

WINONA ARTS CENTER JANUARY 2025 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 January events. See you soon!

January 2025 Schedule of Events

Saturday	1/11	7pm	Patina in Concert	
Sunday	1/19	1:00pm–4:00pm	<i>The River Connects Us: Photographs by Pete Mutschler & Poetry by Tom Gillaspay</i>	
Saturday	1/25	6pm	Bon Appétit with the film <i>The Taste of Things</i>	
Wednesday	1/29	5:30pm–7:30pm	Exploring Texture and Pattern in Printmaking <i>Chine-Collé</i> (Chinese Decorative Paper) and Monoprinting	

Weekly Events

Mondays	6–8pm	Drum Circle	
Thursdays	4:30–8pm	Open Studio	
Saturdays	1–4pm	Art Gallery Open During Exhibits	
Sundays	1–4pm	Art Gallery Open During Exhibits	



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CONCERTS

PATINA

SATURDAY / JANUARY 11 /
7:00PM

Sue Lee Ringwelski has been sharing her easy listening music with her friends and family in homes, at campfires, family functions, events and coffee houses on a regular basis for many years. She started playing Irish music with Mike Watson and Kara Mae White in the spring of 2016 and now enjoys performing the Irish songs & tunes that Patina brings to those venues and more. Sue Lee has written or collaborated on many of the originals that Patina now plays. She loves the stories as well as the traditional musical sound of many of their originals.



Kara Mae has had sixteen years of classical training with her instrument. She is an award winning fiddler having won a fiddle contest at the Lacrosse, WI Irish Festival. If you ask her about her true passion for making music, she will tell you that she is an “Irish fiddler” first and foremost. Kara Mae has a high energy playing style that brings the “Irish” into many of Patina’s songs. Her beautiful singing voice also enhances the stories that are inherent in many of the Irish folk songs that Patina plays.

Kara Mae is a prolific musical artist. She has written many new beautiful tunes for Patina over the past years that are sometimes very unique in time signature & rhythm and other times authentically Celtic sounding.

In the late 1980’s Greg’s wife, Kathy, brought home from the library a Celtic compilation cassette entitled “The Celts Rise Again.” Since that fateful day over thirty years ago Greg has been hooked on Celtic music in all its forms. His first Bodhran was purchased from the maker in the village of Roundstone on a trip to Ireland. It’s been to many Irish music sessions.



In Winona he ran an Irish Music session for three years. Today Greg plays a ‘Brendan White’ Bodhran for Patina. The high whistles are made by ‘Michael Burke Whistles’ and ‘McNeela Music Instruments’ and the low whistle is made by ‘Carbony Celtic Winds’. He also plays the accordion and backing guitar. Greg is thrilled to be playing in Patina with such a fine (and fun) group of musicians.

The coffeehouse opens at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Advance tickets are available at Music Mart (formerly Hardt’s Music, 115 East 3rd St. in Winona) or Eventbrite until January 11 at 4:00pm.

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JANUARY 2025 HIGHLIGHTS AT WINONA ARTS CENTER

EXHIBIT



THE RIVER CONNECTS US

Photographs by Pete Mutschler & Poetry by Tom Gillaspay

OPENING RECEPTION:

SUNDAY / JANUARY 19 / 1:00PM – 4:00PM

EXHIBIT DATES: JANUARY 19 – MARCH 2, 2025

The Mississippi River is the backbone of the United States. Its waters carry our grain, our ore, our history, our dreams. Creations of music, art, and stories are deposited on the flood plains of Old Muddy. Pete's images explore the unique and sometimes hidden culture that flows from this Great River, from the headwaters in Northern Minnesota to the delta south of New Orleans. Tom's poetry provides a sensitive and sometimes powerful reflection inspired by the images. While each photograph/poem pair provides a single snapshot in time of a small piece of the river experience, the viewer is connected through the shared experiences of everyone who lives near the river. The overall goal of this exhibit is to show how the Mississippi River experience is powerful, making us stronger than the divisions that are receiving so much attention these days.

Pete Mutschler is a Winona MN based photographer and Tom Gillaspay is a Stillwater MN poet.

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CLASSES

EXPLORING TEXTURE AND PATTERN IN PRINTMAKING

Chine-Collé (Chinese Decorative Paper) and
Monoprintings

**WEDNESDAYS / JANUARY 29, FEBRUARY 5 &
FEBRUARY 19 / 5:30PM – 7:30PM**

This three-week workshop is brought to us by Preston Lawing, an award winning professor and collaborative printmaker who has worked and exhibited with numerous artists and printers for over forty years.

His most recent Dry Point Etching workshop at the Winona Arts Center was well received by a capacity group of energetic, creative students.

This workshop will introduce participants to the technique of Chine-Collé, a Chinese paper collage method that enhances printmaking or painting, adding texture and pattern to the surface.

Participants will learn how to prepare printing plates while

working with a variety of glues and binders, the importance of layering and overlaying paper textures, how to use a variety of printing plates and matrices, work safely in a printmaking studio, and will develop an understanding of the significance of Chine-Collé in art history.

Participants do not need to have strong drawing skills, but a willingness to explore different mark making choices which should provide lifelong joy of this simple, additive process.

Due to the technical information and processes covered, this course is suited for artists 18 and up. This is a class for adults

Workshop Fee: \$150. All materials are included.

Reserve your spot and register today! Contact Jen at jsbenson50@gmail.com.

Payments are made to the Winona Arts Center and mailed/dropped off at 228 E 5th Street, Winona, MN 55987.

To ensure classes are affordable to all, scholarships are available. Please contact Jen at jsbenson50@gmail.com for more information.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

HOLIDAY FREE INK: VALENTINE'S DAY TWO PRINT SESSIONS OFFERED

SATURDAY / FEBRUARY 1 / 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Family and friends: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Adults: 1:30pm – 4:00pm

Be our Valentine on February 1 2025 and join us for Free Ink at the Winona Arts Center! We will be making Valentines Day Cards and monoprints using our etching press, inks and other materials. No experience necessary. All ages welcome.

Questions? Contact Jen at jsbenson50@gmail.com.

BON APPÉTIT WITH THE FILM THE "TASTE OF THINGS"

SATURDAY / JANUARY 25 / 6:00PM

Are you ready for a reprieve from the cold winter? Come join us at the Winona Arts Center for a fun evening of food, film, wine

and warm conversations on January 25, 2025. Enjoy charcuterie board appetizers, desserts, wine, non alcoholic beverages & coffee while watching the French film The Taste of Things starring Juliette Binoche and Benoit Magimel.

Doors open at 6:00pm for appetizers, wine, & beverages and the movie begins at 7:00pm so come early to enjoy your friends. The Taste of Things is a film by Tran An Hung and is set in France in 1889. It follows the life of Dodin Bouffant as a chef living with his personal cook and lover, Eugenie. They share a long history of gastronomy and love but Eugenie refuses to marry Dodin so the food lover decides to do something he has never done before: cook for her.

This film has been selected by Telluride Film Festival and the New York Film Festival. The Wall Street Journal is quoted as saying "This film leaves one feeling a little drunk, desperately hungry and entirely alive."

Tickets are \$25 and available at Music Mart (formerly Hardt's Music) and Eventbrite until 4pm on January 25.

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