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(July 1 – September 26, 2023)

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

The Wildwood Artist Series is a committee of the
Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation (MAEF)



UPCOMING 2023-2024 SERIES EVENTS

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

The President's Own United States Marine Band

Monday, October 9, 2023 @ 7:30pm - FREE
this special event held at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

The Mahtomedi Music Faculty Concert

Sunday, October 29, 2023 @ 4:30pm

Kenwood Symphony Orchestra – Peter & the Wolf

Saturday, January 27, 2024 @ 4pm

Sing Along - TBA

A Cappella Showcase

Saturday, April 6, 2024 @ 7pm



To purchase tickets -
visit wildwoodartistseries.com,
scan this QR code or call
612-655-6023.

The **Chautauqua Fine Arts Center** provides access for people with disabilities. A ramp is available to the left side of the lobby. 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.

WILDWOOD ARTIST SERIES VOLUNTEERS

David Bennett	MAEF Representative
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Consider becoming a member of the Wildwood Artist Series committee! We currently are in need of someone to create our Programs. To learn more, contact Julie at info.wildwoodartistseries@gmail.com or (612) 655-6023.

IN-SCHOOL ARTIST RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

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 Mahtomedi Middle
2023-2024	TBA - Mahtomedi High School

BRUNER RESIDENCY FUND DONORS

(January 1 – September 26, 2023)

Thank you for your support of this incredible legacy program. Ellie Bruner, our founder, is so missed.

Mary Kaye & Greg Anderson | Linda Anderson
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ABOUT SHAPESHIFT

Sharing Powerful Stories Through Dance



SHAPESHIFT is a highly acclaimed hip-hop/contemporary dance collective that uses a fusion of dance styles to create powerful theatrical productions tackling issues of social justice, loss, love, and human emotions. SHAPESHIFT productions are beautifully told through interwoven vignettes that incorporate acting, dance and a range of blended musical selections. Performances include The Kennedy Center in Washington DC, Jazz at Lincoln Center New York City, and the Indiana Repertory Theater Indianapolis. SHAPESHIFT has performed and partnered with local organizations such as General Mills, UNCF, The Sanneh Foundation, Affinity Plus, Social Enterprise Minneapolis and The University of St Thomas Global Finals. In June the company premiered its new production 'Be Your Own Superhero' at Ordway Center for Performing Arts to sold out audiences.

SHAPESHIFT recently was the Cover Feature of Lavender Magazine's Health and Wellness Issue, spotlight artist on PBS/TPT Originals and featured in Mpls/St Paul Magazine! Additional performances include the Prince Tribute Concert in front of 20,000 strong at Xcel Energy Center, featured artist Paula Abdul's dance challenge We Day, at Xcel Center before 20,000 screaming students and Super Bowl LII, DirectTVNow's Jennifer Lopez campaign.

SHAPESHIFT loves our Minnesota community and they are driven to inspire others and to bring people together through powerful movement!

ABOUT THE SHOW

You don't need to be superhuman to save the world. Be yourself. Find the magic and power from within! Be Your Own Superhero is a theatrical dance production that tells the story of 9 friends discovering what it takes to be heroes in their own community. Against the backdrop of a vibrant city, these close-knit friends encounter challenges that only make them stronger. Together, they quickly learn empowering life lessons that: being kind and gentle with the earth breathes a healthier life for others; hard work takes effort and passion, and love of the arts is meaningful and beautiful. They don't need to be faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than the next person, or able to leap tall buildings in a single jump to be a changemaker—the Superhero has always been them and you!

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.



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 at least one residency experience for each student during their school career. Here is the list of talented individuals who have enriched our music programs thus far:

WELCOME!

Dear Valued Patrons,

I read a study that said that kids feel the most loved when adults play with them. I know we shouldn't believe every study that we hear, but that one makes sense to me. I also recently heard a woman lament the lack of child-appropriate movies in the theaters. She said that watching a movie at home just wasn't the same – in a theater you have to sit, undistracted, and experience all of the sounds, movements, and emotions together.

With your support, we are so pleased to be able to bring SHAPESHIFT's theatrical performance to our community. I hope at the very least it inspires you to dance, sing, draw, or do any other kind of activity with a child. Because from my point of view, and supported by scientific studies, dancing together = play = love. And that surely will make everyone feel like a Superhero!

Thank you for coming and enjoy the show!

Julie Molitor
President, Wildwood Artist Series