

WINONA ARTS CENTER

MARCH 2024

AT A GLANCE






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The Winona Arts Center is busy with lots of opportunities to engage with the arts in our community. Check out the schedule below and add the dates to your calendar. Flip the page over for details about March events. See you soon!

March 2024 Schedule of Events

Friday	3/8	7:00pm	Sweetland – Winona Film Society	
Saturday	3/9	10am–12pm	Storytelling Group	
Saturday	3/9	12:30–4:30pm	Ukrainian Egg Decorating – Adults Only	
Sunday	3/10	1–4pm	Jean Lukens Art Opening – Artist Talk 3pm	
Sunday	3/10	4–7pm	Estro-Jam Hootenanny and Potluck	
Friday	3/15	7:00pm	First Ladies Trilogy: Bess Truman	
Saturday	3/16	12:30, 5pm	First Ladies Trilogy Maime Eisenhower & Jackie Kennedy	
Sunday	3/17	1–3pm	<i>bayt: spaces in-between home</i>	
Tuesday	3/19	6–9pm	Spring Benefit Dinner at Blue Heron	
Friday	3/22	7:00pm	Before Now & Then – Winona Film Society	
Saturday	3/23	12–3pm	Richard Spiller Pinch Pot Class	
Saturday	3/23	7:00pm	Namoli Brennet Concert	

Weekly Events

Sundays	1–4pm	Art Gallery Open During Exhibits	
Sundays	4–6pm	Estro Jam Session 2nd & 4th Sundays	
Mondays	6–8pm	Drum Circle	
Tuesdays	6–8pm	Drawing Circle	
Wednesdays	3–6pm	Art Gallery Open During Exhibits	

PERFORMANCES

FIRST LADIES TRILOGY

WILD ABOUT HARRY

FRIDAY / MARCH 15, 2024 / 7:00PM

\$15 INDIVIDUAL TICKET / \$30 BOTH NIGHTS

Starring Kay Sebring-Roberts Kuhlmann as First Lady Bess Truman; 90 minutes, including intermission

Harry and Bess Truman visited Winona during the Whistle Stop Tour of 1948, as Truman sought election to the office he had inherited on the 1945 death of FDR. In this 1st performance, the longest-living first lady in history provides an insider's look at the determined man and reveals her pivotal role in his life and momentous presidency.



MRS IKE & DISTANT CAMELOT

SATURDAY / MARCH 16, 2024 / 7:00PM / \$20 INDIVIDUAL TICKET / \$30 BOTH NIGHTS

Kay Sebring-Roberts Kuhlmann, the playwright, returns in “Mrs. Ike,” portraying first lady Mamie Doud Eisenhower. Just as the 1950s ushered in a hopeful era of post-war prosperity, Mamie brought a soft touch to the Eisenhower image. Now, the stage character reveals what life was like living with a famous General who bootstrapped a small-town Midwestern youth into a military career that started small, then helped save the world and took him to the White House. One hour, followed by 20-minute intermission.

Lacey Korb stars as Jackie Kennedy in Kay's script of “Distant Camelot.” The audience meets the former first lady in 1994, as the “world's most famous woman” begins her final journey. Jackie looks back on the triumphs and challenges of her special place in U.S. cultural history. One hour.

Tickets available on Eventbrite.com or at Music Mart (formerly Hardt's Music).

THE CEDAR TREE PROJECT AND ANDREA SHAKER PRESENT A WORK IN-PROGRESS AND FEEDBACK SESSION:

bayt: spaces in-between home, homeland, & migrations

SUNDAY / MARCH 17, 2024 / 1:00–3:00PM

Andrea Shaker will lead an audience engagement session with readings and image viewing from her inprocess book of prose, poetry and images. Workshop participants will leave with a copy of an in-process. This is a free event, but space is limited. Advance registration on Eventbrite is required by March 16.



WAC activities are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Southeastern MN Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

winonaarts.org/performances/

MARCH 2024 HIGHLIGHTS AT WINONA ARTS CENTER

EXHIBIT

JEAN LUKEN SHOW OPENING & ARTIST TALK MARCH 10 AT 3PM

EXHIBIT: MARCH 10, 2024 – APRIL 21, 2024

Jean Lukens is a Wisconsin native. She graduated from UW-Whitewater with a degree in Art History and a minor in Studio Art.

From the artist: "I am a contemporary watercolor artist. My paintings are created with balanced harmony of color, shape, line and texture in mind. For me, processing and creating a painting is exciting. As I bring an idea to the paper. Executing the mechanics of this process effortlessly.

Gallery hours are Wednesdays from 3 to 6 pm and Sundays from 1 to 4pm, and 1 hour prior to concerts.



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CONCERT

NAMOLI BRENNET

SATURDAY / MARCH 23 / 7:00PM

Namoli Brennet has been writing, recording, touring and releasing albums since the age of Napster. Country Queer called her 2020 release, Light It Up, "An uplifting shot of hope...that queers the sonic landscape." A multi-instrumentalist with a degree in composition, Brennet's decades-long career has seen her morph from more traditional singer/songwriter fare into what one reviewer called a "sonic painter," creating rich, ambient textures as a backdrop for often profound and poetic lyrics.

Website: <http://www.namolibrennet.com>

The coffeehouse opens at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Advance tickets are available at Music Mart (formerly Hardt's), 115 East 3rd St. in Winona, or through [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).



winonaarts.org/concerts/

SPECIAL EVENT

WINONA ART CENTER SPRING BENEFIT DINNER AT BLUE HERON

TUESDAY / MARCH 19, 2024 / 5:30-8:30PM

Happy hour with wine & beer; browse the silent auction 5:30pm—6:15pm; 5 course Mediterranean meal served at 6:30pm—8:30pm. Cost: \$85/per person (\$40 of ticket price is a tax deductible donation)

Meat, vegetarian, vegan, and gluten free options available. All proceeds go to scholarships for art classes and maintenance of our historic building.

Please go to winonaarts.org/reservation-form/ to make your reservation. Reservations close on March 5th for lead time for Blue Heron.

CLASSES

UKRAINIAN EGG DECORATING SATURDAY / MARCH 9, 2024 / 12:30 – 4:30PM

Winona Arts Center welcomes Jane Bangsberg for an Adult Ukrainian Egg Decorating Class. Cost is \$55 for members and \$60 for non members. No experience necessary. Register with Jen at Jsbenenson50@gmail.com.

PINCH POT AND COIL POTTERY SATURDAY / MARCH 23, 2024 12:00 – 3:00PM

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FILMS

SWEETLAND FRIDAY / MARCH 8 / 7:00PM / \$5.00

Winner of the independent Spirit Award First Feature. Sweetland is a lovely old-fashioned farm romance quietly doubling as a commentary on immigration and American identity.

English and German with subtitles. 111 Minutes

winonaarts.org/winona-film-society/

BEFORE NOW AND THEN FRIDAY / MARCH 22 / 7:00PM / \$5.00

A daring narrative mix of the personal and the political, this film tells the story of the beautiful wife of a wealthy plantation owner who values her safety and material comforts.

Indonesian with English subtitles. 103 minutes