



THE DEPOT FOUNDATION

expressions

and Annual Report

Spring 2015



Welcome, Briana!

This spring, the Depot has a new face – Briana Johnson. Briana brings a wealth of experience to her role as the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center Program Director. Briana will draw from her strong history of marketing, sales, program development, and community relations. Having worked at Spirit Mountain for 18 years, she has a solid understanding of the recreation and tourism industry that can immediately be applied to The Depot and its member organizations. Briana is not an entirely new face to our Participating Member Organizations (PMOs), serving in a number of roles in the Duluth community. She served as the President of the Duluth Area Attractions Council and was on the Visit Duluth Board of Directors. She also believes strongly in giving back to the community through her passion for non-profit organizations and currently serves as the Board Chair for the Duluth Area YMCA.

“Coming to work in this new position at The Depot feels surprisingly more familiar than I imagined. I’ve partnered with several of the PMOs over the years through my work with the Duluth Area Attractions Council and Visit Duluth, and have developed such great relationships with Ken Buehler and some of the Staff in this building that it immediately felt like my new home,” says Briana.

She says further, “To be in a position like this now, as a catalyst for partnership and synergy among so many organizations, is an incredible opportunity. I am eagerly looking forward to maximizing collaborative programming and events for the organizations in this building, and continuing to generate excitement and energy as we position The Depot as THE place to celebrate the art, history, and culture of our area.”

The Depot and all of its PMOs may expect great things from Briana as she sets out her vision for the Depot: “My vision is to have our community see The Depot as the hub for art, history, and culture in our area. To become financially sustainable enough to accomplish this higher vision, I will work toward increasing attendance at The Depot, increasing collaborative efforts and cross-promotional opportunities among the PMOs, and maximizing the utilization of this amazing and historic building.”

Please join all of us at The Depot Foundation in welcoming Briana Johnson!

A Message from the Board



Rob Hofmann
Vice Chair

Happy Spring 2015!

You have successfully survived another Northland winter. Congratulations!!

Although faced with a few more weeks of wintery weather, we hope you are optimistic that warm and sunny days are near at hand. In fact, you may already be reading, and rereading, your home & garden magazines and seed catalogs.

Certainly, March and April are great months to plan for the next growing season!

You know that though the Earth may be asleep, the garden of your imagination is in full bloom. You know the steps that await you, preparing the ground, planting the seeds, and providing them with sun and water, will yield an abundant harvest.

As the gardener, so too, the philanthropist.

You, the gardener, are eternally optimistic that you have the ability to unleash the potential of the crop you have sown. You, the philanthropist, share this optimism with every gift you make. You know that you have the ability to provide the seed that will allow the Depot Foundation, and the many Duluth not-for-profits we serve, to flower. Your gifts permit our many Partner Member Organizations to flourish and grow at the Depot - *Thank You!*

We invite you to dig deep – and consider a renewable gift to the Depot Foundation as part of your spring plans.

NEW TO THE BOARD

The Depot Foundation is pleased to announce the election of two new board members:

Jean R. Perrault is the director of orchestras at the University of Minnesota Duluth. He is also the artistic director and board president of the Kako Foundation, which provides innovative music education programs that transform and empower the lives of children and youth at-risk in Haiti and the United States. He is a former cultural community liaison for the Arts Board, former chair of Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra artistic committee, and former member of Sacred Heart Music Center artistic board. Perrault was inducted into the “Gallery of Success” at Temple University, and has received the “Honneur et Merite” award from Holy Trinity Music School, a Meet the Composer National Endowment for the Arts award, and an Image Award from Haitian American Leadership Organization (HALO). He has a BA in music performance and a master’s degree in music, both from Temple University.



Ivy Vainio currently is employed by the University of Wisconsin-Superior within their Office of Multicultural Affairs. She has 22 years of experience working and advocating for racial/diverse/ethnic students from all educational levels at UW-Superior, University of Minnesota-Duluth, and the University of Washington-Seattle. She is also a photographer and has been internationally, regionally, and locally published and recognized for her work during the past five years. For eleven years, she coordinated a month long successful collaborated American Indian Art Exhibition at UW-Superior featuring several American Indian accomplished working professional artists and high school students from our region of MN, WI,



and Canada. She received her Bachelor’s Degree at the University of Minnesota-Duluth in History in 1992 and her Master of Arts Degree in Communications at UW-Superior in 2013. She has a passion and commitment for the advancement and representation of diverse community members within the educational systems as well as within many varying facets within our communities. She is a direct descendant of a Grand Portage Band of Ojibwe tribal member and she lives in Duluth, MN with her husband Arne and their son Jake.

