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A New Year! 2024

MSO Trip a Great Success

Our resumption on October 20th of the very popular Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra program was enjoyed by subscribers. We are so fortunate to live near one of the great orchestras of the world, and to enjoy it in the marvelous Bradley Symphony Center, which has amazing acoustics. It is even better to avoid driving and parking problems, being dropped off at the entrance to the theater.



The featured artist was violinist Leila Josefowicz, who loves to perform contemporary compositions. Her choice for this concert was *Assonanza*, written for her by the concert's conductor Matthias Pintcher. It was very modern, and distinctly different. The music was counterbalanced by pieces by Debussy and Ravel.

Before each concert there is an informative lecture that provides interesting information about the composers and pieces featured. A traffic accident slowed the freeway to a crawl for over half an hour, so we missed it.

A great feature of the Arts Council concert series takes place after the concert --the "Meet and Greet the Artist Luncheon" in the Atrium. The food is delicious, and we are given an opportunity to ask questions of performers or conductors.



With three more concerts to come on March 8, April 26, and May 10, 2024, please contact us if you'd like to join us!

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Elementary School Concerts

Walworth County Arts Council supports the Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra with a donation every year ...

The excellent Lake Geneva Symphony Orchestra resumed its traditional series of school concerts sponsored by the Arts Council on November 17th, entertaining three Lake Geneva area schools. A substantial portion of the orchestra members volunteer their services to introduce young students to live classical and popular music to schools in Walworth county.

In a program beautifully designed to hold the students' interest, it began with pieces from *The Beauty and the Beast*, *The Little Mermaid*, and *Slime*, which conductor David Anderson asked what they were from, followed by enthusiastic responses. Stepping up came a world premiere composition by a senior UW Whitewater musician, and then Disney's *Aladdin*.



Every concert always includes an introduction to what instruments comprise each section of the orchestra. It is clear that many of the listeners have never seen some of them, responding with awe at the shape of a French horn or the sound of an oboe. Each group played a short segment individually, and then all played together to demonstrate the effect.

High school senior clarinetist Mackenzie Carpenter beautifully played a Weber concerto. Anderson used her example to urge diligent practice to become that proficient.

Lightening up a bit, the students were asked to stand up and do the Chicken Dance, which was a big hit. For the finale, the audience had the opportunity to walk through the orchestra while a gusty *Pirates of the Caribbean* played.



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Deadline is April 1, 2024

SCHOLARSHIPS

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-competitions

Arts Awards Ceremony



Mark your calendars and join us!

Elementary Arts Awards will resume its in-person program at the Elkhorn Middle School on Sunday, April 14th at 1:00 pm.



2023 County Fair Winner

Mary Beth Drabisvcvak, a pastel artist, from Waukesha was the recipient of the 2023 "Winning Moment" award sponsored by the Arts Council. Her plein air painting, PAIRED PRIZE PEPPERS, was painted during the competition and on display during the fair.

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Meet a Local Artist

SUSAN ANNE RUSSELL

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Susan Anne Russell is an artist who has sold her work to collectors in Italy, Chicago, California, and Florida. She is an author and Professor of the Arts and Humanities. She has exhibited in galleries throughout Chicago. Her studio is located on a lake which she draws her inspiration. She has been written up and reviewed by The Chicago Tribune, Daily Herald, The Chicago Reader, and the Illinois Entertainer.

She will exhibit at RED DOT during Miami Art week 2023 with a gallery from France-Mecenavie Gallery. *Susan participated in "The Other Art Fair" in Chicago 2022 and exhibited in Miami Spectrum 2022 concurrent with Miami Basel.* Susan Anne Russell's paintings are listed in Art Blend compilation 2022, introducing cutting edge artists.

"I live, breathe and feel art everyday. Art is my inner world of dreams, fantasies and exploration." Art is everywhere. Being an artist is learning how to see, perceive, enlighten, and evoke."

She is author of the textbook: *Exposing Yourself to the Performing Arts* published by BVT 2013. The paintings : Beatrice and Aphrodite are printed in the book. The book is in many international libraries, including: Oxford University Bodleian Library, Harvard University, Yale University Sterling Memorial Library, Columbia University Music and Arts Library, and more.

In 2021 Susan Anne Russell was selected as *Judge* of The Deerpath Art League Show "Art Fair on the Square" in Lake Forest. In 2017 she was *Judge* of the Annual Cook Mansion for the *Festival of The Arts* in Libertyville. In 2022 and in 2018 Susan had a Solo Show at The Woodstock Opera House. In May-June 2019 Susan had a Solo Show at The North Shore Arts League in Winnetka titled *Ethereal Dreams*. In 2018 she exhibited at The Marin MOCA Museum of Contemporary Art in Novato, California. In 2020 Susan exhibited her painting at The Elmhurst Art Museum in the show- Beyond The Surface. In the same year, *Sacred Falls* was selected for the *Art and Soul Poster* and in 2018 *Spirit Messenger* was the featured artwork for the Artists on the Bluff *Spirit Poster*. Other Solo shows include 2012 at the Adler Mansion and 2008 at Oxala Gallery of Fine Art in Pilsen. Susan's work appeared at the *Miami Spectrum 2015* show. In 2016 Exhibited in a 3 person Show titled: *Mixed Palettes* and a 3 person show at Deer Path Gallery- titled *Deck the Walls*. Susan was selected for the NY Biennale Art Show 2009, and accepted in New York's Agora Gallery located in the Chelsea District From 2009-2011 she exhibited at Gallerie MK in the River North District and at Robert Wayner's Black Walnut Gallery located in the Fulton Market Gallery District. *Aphrodite* was given the honor of being printed in the *Chicago Reader's* Art section accompanying the Oxala solo show. In 2019 Susan became an official member of Palette and Chisel Academy of Fine Arts in Chicago. Susan is an Art and Humanities professor since 2005 teaching Art History, History of Performing Arts, and studio art classes.

Susan Anne Russell's art is published internationally in compilation books, poetry books and textbooks. "I consider art an evolving process and feel my art comes from an exterior muse that enters and inspires."

**Susan's art is currently displayed in the WCAC case
at the Government Center in Elkhorn.**

Take a moment to stop by and see her amazing artwork in person!



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2024 Membership

THANK YOU!

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!

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