

 RIVER ARTS, INC.

## 2022-23 PERFORMING ARTS SERIES



# River Arts Inc. 2022-2023 Season



PROFESSIONAL  
& STUDENT  
ART EXHIBITS

RETAIL ART  
GALLERY



HOUSE  
CONCERTS

YOUTH & ADULT  
ART CLASSES



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INSPIRING, ENRICHING &  
EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY  
THROUGH THE ARTS

**River Arts Inc. (RAI)** was formed in 1997 and in 1998 became a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that served as the capital fundraising organization for the Sauk Prairie community's River Arts Center. When that charge was complete in 2000, the organization restructured itself as an arts presenter. River Arts Inc. produces an annual performance series in the 500-seat theatre in the River Arts Center as well as curates multiple art exhibits in the 1700 square foot River Arts Center gallery adjacent to the theatre. The organization moved its administrative office and ticketing outlet to the River Arts on Water gallery in 2011.



Opened in 2011, **River Arts on Water** is a beautiful space on the banks of the Wisconsin River in Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin. Devoted to the cultural and ecological vitality of the community, it is a retail gallery, concert, and gathering place operated by River Arts, Inc.

In 2017, thanks to tremendous community support, River Arts Inc. became owners of their downtown property and now offer art workshops in the **Studio** for all ages.



# 2022-2023 River Arts Center Series

## Mo Pitney (Country)

Saturday, October 1, 2022 7pm



MO PITNEY took the country music industry by storm with the release of his single, "Country" in 2014. Since then, he's released two albums "Behind this Guitar" and "Ain't Lookin' Back," which reached Billboard's Top Ten Country Albums chart the first week of its release.

A regular guest on "Country's Family Reunion" and recently an opening act for Josh Turner and Diamond Rio, Mo exudes classic country at its finest.

## Christmas Bingo: It's a Ho-Ho-Holy Night!

Sunday, December 18, 2022 2pm



Vicki Quade brings the reason for the season with CHRISTMAS BINGO. Interspliced between quick bingo games, she keeps the audience laughing with her deadpan takes on Catholic Christmas traditions. Ms. Quade knows how to work the room. Relying on lessons learned from the nuns (here she plays an ex-nun now in charge of the archdiocese's bingo fundraising department) she uses her ruler for emphasis, never raises her voice, and enlists willing participants regardless of religion.

## The Four C Notes (Frankie Valli Tribute)

Saturday, January 21, 2023 2pm



THE FOUR C NOTES are the Midwest's ONLY tribute recreating the iconic sounds of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons! THE FOUR C NOTES were created by John Michael Coppola best known for his appearance in Chicago's long-running production of the Broadway smash hit JERSEY BOYS! The 90-minute show features everyone's favorite hits: "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Walk Like A Man," "Can't Take My Eyes Off Of You," "Workin' My way Back To You (Babe)," "Let's Hang On," and many, many more!

## Ryan & Ryan (Classical/Jazz)

Friday, February 10, 2023 7pm



RYAN & RYAN is a dynamic father-son piano duo that blends classic and contemporary music into an enthralling concert experience. Celebrate one of America's greatest composers with Ryan & Ryan's *Going Gershwin* concert program. From George Gershwin's songs, *Porgy and Bess*, and *Rhapsody in Blue*, it's full of favorites that will keep you smiling from start to finish. And with two Steinways on the River Arts Center stage, it's sure to leave the crowd mesmerized.

## A Jerry Ensemble Cabaret (Musical Theater)

Friday, March 24, 2023 7pm



Join us and settle in for a night of wonderful singing and cabaret entertainment! THE JERRY ENSEMBLE will delight you with songs from musical theatre classic gems to fresh on the scene contemporary shows. Hear solos, duets, trios and more by these accomplished high school singers. Hailing from over sixteen regional Wisconsin schools, these exceptionally talented performers will make this an unforgettable evening. Sing along with your favorites, learn new ones, and get to know these outstanding entertainers! They are sure to touch your hearts and bring a smile to your face during this event.

## Six Appeal (a cappella)

Friday, April 21, 2023 7pm



SIX APPEAL is a world class vocal ensemble infused with impeccable comedic timing and the energy and vitality of a rock band. Swearing off instruments, this award-winning vocal band takes you on a journey that spans decades of music, performing classic oldies, current chart toppers, and catchy original tunes - all sung a cappella.

# 2022-2023 River Arts Center Exhibits

## ***Long Time Passing* (Gallery)**

### **Wisconsin Visual Artists: *Midwest Seasons* (Lobby)**



**Reception: Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 5:30pm-7:30pm**

**Artist Talk at 6pm**

**Exhibit Dates: September 15-November 18, 2022**

#### ***Long Time Passing* (Gallery)**

Midwest farming changes constantly. Sadly, the state of Wisconsin is losing more than two family farms per day. These changes in the Midwest landscape, physically and economically, moved artists Roberta Condon and Lorraine Ortner-Blake to present together two series of paintings to focus on the struggles, joys, and challenges of Midwest farm life. The exhibit is titled “Long Time Passing,” a phrase from a Pete Seeger song.