Year End Financials

(Fiscal year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014)

	2014	2013		2014	2013
Public Support and Revenue			Grants and Operating Expenses		
Cash Contributions	\$169,896	\$200,133	Grants and Grant Making	\$244,808	\$208,883
Recognized In-Kind Contributions	26,828	28,070	Management and Administrative	58,384	58,529
Investment Income	136,231	111,317	Fund raising	25,704	29,258
Net Realized and Unrealized			Total Grants and Operating Expenses	\$328,896	\$296,670
Investment Gains (Losses)	780,854	461,885	Change in Depot Foundation-Owned Net Assets	\$793,707	\$512,688
Other	8,794	7,953	Depot Foundation-Owned Net Assets, Beginning of Year	5,668,151	5,155,463
Total Public Support and Revenue	\$1,122,603	\$809,358	Depot Foundation-Owned Net Assets, End of Year	\$6,461,858	\$5,668,151
			Funds Managed for		
			Affiliated Organizations	\$317,456	\$304,016

Audited financial statements are available at the Depot Foundation Office; the IRS Form 990-PF is available for review at the Depot Foundation Office



2014 Arts and Culture Award Recipients

(front): Kenneth Schoen, *Lifetime Achievement Award*; Crystal Pelkey, *Initiative Award*; Ann Gumpfer, *Artist Award*; (back, L to R): Bill Shipley, *Lifetime Artist Award*; Robert DeArmond, *Community Enrichment Award*

Arts and Culture Awards Committee

Jean Olson, *Chair* • Ken Bloom • Linda Boben • Dennis Lamkin • Dick Fischer, *Ex Officio*



Duluth Playhouse: White Christmas



by Gruchalla/Rosetti Pottery



Newly-installed electronic Depot sign



Children's Theatre, Willy Wonka, Jr.



Future Depot East Entrance Sign



Duluth Playhouse: White Christmas



Duluth Art Institute



DSSO Chamber music "Informance"

Thank you to the Historic Union Depot Corporation for the use of the Great Hall for our Circle of Friends Celebration.



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PARTICIPATING MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Arrowhead Chorale

Jody Ondich, *Chorale Coordinator*

Duluth Art Institute

Anne Dugan,
Executive & Artistic Director

Duluth Children's Museum

Cameron Bloom Krueger, *President*

Duluth Playhouse

Christine Gradl Seitz,
Executive and Artistic Director

Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra

Rebecca Lynn Petersen,
Executive Director

Matinee Musicale

Charlotte Taylor, *Board President*

Minnesota Ballet

Robert Gardner, *Artistic Director*

St. Louis County Historical Society

JoAnne Coombe, *Executive Director*

Historic Union Depot

Ken Buehler, *Executive Director*

Lake Superior Railroad Museum

Ken Buehler, *Executive Director*

Depot Program Director

Briana Johnson

DEPOT FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jean B. Olson, *Chair*

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Ivy Vainio • Pete Weidman

Staff: Marla Thibodeau

HELP US HONOR OUR ARTS AND CULTURE LEADERS

Who do YOU think has made a significant contribution to the arts and culture of our region? An artist – volunteer – philanthropist – administrator – organization? Here is an opportunity to recognize and thank those who have made our region a vibrant cultural hub.

Established in 1999, the Depot Foundation Arts and Culture Awards celebrate the efforts of outstanding individuals and organizations. *Please help by nominating an individual or organization for each or any of the following awards:*

Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual or organization for lifetime contribution to the arts and culture of our region.

Community Enrichment Award recognizes bold steps taken to strengthen the arts and culture of our region.

Initiative Award recognizes those individuals or organizations demonstrating exemplary initiative in creating opportunities in, or expanding access to, the arts and culture of our region.

Historical Preservation Award recognizes an individual, organization or project that has made a substantial impact on historic preservation and/or interpretation in the region.

Artist Award recognizes an artist whose distinguished career has made significant contributions to the development of both artists and the arts.

Lifetime Artist Award recognizes an Arrowhead Region artist whose lifetime artistic excellence, dedication and vision have made a positive impact on our community.

Nomination forms are available on our website, www.depotfoundation.org or call the Depot Foundation office at (218) 279-9913 for information. Deadline is **May 29, 2015**. Then join us on October 21st at our sixteenth annual *Circle of Friends Celebration* honoring Depot Foundation members and the *Arts and Culture Awards* recipients.