undergraduate and master degrees both in education at UW Whitewater. The arts have been a very important part of my family's life and my husband and I continue to explore more in our retirement years. We loved watching and supporting our children growing up very involved in various aspects of the arts including dance, music, and visual arts. Their appreciation and ongoing involvement in the arts as adults continues to enhance their lives. I look forward to supporting this foundation which helped my own children explore and discover new parts of themselves.

If you're interested in joining the WCAC board, please email Jennifer Vaun Coil, Administrative Director, with any questions at walworthcountyarts@gmail.com, or call board member Libby Palmer (262) 949-3651.

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Special Thank Yous

Dear Friends of Walworth County Arts Council,

Enclosed is a check which should go towards my membership and all the marvelous work you do for the community.

Thank you kindly

Dear Walworth County Arts Council,
I want to sincerely thank you for awarding me the art scholarship. I am truly honored and grateful for your support, which will help me continue pursuing my passion for the arts and further my education. Your generosity and encouragement mean a great deal to me, and I'm excited to carry this recognition with me as I grow as an artist.



Warm regards, Jonny Klug

**Jonathan, (Jonny), Klug -
Badger High School**

WCAC 2025 Visual Arts
Scholarship Winner

2025 County Fair Winner

Martha Hayden from Sharon Wisconsin received the WCAC's award for use of color at the Walworth County Fair's plein air event. Artists are invited to paint at the fair on the Thursday of the fair. Their paintings are on display in the Arts and Crafts building from Friday til the end of the fair.

The following is a statement by Martha about her work. "Late last year, I broke my glasses while I was traveling. I had difficulty for rest of the trip. I thought my worsening vision on that trip was related to my lack of glasses. When I returned home, I went to my ophthalmologist. I learned I had retinal detachment.

In the past, my art has been predicated in getting behind the edge. When you put down a stroke of paint, whether thick or thin, it always has two edges. I do not see edges anymore. I can see movement, color and shape, I can see the periphery. I cannot see edges well.


I went to an Eye Institute in Milwaukee for a second opinion. My doctor there was very patient. He listened well. He told me to paint what you can see. It took some time, but when I finally decided to take his advice, I started looking for ways to diffuse the edges—to paint what I could see. I cannot be too exact. My work today is a study of how to diffuse edges, to paint amorphous objects and to paint the porous world that I see."

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ARTS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Deadline is April 1, 2026

SCHOLARSHIPS

Creative Writing/Journalism scholarship is for \$2000.00
Dance scholarship is for \$2000.00
Music scholarship is for \$2000.00
Theater Arts scholarship is for \$2000.00
Visual Arts scholarship is for \$2000.00

ELIGIBILITY

Applicant must be a graduating senior from a Walworth County High School and/or a resident of Walworth County, who plans to continue formal training beyond high school in the field of study for which the scholarship is offered.

Applications are available online:
walworthcountyartscouncil.com/scholarships

Arts Awards Ceremony



Mark your calendars and join us!

Elementary and middle schools throughout Walworth County are invited to participate in this Art Show, with up to 10 students per school. This show is at the Elkhorn Area Middle School on a Sunday afternoon. Join us on Sunday, April 19, 2026 for the next show! If you are interested in participating, please email walworthcountyarts@gmail.com by April 1, 2026.

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Meet a Local Artist

Treska Marton



About The Artist...

I was born in Budapest, Hungary to a wealthy entrepreneurial family that passionately supported the fine arts. After the second World War, everything was taken from my family by the communists and consequently, my family suffered great hardship.

As a young woman, I was afforded the opportunity to professionally train at the prestigious Budapest Képzomuvészeti School where I began my formative years in the study of painting and the unique art of cut glass.

In 1956, during the Hungarian Revolution, I escaped communism and I emigrated from Hungary to Canada where I continued to

study advertising art and calligraphy. During this time I painted and sold oil paintings for an art gallery just outside of Montreal.

