



## CVCA NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY CULTURAL ASSOCIATION

March 2008

# Spring in Wisconsin



## On Golden Pond

By Ernest Thompson,  
Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday April 17, 18, 19 - 7 p.m.

Sunday matinee April 20 - 2 p.m.

Part of the 2008 Entertainment Package

The lovable curmudgeon Norman Thayer and his spirited wife Ethel are at their seasonal rustic cabin in the Maine woods where Norman is celebrating his 80th birthday and feeling his mortality. Their 40-something daughter they haven't seen in eight years arrives with a boyfriend and his 13 year-old son. Lingering family tensions and unresolved quarrels result in a story with deceptive depth and enough subtle tenderness to melt the hardest heart. Directed by Katie Schumacher. **Admission: adults \$10, seniors \$9, students \$6.**



## In Capable Hands

Saturday, May 17 - 7 p.m.

Part of the 2008 Entertainment Package.

A local husband and wife duo, Steve Russell and Kobi Shaw, in a performance of genuine hilarity filled with pink flamingos, vanishing bananas, impaled tomatoes, and music played by pounding on their heads. Though juggling is the core of the show, they have a wide variety of skills and an off-center comic flair. Performing at fairs, festivals, theme parks, cruise ships and on the Tonight Show, Steve and Kobi leave audiences begging for more. This show is for everyone.

**Admission: adults \$7, seniors \$6, students \$3, family of four \$17.**

## 43rd Annual Spring Art Show

Sunday, April 13 through Thursday, April 24 during building hours and special evening events. Also open during the day on Saturday, April 19 and Sunday, April 20.

Public Reception—Saturday, April 13 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The 43<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Art Show at the Heyde Center for the Arts is sponsored by the Chippewa Herald in cooperation with the CVCA. Original artwork will be on display that includes painting, sculpture, photography, stained glass, mosaics, ceramics, and other creative art forms. Over 100 artists from throughout the Chippewa Valley. **There is no admission charge to the public for this event, but donations are greatly appreciated.**



## Wild Woods and Waters: An Earth Day Celebration

Tuesday, April 22 – 7:30 p.m.

Join Warren Nelson and the musicians of the **Blue Canvas Orchestra** from the Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua for a musical tribute to the planet in honor of Earth Day. With a blend of bluegrass, folk and blues, the band celebrates our greatest national resources, and sends out a call for good stewardship. Warren Nelson is a talented and prolific singer, songwriter, poet and historian who has entertained hundreds of audiences over the past two decades.

**Admission: adults \$14, seniors \$12, students <18 \$10.**

## Chippewa Valley Community Chorus

Saturday, April 26 -7 p.m.  
Sunday April 27 – 3 p.m.

Celebrating over 30 years of making music together, the **Chippewa Valley Community Chorus** presents their annual spring concert. The director, **Val Knobloch**, has chosen a program of favorite songs from past performances, with music that reflects the cultural heritage of the Chippewa Valley. This is a joint fundraiser with the Chippewa Valley Cultural Association.  
**Admission: \$6 adults, \$3 students, children under 5 free.**



## Eau Claire Art League:

### *Student Art Show*

Sunday, April 27 through Sunday, May 4.

Reception April 27 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

For many years the Eau Claire Art League has sponsored a student art show featuring the artwork of one student from each of the five area high schools, chosen by their art instructors. The students from Chi-Hi, Memorial, North, Regis and McDonnell will be honored and featured in this show at the Heyde Center for the Arts.

**There is no admission charge to the public.**

## VSA Arts of Wisconsin Children's Exhibit

Open during building hours and special evening events from Monday, May 5 through Wednesday, May 28.

Reception on Friday, May 9 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

VSA (*Vision, Strength and Access*) Arts of Wisconsin is dedicated to the full inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society, including the arts. This traveling exhibit is part of the Heyde Center's commitment to promoting artists and performers with disabilities, and will feature artwork by children and young adults. Sponsored in part by a grant from Xcel Energy.

