



Arts In Action

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Auditions for Dakota Players' production of "X is for Zebra" will be held at 3:30pm on Monday, October 7th, in the Sturgis Elementary School Gym. This event is sponsored by the Sturgis Area Arts Council.

Up to 50 students are needed for roles in "X is for Zebra". There are suitable parts designed for every age, skill, and experience level. In addition to the on-stage roles, there are older students needed that will assist the directors and learn how to operate sound and lighting equipment. Two professional actors from Dakota Players will guide the area's young talent through an exciting week of putting a full-scale musical production together.

About the Show: In the African Savannah, there are some things everyone just knows are true. Meerkats are social, lions have pride, hippos are big and zebras have stripes. All zebras except Xena that is! Xena was born without stripes and to make matters worse, she spells her name with an "X". It's just too different! It's just not right! What is a zebra without its stripes? Xena struggles with who she is as she listens to others tell her whom she is supposed to be. How can you be comfortable with your place in the world if you don't know who you are? In the end, the truth is that "you just gotta be you" and...it never ever hurts to have a sense of humor about life!

Students wishing to audition should arrive by the scheduled starting time (3:30pm) and plan to stay for the entire two-hour session. **NO ADVANCE PREPARATION IS NECESSARY**. Bring your smiles and your energy and be your wonderful and outgoing selves. Although there are many roles, not everyone who auditions is guaranteed a part in the play. The first rehearsal begins approximately 30 minutes after the auditions and will continue until approximately 8:30pm that evening.

Rehearsals will take place every day that week (Oct. 7-11) from 3:30-8:00pm. Monday and Tuesday rehearsals will be at the school, with the remainder of the week spent at the Sturgis Community Center Theater. Although not all cast members will be needed at every session, those auditioning must have a clear schedule for the entire week and, if selected, be able to attend all rehearsals for their role. A detailed rehearsal schedule will be distributed at the conclusion of the auditions. Cast members scheduled to attend both sessions in one day will be asked to bring a sack dinner or snack. Parents or caregivers will be responsible for getting students to the Community Center.

Performances of the show will be held on Friday, October 11th, and Saturday, October 12th, at 7:00pm each evening in the Sturgis Community Center Theater. Cast members will be called to the performance location 1 hour before performances. All those cast **MUST** be available for **BOTH** scheduled performances.

Dakota Players will arrive with all necessary sets, costumes, lights and sound system equipment. All they need are your talented and happy kids to make this a fun week for all!! Questions? Call Linda at 720-6361

For more info about Dakota Players please see their website:
www.blackhillsplyhouse.com/dakotaplayerstours



Pierce Emata to give piano concert.



Pianist Pierce Emata is returning to Sturgis! Mr Emata was the first professional artist that was featured in the new Community Center Theater all those years ago. This time around he will be performing in the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Sanctuary (located at 1049 Howard St, in Sturgis). The concert will be held at 2:00pm on Sunday, Oct 6th. Ticket prices are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for Students.

Pierce Kagari Emata received his Bachelor and Master degrees in Piano Performance from Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music, where he coached with notable concert artists such as Alfonso Montecino, Gyorgy Sebok, and John Ogdon. He presents master classes and private lessons as part of the summer piano faculty at the Interlochen Center for the Arts, an international summer school that draws 2700 students across the arts from 50 countries each year. In 2018 he received the 'Top Teacher Award' from Steinway & Sons in New York in recognition of his excellence and leadership in piano teaching. In addition to his private teaching practice in Las Vegas and an online teaching roster from coast to coast, Mr. Emata has an active judging and performing career throughout the United States, also presenting master classes for both teachers and students. He has

served on the juries of many competitions across the U.S., and was invited to serve on the jury of the India Musiquet National Piano Competition, where he also performed and lectured about best practices in teaching.

Mr. Emata is the recipient of numerous grants and fellowships from various state arts commissions across the United States in recognition of his accomplishments in performing, recording, teaching and composing. He is presently working on his next CD, titled "Healing Vibrations," following his well-received CD titled "From the Hands to the Heart." Both are recorded on a Bluthner Model 1 concert grand.