#### **WVA: *Midwest Seasons* (Lobby)**

Wisconsin Visual Artists (WVA) is one of the oldest professional arts organizations in America. It began in 1900 in Milwaukee and today they have nearly four hundred members in three regional chapters and hold exhibitions throughout Wisconsin. This exhibit features a variety of media representing the title theme of “Midwest Seasons.”

## ***See Me* (Gallery)**

### **Middle School, High School, & Advanced Placement High School (Lobby)**

**Closing Reception: Thursday, February 16, 2023 5:30pm-7:30pm**

**Exhibit Dates: Dec. 8, 2022-February 16, 2023**

#### ***See Me* (Gallery) LGBTQ+ call for artists**

“See Me” features artwork focused on, and created by, members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Over the years, queer art has had a long and tangled history of censorship. In this exhibition, we hear the voices of the LGBTQIA+ artists in our community and celebrate their achievements in the visual arts.



**February 16<sup>th</sup> Keynote Speaker:** Rae Senarighi is a champion of storytelling through art, as a fine artist, designer and muralist, an activist, cancer survivor and pursuing accurate and celebratory representation of the trans community. Rae currently resides in Madison, WI, but he makes a lasting impact throughout the world. His art can be seen internationally and is featured in a wide range of outlets from Art Voices magazine to DNA India.

Netflix and GLAAD invited Rae to celebrate authentic, accurate portrayals of trans characters in media through a series of paintings. He's also partnered with the Philadelphia Trans Wellness Conference and Washington Healthcare for All to support healthcare for the transgender community.

#### **Middle School, High School, Advanced Placement High School (Lobby)**

Featuring Sauk Prairie student artwork

## Youth Art Month: K-5 Student Art

Reception: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 3:30pm-6pm

Exhibit Dates: March 1-April 6, 2023

## Middle School, High School, and Advanced Placement High School

Reception: Thursday, April 20, 2023 3:30pm-5:30pm

Exhibit Dates: April 20-May 24, 2023

## 2022-2023 House Concerts at River Arts on Water

### Broadway Quartet (Broadway)

Saturday, July 23rd, 2022 7pm

The Broadway Quartet concert features performances by Meg Aspinwall, Matt Brennan, Lindsey Giese, and Bobby Goderich with Johnathan Turba on keys. From Broadway to Pop, these performers will have you laughing and feeling all the feels!



### Erin Krebs Duo: A Jazzy Holiday

Friday, December 9th, 2022 7pm

In 2016, *Jazziz Magazine* wrote that Erin Krebs "may be a best-kept secret of her native Wisconsin". It seems the word is out, as this dynamic performer is well on her way to becoming one of Wisconsin's premier and most treasured vocalists. Ranging from sultry jazz stylings to bebop scat to belting out the Blues, her performances exude confidence and a passion for life that audiences instantly recognize as genuine and heartfelt. Erin will be joined by music veteran Jeff Johnston.



### No Name String Band (Appalachian, Classical, Bluegrass)

Friday, March 10th, 2023 7pm

The No Name String Band music collective distills the heart of old time fiddle music, jazz/funk improvisation, latin rhythms – with a dram of classical discipline – into their uniquely new time sound. They spin their own groove on light-footed and hard-driving barn dance tunes of the American south, while slowing down to explore more introspective original compositions.



### Jenn Bostic (Pop, Blues, Gospel)

Friday, April 7th, 2023 7pm

Jenn Bostic is a soulful singer/songwriter with a hint of pop, blues and gospel. Her emotive songwriting and powerful vocals have been touching hearts around the world, including sold out tours across the United States and Europe with performances on the stages of The Grand Ole Opry, The Ryman Auditorium, Lincoln Center, BBC Breakfast Television, BBC Songs of Praise, Daystar, and TBN US and UK.



### Rising Stars and Mini Rising Stars (Sauk Prairie Youth)

Dates and location TBD May 2023

Annual concerts featuring our very talented Sauk Prairie High School and Middle School students.



# 2022-2023 Special Events

## TDS Sidewalk Chalk Festival



**Saturday, July 16, 2022**

**9:00am-12:00pm**

Celebrate summer with the second TDS Sidewalk Chalk Festival! Join us at Meyer Oak Grove Park for a morning of art, fun, and music. Featuring professional chalk artist Peter Davidson creating a masterpiece live during the event.

## Prairie du Sac Night Market (NEW!)



**Friday, June 17, August 19, and October 14 5pm-9pm**

Night markets are open air street markets featuring live music, arts and crafts vendors, food trucks, and other activities designed to drive traffic to downtowns or underutilized spaces and support businesses and community well-being.

Sponsored by: Sauk County Extension Education, Arts, & Culture Committee and Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the National Endowment for the Arts

## Cow Chip Arts & Crafts Fair



**Saturday, September 3, 2022**  
**9am-5pm**

## Dueling Pianos at the Dorf Haus



**February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**7pm-10pm**

This event features a night of live music where you can request your own songs and enter to win the 50/50 raffle!

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