



WILDWOOD
ARTIST
SERIES

**Music
For All Ages**



Peter Mayer

SATURDAY **FEBRUARY 25, 2023** 4:00PM

Fine Arts Center

8000 75th Street North, Mahtomedi, Minnesota

WELCOME FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Dear valued patrons,

Variety. *That's my philosophy as a parent...introduce my kids to a variety of experiences, so that they can discover their own passions.*

*And that is why I'm so grateful to the many teachers, coaches, parents, and other volunteers that have supported and enriched our lives. Volunteers like Ellie Bruner, who for 32 years as President of the Wildwood Artist Series has been bringing various types of performing arts to our community and schools. We honor Ellie's service tonight and are pleased to rename our Performing Artist Residency Program the **Ellen C. Bruner Professional Performing Artist Residency Program.***

Tonight's performer, Peter Mayer, was our most recent resident artist last school year. Over two weeks, Peter connected with every student at O.H. Anderson about his process of writing songs and how he began as a musician.

Now I'm trying to pay it forward by accepting this volunteer opportunity to lead the Wildwood Artist Series. Along with the dedicated WAS committee, I hope to carry on Ellie's legacy, where we recognize the ability to teach, intrigue, and transform through the power of the performing arts.

This evening I invite you to celebrate the performing arts as well as our founder through the talents of Peter Mayer and special guest Rick Bruner!

Julie

Julie Molitor, Wildwood Artist Series President

ABOUT PETER MAYER



Minnesota's Peter Mayer has been singing and songwriting full-time for over 20 years, performing in venues across the United States and beyond. He writes songs for the small planet – songs about interconnectedness and the human journey – songs about life on earth and the mysterious and wondrous fact of our existence. He also writes songs about dress hats, pumpkins and pajamas, and other important stuff.

His music has been performed by artists like Kathy Mattea, David Wilcox, Claudia Schmidt, Anne Hills, Priscilla Herdman, Darryl Purpose, Billy Jonas and Rony Cox to name a few. His work has been included in song books, church hymnals, and folk radio playlists across the country. He is the recipient of fellowships from the McKnight and the Bush Foundations. Peter has eleven albums to his credit and has sold over 100,000 of them. He lives in Stillwater with his wife and two daughters.

Visit Peter's website at <https://www.petermayer.net/> for information on upcoming shows or to purchase his music.

REMAINING 2022-2023 SERIES EVENTS

Unless otherwise stated below, all concerts are held in the Fine Arts Center at Mahtomedi High School.

Monday, February 27, 2023 @ 7pm

Sing-along with Dan Chouinard & Friends at The Dugout

Saturday, April 1, 2023 @ 7pm

Mahtomedi A Cappella Showcase

For ticket information or to purchase tickets go to wildwoodartistseries.com.

The Fine Arts Center at Mahtomedi High School 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) is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1990 as a committee of the Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation (MAEF), a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. The goal of WAS is to present quality, diverse, family-appropriate arts events, and to encourage an appreciation of the fine arts in the community.

Over the course of our 30 year+ history, 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 Fine Arts Center stage.

WILDWOOD ARTIST SERIES COMMITTEE

Julie Molitor	President
Tony Vosooney	Treasurer
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Consider becoming a member of the Wildwood Artist Series committee. Contact Julie at info@wildwoodartistseries.com to learn more.

THE ELLEN C. BRUNER PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING ARTS RESIDENCY PROGRAM



Ellie Bruner founded the Wildwood Artist Series in 1990 to encourage an appreciation of the fine arts and to support musical education in our community. Under her leadership, WAS initiated the Wildwood Artist Series Professional Performing Artist Residency Program which funds extended residencies by professional performing artists (clinicians, composers, arrangers and artists of various cultural backgrounds) to work closely with

students in the Mahtomedi school district. WAS is currently able to offer one residency per year that rotates around the four schools. Ultimately, we would like to be able to provide a residency for each school every year. See, below, the list of talented individuals who have enriched our music programs thus far.

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
2022-2023	Sowah Mensah at Mahtomedi Middle School

Honor Ellie with a donation to the Wildwood Artist Series by scanning the QR code below.



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