The programs that Mr. Emata presents through sponsorship by the South Dakota Arts Council's Touring Arts Program, trademarked and titled Concerts & Conversation, bring a refreshing dimension to the solo piano concert by incorporating an informal and engaging commentary about the music, composers, and the artist's own personal experiences, into a first-rate concert. The engaging way that these performances are presented at once stimulates and enhances the interest of the infrequent concertgoer, yet also contains the level of sophistication for the connoisseur's enjoyment. These performances have been presented throughout South Dakota since 1991



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Mystery and Mayhem in the Black Hills

As presenters in the SD Humanities Council’s Festival of Books in Deadwood on October 4th and 5th, South Dakota authors Sandra Brannan and Ann Charles will be stopping in Sturgis for a reception and author talk at the Sturgis Public Library on Thursday, October 3rd, from 4:30 to 6:00pm. Everyone is invited to meet these two entertaining gals and learn how they go about the business of writing mysteries.



Sandra Brannan writes of the “good and scary” (Library Journal) antics of Liv Bergen, setting some of them in the Black Hills, where she lives with her husband Joel and works in the mining business. They have four sons and three grandchildren. Samdra says she “smiles with pride over the journeys of her four sons, doting on her three grandchildren and appreciating all of life’s blessings”



Ann Charles is a USA Today bestselling author, who writes three current, on-going series: Deadwood Mysteries, Jackrabbit Junction Mysteries and Dig Site Mysteries - all of which contain adventure, humor, romance and whatever else she can imagine. A member of the Sisters in Crime & Romance writers of America for many moons, she has a BA in English with an emphasis on creative writing from the University of

Washington. She and her husband hang out in Arizona with their two children and sassy cats.

Armchair Travelers Book Club



The Armchair Travelers Book Club will meet on Thursday, September 5th, at noon in the Lushbough Room of the Sturgis Public

Library to discuss the novels of author Joyce Carol Oates.

The October 3rd discussion will be on author Agatha Christie. On November 7th, the group will gather to look at monasteries, convents, nuns and monks.

This club, co-sponsored by the Sturgis Public Library and the Sturgis Area Arts Council, is open to all interested readers whether they have read on the theme of the day or not. Join in the fun – there is always something interesting to learn.



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When History at High Noon starts again in October we will be in the newly remodeled community (formerly the program) room in the Sturgis Public Library. This is very exciting news! Our thanks to everyone involved in making this happen.

On Friday, October 18, at 12:00 noon, Joanne Harmon will present a program on the St. Aloysius Cemetery. As always, Joanne will have an interesting and valuable program for the history of Sturgis.

The History at High Noon committee consisting of Diana Hayes, Bonnie Lange, Richard Moeller and Dode Lee have been working on programs for 2020. We always welcome ideas for the programs, so be sure to share those good ideas with us. We meet on the third Friday of the month in the program room in the Sturgis Public Library at noon. You are always welcome to bring your lunch if you wish, and the coffee pot is always on.

Library Ribbon Cutting

The renovations at the Sturgis Public Library are almost completed as of the time we're working on this newsletter, but they're optimistic that by Tuesday, September 17th, all will be finished and ready for a celebration!

They will hold a ribbon-cutting that day (Time is yet to be determined). Please contact them at 347-2624 as the date gets closer to get all the details.

**We are proud to support the
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S.A.A.C. Upcoming Events

Thursday, September 5

Armchair Travelers Book Club
Sturgis Public Library, 12:00 Noon

Thursday, September 12

Sturgis Area Arts Council Meeting
Sturgis Library Community Room, 7:00pm

Tuesday, September 17

Library Ribbon Cutting
Sturgis Public Library - Time TBD

Tuesday, September 24

One Book SD Discussion of "Neither Wolf Nor Dog"
Sturgis Public Library Community Room, 7:00pm

Thursday, October 3

Armchair Travelers Book Club
Sturgis Public Library, 12:00 Noon

Thursday, October 3.

"Mystery and Mayhem in the Black Hills"
Authors Sandra Brannan and Ann Charles
Sturgis Public Library Community Room, 4:30pm

Sunday, October 6

Pianist Pierce Emata
St. Francis Catholic Church, 2:00pm
1049 Howard St. in Sturgis

Monday, October 7

Auditions for Dakota Players Children's Show
Sturgis Elementary School Gym, 3:00pm

Thursday, October 10

Sturgis Area Arts Council Meeting
Sturgis Library Community Room, 7:00pm

Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12

"X is for Zebra"
Sturgis Community Center Theater, 7:00pm

Friday, October 18

History at High Noon
Sturgis Public Library Community Room, 12:00noon

Friday, October 25

Halloween Storytelling with the
Black Hills Storytellers
Sturgis Center for the Arts, 7:00pm

Artists of the Month

After all the renovations at the Sturgis Public Library, we're now able to resume our "Artist of the Month" program! Our September Artists are from a new Sturgis business - White Canvas Art Co.