**There is no admission charge to the public.**

## Around the World in 80 Minutes

Sunday, May 4, 2 p.m.

An evening of **international artists and performers** from the Chippewa Valley area that will showcase the Chippewa Valley Cultural Association's commitment to diversifying audiences and performers, and celebrate the rich multi-cultural community in which we live.

**Admission: adults \$8, seniors \$7, students under 18 \$3.**

## Artist for the Month of May – Barbara Shafer: Paintings and Drawings

May 5 through May 28.

Reception for the artist. Friday, May 9, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

**Barbara Shafer** is a self-employed artist and dancer who lives in Eau Claire. She has an MFA from the University of Cincinnati, and is a lecturer in the department of Art and Design at UW/EC. Her many one person shows include the Capital Rotunda in Madison, Gunderson Lutheran Hospital, the L.E. Philips Memorial Public Library, and the Phipps Center for the Arts in Hudson, WI. She was recently awarded an honorable mention from the Wisconsin Arts-West 29 juried art show. Barbara is an active consultant to the Wisconsin Council on Developmental Disabilities, developing statewide student art curricula.

**No admission charge to the public.**

## The Ranchhands Thursday, May 8 – 7:30 p.m.



The Ranchhands sound is new country. Chris Tedesco on fiddle, mandolin and vocals, and Mickey Kennedy on vocals are backed by the Ranchhands band in a concert of classic country music combined with a modern Nashville production of original songs. The band is known throughout the U.S. and Europe for their high-energy performances, musicianship and professionalism. About their third album *Driven*, Peter Merritt, program director at PBS Melbourne, Australia says, "The compositions are standouts, as are your voices that blend so perfectly in harmony."

**Admission: \$8, CVCA members \$7.**

## Spring Concert

### Northwinds British Brass Band

Saturday, May 10 – 7:30 p.m.

Founded in 1986 by director James Potter, the Northwinds British Brass Band is an exciting and unusual marriage of British brass bands and the American musical scene. This year marks a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and the eighth season performance at the Heyde Center for the Arts. The members of the band come from 18 northwestern communities, four from Chippewa Falls: Jess Dineen, French horn, Bob Koepsel, Eb tuba, Jerry Naiberg, Bb tuba, and Ross Wilson, guest conductor.

**Admission: adults \$6, CVCA members \$5, students \$3.**



## Esther Pedigo's

### Spring Student Piano Recital

Sunday, May 18 – 1 to 6 p.m.

Chippewa Falls piano teacher Esther Pedigo presents 60 students, ages 6 to 17, in an annual recital. The program will be divided into three sections of 20 students each with two intermissions. Included in each section will be the popular "Spotlights", an opportunity for some of the students to shine in an area other than piano – singing, juggling, skits, different instruments, and this year a puppet show. An exciting event for the children, their families, and anyone interested in music education.

**Admission: adults/seniors \$4, students and children \$2.**

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# Savoring the Arts

Saturday, May 3 starting at 6 p.m.

This is the second of what will be an annual fundraising dinner for the **Centennial Fund** of the Chippewa Valley Cultural Association. The first dinner was a highly successful celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the construction of the building. The funds raised were set aside in the newly-created Centennial Fund to support quality, innovative programming at the Heyde Center for the Arts.

This year a few of the best regional performers will entertain the diners through a wonderful meal prepared by chef/owner **Nathan Berg** of **Native Bay Restaurant** with beer and wine accompanying each course. The theme of the dinner is taking the time to slow down and savor life. Every day can be enriched by slowing down and enjoying the amazing gifts that life in the Chippewa Valley has to offer – talented artists and performers; excellent food and beverages, and wonderful friends and families.