Later, in 1971, I immigrated to the United States. While raising a family, I worked as a designer and instructor in Cortland, Illinois and as a floral designer at Safeway Floral and Marshall Field's. I also had a passion for jewelry and theme design and horticultural studies just outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where I taught floral design at Bucks County College.

After a considerable hiatus, I began to paint again, moving closer to my family in Wisconsin where I now live. Today, my art reflects my love of nature and floral design which I weave into every detail of my work. I sense the beauty of nature through the vivid colors and the elegant movement of air, water, and light in every piece I design. My personal name is Tréska which was fondly given to me by my dear grandma when I was just a toddler.

Tréska Marton

Visit our local featured artists at:
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WALWORTH COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL 2026 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS UNDERWAY!

We are excited to share with you our continuing growth of the WCAC. 2025 was another successful year providing four talented high school students with scholarships, honoring 88 elementary/middle school students at our annual art show, continued growth of the MSO subscription program, and continuing financial support of the LGSO. We also have a new board member!

As our programs continue to thrive and grow, we ask that you will join us again, to continue to bring the joy and excitement of the arts to the citizens of Walworth County.

Your membership fee, at whatever level you join, helps to cover costs of the
WCAC Programs Providing Citizens of Walworth County Access to Arts Experiences & Resources:

SCHOLARSHIPS

\$2000 scholarships in Creative Writing/Journalism, Visual Arts, Music, Dance and Theatre are awarded to qualified Walworth County high school seniors who will be pursuing higher education in these fields.

MILWAUKEE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

A Friday morning concert series subscription provides travel by bus for a pre-concert lecture and optional *Lunch with the Stars*. High school students are able to attend MSO concerts through the Lois Morava memorial fund.

PERFORMING ARTS

WCAC helps to sponsor the Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra school day programs in Walworth County elementary schools.

VISITING ARTISTS

Local artists share with students how they create their art involving supplies and creative process.

ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL ART SHOW

WCAC sponsors an art exhibit of elementary and middle school students from Walworth County.

GOVERNMENT CENTER DISPLAY

Each month a WCAC display case at the Government Center in Elkhorn showcases an artist.

NEWSLETTERS

Our newsletter is sent to each member and friend of WCAC with information on upcoming Programs, resources, and news of the Arts.

WALWORTH COUNTY FAIR PLEIN AIR AWARD

WCAC sponsors one of the awards given at the plein air event at the Walworth County Fair.

...and more

Check out our updated website with current programs, featured artists, resources, and most current newsletter at www.walworthcountyarts council.com.

Together, let us continue to encourage and support our locally talented students and artists, as well as providing our citizens with a resourceful connection to the arts!

Walworth County Arts Council is a 501c3 organization and all donations are tax deductible.

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2026 Membership

Your membership, at whatever level you are comfortable, is greatly appreciated and essential to help cover costs of the Elementary Art Show, Scholarships for High School Students, and so much more. Together, we will continue to encourage and support our locally talented students and artists, as well as providing our citizens with a resourceful connection to the arts!

WALWORTH COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL PERSONAL MEMBERSHIP FOR 2026

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

I would prefer to receive communication from WCAC via: (please circle one) Email Regular Mail

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL (please check one)

STUDENT \$5

SUPPORTER (Individual) \$35

SUPPORTER (Couple) \$60

FRIEND \$50 TO \$99

SUSTAINER \$100 to \$249

PATRON \$250 to \$999

SPONSOR \$1,000 to \$1,999

BENEFACTOR \$2,000 and up

I am interested in volunteering and helping with the following (check all that you are interested in):

Children's art show High school scholarships MSO Lake Geneva Symphony - in school concerts

Memberships Art fields trips Visiting artists in school WCAC board

Please make checks payable to Walworth County Arts Council and mail to:

Walworth County Arts Council
PO Box 446, Delavan, WI 53115
Attn: Membership Committee

Walworth County Arts Council is a 501c3 organization and all donations are tax deductible.

Sybil Klug, President

Dr. Gerri Green, Vice President

Libby Palmer, Secretary

Ron Pippitt, Treasurer

Dawn Sammons, Board Member

Jennifer Vaun Coil, Administrative Director



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