White Canvas Art Co. was founded in 2018 by three family members, Derek White, his brother Dustin White, and Dustin's wife, Elizabeth White. Their goal was to follow their passions for the arts, and create a company that allowed them to do that, as well as help others do such. Each of our artists bring something different to the table, and come to that table with different backgrounds, allowing us to explore a large array of art forms.



Derek White: From an early age, Derek showed a remarkable talent for the arts. Where he really shines was through the way he was able to picture an item, and then create it from available material. He used this creatively throughout school where he excelled in his art work, even having his work selected for national exhibits, as well as winning various awards. Following school, Derek continued to explore new art forms, using his previous foundations as a way to continue to expand. Over the years, this has led Derek to try a bit of everything, from photography to metal work, and everything in between. Derek's talents allow us to work with many additional materials, and allows us to blend his talents with our other artists. Through this cooperation, we are able to make unique pieces of art that incorporate a bit of all of our artists.



Dustin White: It was while working as the editor of a community paper that Dustin found a passion for photography. From documenting local news, he began to expand to covering events and special occasions, and eventually pursuing every avenue of the art he could. As Dustin has honed his skill, he has had the chance to have his work published both nationally and internationally, while also producing award winning images. Dustin's passion for photography has led him to explore other avenues of the art, including historic and alternative processes. Coupled with his background in photojournalism, it allows us to provide solutions for nearly any photographic need.



Elizabeth White: Elizabeth has been a motivated artist all her life. Art has served as a way for her to express herself, as well as connect with others. Seeing the value that art added to her life, she has decided to help bring it to others as well. Wanting to do this effectively, Elizabeth attended Moorhead State University and majored in Fine Arts, with a focus on teaching. Through the process of expanding her own artistic skills, Elizabeth has also had the chance to have her work published in journals, included in galleries and shows, and even commissioned to be part of an Alley Art project in Bismarck. With Elizabeth's formal background in art and education, as well as her passion, it allows us to not only bring you a wide array quality art pieces, as well as commissioned works, but also help others to discover their artistic abilities.

Hey Quilters - we want your submissions!

And ... for October (and November)... the Sturgis Area Arts Council and the Sturgis Public library will host our annual quilt show in the Library. The show will be open to the public for viewing during the library's regular hours.

This year's show will feature quilts of various sizes, but we request nothing larger than a full-size quilt. Each individual may contribute a maximum of two quilts. You may bring your quilts to the library from September 25th-28th.

You can call the library (347-2624) or Ruth Mechling (720-2293) for more information.



We're gonna have a Ghost of a Halloween!



Hey, Teens and adults (no little ones, please-we don't want them to have nightmares!) you're all invited to join the Black Hills Storytellers at 7:00pm on Friday,

October 25th, at the Sturgis Center for the Arts (located at 1238 Main St. Suite 2 in the back off the alley), for another spine-tingling session of stories for the Halloween season.

This will be the 24th year of spookiness brought to you by the Black Hills Storytellers!

The event is co-sponsored by the Sturgis Area Arts Council. Admission is a donation to the Center for the Arts.

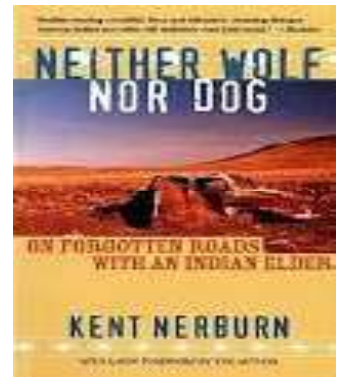
One Book South Dakota

Sturgis Area Arts Council is pleased to announce the opportunity to discuss the SD Humanities Council's One Book SD for 2019, *Neither Wolf Nor Dog*. Scholar Molly Barari will lead the discussion on Tuesday, September 24th, at 7:00pm in the newly remodeled community room of the Sturgis Public Library. Books will be available for loan at the library.

