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WILDWOOD  
ARTIST  
SERIES  
2021-2022

# 30th Anniversary Season

**Jennifer Grimm & Joe Cruz**  
Sunday, October 10, 2021 • 3:00 PM

Chautauqua Fine Arts Center  
8000 75th Street North, Mahtomedi, Minnesota

## WELCOME

Welcome back to the first concert of the 2021-2022 Wildwood Artist Series after almost two years “on hiatus”. We are honored to host you. Please enjoy a short 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary video and brief remarks by Ellie Bruner, Wildwood Artist Series President.

## ABOUT THE ARTISTS

### *Joe Cruz*

Joe Cruz is regarded as one of the most versatile and energetic multi-stringed instrumentalists on the Twin Cities music scene today. Throughout his 30-year career, this passionate musician has been involved with numerous groups and recording projects, developing a vast array of styles. On any given night he can be found playing anything from solo acoustic guitar to screaming electric, swinging with a jazz combo, picking mandolin and dobro in a bluegrass band or exploring Latin music on Cuban tré and Puerto Rican cuatro. Also a composer, Joe has an extensive repertoire of original song and instrumental compositions. In addition to his musical talents, Joe is an accomplished wood turner and furniture builder. He currently performs a solo act as well as with his trio, Scenic Roots, guitar/vocal jazz duo Cruz with Roxy. He also plays regularly with fiddler Brian Wicklund & The Barley Jacks and with blues piano man Scottie "Bones" Miller.



### *Jennifer Grimm*

Growing up on the road was fun for Jennifer as she danced and sang her way across the country with her family's variety act for the first thirteen years of her life. After settling down in the Twin Cities in her teens, she attended public school for the first time and kept performing with her mother, Colleen Raye, in various venues

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## ABOUT THE WILDWOOD ARTIST SERIES

The Wildwood Artist Series (WAS) was formed in 1991 as a committee of the Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation (MAEF), a 501(c)(3) organization which serves as our organization's fiscal agent.

For the past 30 years, WAS has presented quality, diverse, family appropriate performing arts events and has encouraged an appreciation of the fine arts in the community. Performers such as the Vienna Boys Choir, Arlo Guthrie, The Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats, Billy McLaughlin, Pat Donahue, John McCutcheon, Monroe Crossing (to name just a few) have entertained and enriched the lives of community members of all ages.

The Wildwood Artist Series is run by a volunteer committee who contribute their time, talent, and energy to bring the best and most accomplished performers to the Chautauqua Fine Arts Center stage.

## WILDWOOD ARTIST SERIES COMMITTEE

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Consider becoming a member of the Wildwood Artist Series committee. We need volunteers in the areas of Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Marketing and PR and Vice President. If interested, please call Ellie at (651) 426-3640.

## THE RESIDENCY ENRICHMENT ENDOWMENT

During the thirty years that the Wildwood Artist Series has enriched our community, a fund surplus has been realized. In an effort to strengthen the performing arts in District 832, WAS developed a program to support each of the four schools on a rotating basis with funds for music residencies and enrichment. In 2016, the first residency took place. This investment has received unanimous support among ISD 832 music faculty and administration.

The endowment provides a great opportunity for our music programs to impact many students on a yearly basis. Students' greatest learning experiences occur when they interact with authentic, skilled, and vibrant musicians, composers and ensembles. A residency or curricular enrichment may include an authentic cultural experience, guest composers, interaction with clinicians and commissioned works. See, below, the list of talented individuals who have enriched our music programs thus far.

The current fund balance provides enough revenue for an enrichment experience at one school per year. The goal is to grow the endowment so that all four schools has an experience every year.

2016	Ross Sutter at Wildwood Elementary
2017	J.D. Steele at OH Anderson Elementary
2018	Dr. Scott Agster with Mahtomedi Middle and High School Bands
2019	Kyle Pederson with Mahtomedi Middle and High School Choirs
2020	James Hersch at Wildwood Elementary
2021	coming up...Peter Mayer at OH Anderson Elementary



## REMAINING 2021-2022 SERIES EVENTS

All Concerts are held in the Chautauqua Fine Arts Center of Mahtomedi High School.

### ***Mahtomedi Music Faculty Concert***

Sunday, November 7, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

### ***Monroe Crossing – Holiday Concert***

Friday, December 10, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

### ***Dance Party Reunion – A Tribute to Buddy Holly & Friends***

Sunday, March 6, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

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including the Mall of America, Treasure Island Casino and Mystic Lake Casino. While earning her degree in Mathematics from Augsburg College, Jennifer continued singing in clubs with 10-piece funk bands, in various cabaret and theater venues with theater companies, and in convention halls and churches as a featured vocalist with Augsburg College's Gospel Praise.

Soon after college, Jennifer ventured into her solo career, appearing on stages locally with such names as Garrison Keillor and Debbie Duncan, and in New York City, Europe and the Caribbean. With radio and recording success in local areas and overseas, Jennifer continues to base herself at home in the Twin Cities.

Some of Jennifer's credits include performing at Carnegie Hall; Johnny Mercer Songbook Series at the Ordway; Steerage Song at the Fitzgerald Theater; earning the #2 spot on Aruba's year-end top 100 countdown; performing in New York City with shining press in The Village Voice; opening up for Oleta Adams at the St. Vincent Blues Festival; performing on Garrison Keillor's (creator of A Prairie Home Companion) Rhubarb Show; sharing performance events with Huey Lewis and The News, Michael Buble, and Martina McBride; starring in the Ordway's production of My Way, A Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra; being the voice of the World Figure Skating Champions Tour theme song; and singing as a featured artist on many albums including Gene Adams' Jazz Anthology, Power of 10, The Minnesota Boychoir, Century Big Band, New York's Jonathan Rayson, Norah Long, Theater Latte Da, Girl Singers of the Hit Parade, Mark Croft, Tim Patrick and the Blue Eyes Band, Gourmet Jazz and LA's Holly Long.



If you are interested in enjoying more of this fabulous duo, they perform regularly at Ingredients Café in White Bear Lake.