This is a great way to contribute to the mission of the CVCA and enjoy an evening in the warmth and beauty of the Heyde Center for the Arts. **This year the Savoring the Arts task force has decided to dedicate the evening to the memory of our good friend and staunch CVCA supporter Gerry Mann.**

Invitations for the event will be mailed soon; however, you or your business could sponsor a table (six places for \$450 or eight places for \$600) and receive special recognition for your contribution. In addition, the CVCA welcomes anyone interested in underwriting some of the event costs. The total cost of the underwriting can be considered a tax-deductible contribution. If you would like more information about sponsoring a table or underwriting some of the event costs, please feel free to contact Deb Johnson at (tel) 715-726-9000, (cell) 715-579-8159, or (email) [djohnson@cvca.net](mailto:djohnson@cvca.net).

This year's entertainment will feature MJ Consort, dancer Michael Doran, poet Nancy Scobie, and Chancel String Quartet.

**Admission: \$75 a plate (\$35 is a tax-deductible donation to the CVCA).**



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## We Are Almost There!!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of many CVCA supporters, we have come very close to meeting our capital campaign goal of \$4,900 to repair the ceiling. In fact, we are close enough to schedule the construction company selected to do the repairs. Starting **July 21 until July 25**, we will be closing the auditorium again to repair the ceiling damage.

Remember, the auditorium will be closed from **June 9 to June 24** to refinish the floors of the auditorium and outside third floor landing. During these weeks, Chill on the Hill and the Wednesday Night Concert series will be held on the second floor, or outside?

## Significant Energy Savings

The next time you see one of the Monday volunteer crew, please congratulate them on their work on weatherizing our 101-year-old building. Their efforts have resulted in nearly a \$5,000 savings on our utility costs last year!! In a time when energy costs are rising the CVCA is bucking the trend by reducing its utility bills.

## 2008 Entertainment Package Passes

There are still plenty of programs left in the 2008 package and the passes offer incredible savings! Order yours now!

**Don't Forget to Renew Your Membership!**

## Building Projects

The Monday volunteers worked hard to sand and finish the back entrance stairs over the winter. Now the Monday crew is working on tiling the back entrance way floor to match the front entrance way. The material costs for the tiling has been donated by a donor who prefers to remain anonymous. All of the labor is being done by the Monday volunteers. This is a special project of interest for the donor and a labor of love for the volunteers.

In addition to the stairways, the volunteers have recaptured storage space that was formally inaccessible (unless one was very athletic). If you are interested in working with this group, please contact Jerry Brost at 726-9000.

## CVCA

### Renew my membership

- \* individual (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_
- \* family (\$30) \_\_\_\_\_
- \* business (\$50) \_\_\_\_\_

Endowment Gift \_\_\_\_\_

### 2008 Entertainment Package

- 10-punch adult (\$65) \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-punch senior (\$60) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5-punch adult (\$35) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5-punch senior (\$30) \_\_\_\_\_

Ceiling Repair Gift \_\_\_\_\_

Programming Gift \_\_\_\_\_

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MasterCard/Visa card number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Chippewa Valley Cultural Association

### Mail to:

CVCA  
P.O. Box 144  
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

# CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS



## BECOME A SPONSOR!

As a business owner and a supporter of the CVCA/Heyde Center for the Arts, becoming a program or an entertainment package sponsor is an excellent investment for your business as well as the community. You will find that the CVCA provides a wide variety of high quality arts and cultural programs - something for everyone.

Program sponsorship funds are extremely important help cover critical expenses such as publicity costs and performance fees, which in turn allow us to put more of the earned revenue from ticket and concession sales into the less exciting but costly) expenses such as lights, heat/air conditioning, building maintenance, and insurance.

The CVCA has created sponsorship packages that offer opportunities for area businesses and philanthropic individuals and organizations to sponsor their favorite programs, performances or artists. There are many ways that a group or individual can sponsor programming at the Heyde Center for the Arts.

On one hand, a sponsor can subsidize or fund a type of programming, for example family programming that encourage the entire family to participate in programs such as children's plays, musical groups, or dance classes aimed at the young and the old.

On the other hand, the sponsor could subsidize or fund a particular group that they love or would like to see or hear perform. The CVCA is keen to work with everyone in the community interested in supporting the arts and culture.

