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The poster features a central photograph of five musicians smiling and playing instruments. The number '30' is prominently displayed in large, stylized orange and blue digits. Above the number, there are musical notes and a red guitar. To the right, the text 'WILDWOOD ARTIST SERIES 2021-2022' is written in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the photograph, the words 'Anniversary Season' are written in a large, blue, serif font. At the bottom, the event title 'Monroe Crossing' is written in a large, blue, serif font, followed by the date and time 'Friday, March 18, 2022 • 7:30 PM' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The background is a bright yellow with a subtle pattern of musical notes and instruments.

WILDWOOD
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30th Anniversary Season

Monroe Crossing
Friday, March 18, 2022 • 7:30 PM

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

WELCOME

Welcome to this forth concert in our 2021-2022 series. We appreciate the opportunity to share live performances again post-pandemic – especially as we celebrate our 30th anniversary year. Enjoy the music of Monroe Crossing!

ABOUT MONROE CROSSING

Named in honor of Bill Monroe, “The Father of Bluegrass Music,” Monroe Crossing dazzles audiences with an electrifying blend of classic bluegrass, bluegrass gospel, original bluegrass and even selections outside the bluegrass genre. Their superb musicianship and on-stage rapport have entertained audiences across the United States, Canada and Europe.

For nearly 20 years this Minnesota based band has averaged over 100 shows a year performing in intimate rooms, community theaters, major venues and outdoor festivals. They are favorites among bluegrass connoisseurs and non-bluegrass audiences alike. They love introducing newcomers to bluegrass music!



Monroe Crossing is made up of five very distinct personalities with differing musical backgrounds. When combined, their individual



REMAINING 2021-2022 SERIES EVENTS

All Concerts (unless otherwise stated) are held in the Chautauqua Fine Arts Center of Mahtomedi High School.

Sing-Along with Dan & Bill Chouinard at Forster's Dugout

Monday, March 28, 2022 @ 7pm

Mahtomedi A Cappella Showcase

Saturday, April 2, 2022 @ 7pm

The Okee Dokee Brothers

Saturday, May 14, 2022 @ 4pm

For ticket information or to purchase tickets go to www.wildwoodartistseries.com or call (651) 605-1124.

The Chautauqua Fine Arts Center provides access for people with disabilities. A ramp is available to the left side of the lobby for any individuals who need it. Public restrooms are located off the lobby in either direction. Beverages and food are limited to the lobby or high school commons and may not be brought into the Center. Fire codes prohibit seating in the aisles. Our buildings and grounds are smoke free.

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 have an experience every year.

2016-2017	Ross Sutter at Wildwood Elementary
2017-2018	J.D. Steele at OH Anderson Elementary
2018-2019	Dr. Scott Agster with Mahtomedi Middle and High School Bands
2019-2020	Kyle Pederson with Mahtomedi Middle And High School Choirs
2020-2021	James Hersch at Wildwood Elementary
2021-2022	Peter Mayer at OH Anderson Elementary

histories make for a unique sound. The three original members are: Mark Anderson (bass), Lisa Fuglie (fiddle & lead vocals) and Matt Thompson (mandolin & harmony vocals). Derek Johnson (guitar & lead vocals) joined in 2011. David Robinson (banjo, dobro & backing vocals) joined in 2012 and now performs with the band on a part-time basis.

In 2007, Monroe Crossing was inducted into the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame. They have twice been selected to showcase at the annual World of Bluegrass convention hosted by the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) and they have appeared twice at Carnegie Hall in New York City. In 2016, Monroe Crossing had the honor of being the first Minnesota bluegrass band to perform in South Korea.

Monroe Crossing has recorded 17 CDs to date. The band's discography consists of traditional & original bluegrass, three bluegrass gospel recordings, a tribute to Bill Monroe, a collection of Classic Country, two Christmas recordings, and two collaborations with the award-winning choir Vocal Essence.

Whether playing traditional bluegrass, original bluegrass or some surprising songs outside the bluegrass genre, Monroe Crossing is one of the most entertaining acts in bluegrass today!

For more information, visit their website at www.monroecrossing.com.

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