Neither Wolf Nor Dog – On Forgotten Roads With an Indian Elder, written by Kent Nerburn, tells the story of two Native men and one non-Native man on a mission to understand one another. Nerburn hopes that readers "will learn something of our complex and difficult intertwined histories and reflect on what it means to go forward as common children of this common land." The book was made into a feature film in 2016.

Born and raised near Minneapolis, Nerburn earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Minnesota in American Studies. After studying humanities and religion at Stanford University, he earned his doctorate in religious studies and art at the University of California at Berkeley.

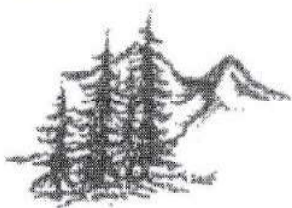
Molly Barari, a freelance writer and marketing consultant, has an MFA in Creative Writing from Wilkes University. She is a scholar for the SD Humanities Council, serving the Sturgis Community for the past three years.



This program is made possible by a grant from the South Dakota Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. It is sponsored locally by the Sturgis Public Library and the Sturgis Area Arts Council.

"Sometimes, you read a book and it fills you with this weird evangelical zeal, and you become convinced that the shattered world will never be put back together unless and until all living humans read the book."

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South Dakota Festival of Books



The 17th annual South Dakota Festival of Books, which will be held October 4th – 6th in Deadwood, South Dakota, will feature more than 60 presenting authors – including Heather Graham (“A Lethal Legacy”), Craig Johnson (“Land of Wolves”), Megan Phelps-Roper (“Unfollow: A Memoir of Loving and Leaving the Westboro Baptist Church”), Sean Sherman (“The Sioux Chef’s Indigenous Kitchen”) and J. Ryan Stradal (“The Lager Queen of Minnesota”) – participating in readings, lectures, panel discussions and book signings. See here for the full listing of authors presenting this year - <http://sdhumanities.org/festival-of-books/presenters/>

As South Dakota’s premier annual literary event, the Festival also features more than 40 exhibitors and draws more than 5,000 session attendees, with an additional 5,000 students meeting children’s/ YA authors and illustrators like Donald F. Montileaux (Tatanka & Other Legends of the Lakota People) via school visits throughout the Black Hills. Attendees and speakers participate in panels, workshops and readings. There will also be exhibits set up where you can buy books and other products from exhibitors promoting their businesses and organizations.

For more information, an events schedule and ticket info, please visit the SD Humanities website at: <http://sdhumanities.org/festival-of-books>.

The Festival of Books couldn’t exist without volunteer support. Their small staff of six relies on Festival volunteers to support authors, build excitement for presenters, manage background logistics, handle office tasks and greet Festival guests. While volunteers are critical to the Festival’s success, volunteering puts you side-by-side with Festival authors and introduces you to other book lovers from around the region. If you have a weekend or just a few hours to give, please contact them at 605-688-6715 or email festival@sdhumanities.org.

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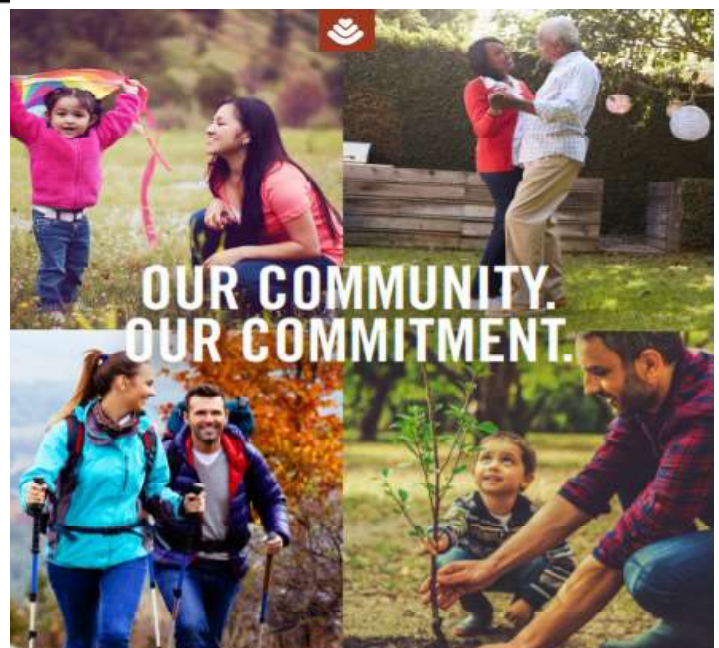


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