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LaCage aux Folles— Duluth Playhouse



Lion King JR
Duluth Playhouse Childrens Theater



Artist Designed Croquet
Duluth Art Institute

expressions

Fall 2017

This issue of Expressions highlights the community leaders who provide and enrich the arts and culture in our area. Without passionate individuals to blaze the way, we would have so much less to experience, learn and enjoy.

The Depot Foundation celebrates the achievements of up to six Arts and Culture Award recipients each year. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful annual event: The Eighteenth Annual Arts and Culture Awards ceremony will be held during the Circle of Friends Celebration at the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center (the Depot) on Thursday, October 19th.

Join in celebrating their well-deserved recognition at our community treasure, the Historic Union Depot.

We extend an invitation to you and all community members who share our commitment to arts, culture and history. Call 279-9913 (or email info@depotfoundation.org) today to make your reservation (\$30 person).

The Circle of Friends Celebration

Art, history, culture, and the people who make it possible

Recipients of the 2017 Arts and Culture Awards are:

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| ■ Dick Fischer
<i>Lifetime Achievement Award</i> | ■ Betsy Holcomb
<i>Community Enrichment Award</i> |
| ■ Kathy McTavish
<i>Artist Award</i> | ■ Dirk Meyer
<i>Initiative Award</i> |
| ■ Cheng-Khee Chee
<i>Lifetime Artist Award</i> | ■ Nancy S. Nelson
<i>Historic Preservation and Interpretation Award</i> |



Robert Hofmann,
Chair

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

A sense of place, a place for the senses.

Dickens once wrote, “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. . .” The times we are now living in mirror this statement. Recently, we have witnessed natural calamity and human villainy on one hand, astronomical wonders and community heroics on the other.

With such extremes, it is often difficult to make sense of it all. The arts can provide us with some perspective on age old problems. The arts can help us see different viewpoints through another’s eyes. Art and culture can help us find our place when chaos seems to surround us.

Your support of the Depot Foundation provides a place to make sense of it all for thousands of arts and culture patrons every year! Because of your support this past year, the Depot Foundation awarded more than \$380,000 to Participating Member Organizations (PMOs), who call the Depot their home, enabling these PMOs to educate, entertain, and enlighten all of us through thought provoking exhibitions, engaging theatrical productions, and more.

The Depot is a vibrant center for the leading arts and culture organizations in the Twin Ports. No other place in the region offers the level of creative activity found under our roof, and no other place provides a sense of place and a place for the senses.

When you generously support the Depot Foundation’s permanent endowment fund, you guarantee that this special place, with its many arts and culture organizations, will continue to thrive.

Please join us in supporting the Depot Foundation! Thank you.

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YEAR END FINANCIALS (FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017)

Public Support and Revenue	2016	2017
Cash Contributions	\$ 95,147	\$ 106,107
Recognized In-Kind Contributions	27,378	26,593
Investment Income	139,513	105,236
Realized and Unrealized		
Investment Gains and (Losses)	(359,386)	520,276
Other	6,340	4,561
Total Public Support and Revenue	\$ (91,008)	\$ 762,773
Grants and Operating Expenses		
Grants and Grant Making Expense	\$ 376,664	\$ 387,647
Management and Administrative	57,931	53,500
Fund raising	19,893	19,209
Total Grants and Operating Expenses	\$ 454,488	\$ 460,356
Change in Depot Foundation-Owned		
Net Assets	\$ (545,496)	\$ 302,417
Depot Foundation-Owned Net Assets,		
Beginning of Year	6,219,408	5,673,912
Depot Foundation-Owned Net Assets,		
End of Year	\$5,673,912	\$5,976,329
Funds Managed for Affiliated Organizations*	\$ 301,458	\$ 0

*The Depot Foundation no longer offers this service.

*Compiled financial statements are available at the Depot Foundation Office.
The IRS Form 990-PF is available for review at the Depot Foundation Office.*

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Mission: The Depot Foundation is dedicated to preserving the Historic Union Depot as a vibrant and welcoming forum for the arts, culture and history through managing and growing a permanent endowment.

Depot Foundation office:

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