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2018 SUMMER MUSIC PERFORMANCES AT B'NAI ABRAHAM MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER

All the programs are free of charge to the public

Saturday, June 8th, 7:00 PM
Front Porch Sinners with Breanne Tepler
Country Western Music



Straight from Duluth, we welcome Breanne Marie and the Front Porch Sinners. Authentic country music relies on a blend of disparate elements. Honest livin' and good intentions must cross with bad luck, sin and broken hearts. Breanne Marie's musical family has consisted of husband Evan Tepler, on lead guitar; Johnny Peterson on pedal steel, Kailyn Spencer on fiddle, Breanne Marie on guitar/vocals.

Saturday, June 23rd, 3:00 PM
Bruce Stasch and his group, St. Anthony Main
A Capella Contemporary, Jazz, Rock and Roll, Blues



With more than 40 years of collective experience in a variety of a capella musical styles, this family-friendly group's varied vocal treatments ranges from do wop and 50s to contemporary, jazz, rock and roll and blues. Named after the city that was founded before Minneapolis, its urban influence creates a unique a cappella sound.

Saturday, July 14th, 7:00 PM
Northern Lights Festival Musicians – Veda Zuponicic
Classical Music



The Northern Lights Music Festival is a three-week classical music performance program and music school, which is held each summer on the Minnesota Iron Range. Founded fourteen years ago by concert pianist and Aurora native Veda Zuponicic, Northern Lights brings together award winning students and internationally known performers and teachers in a unique program that includes daily lessons, chamber music coaching, master classes and numerous performance opportunities.

Northern Lights is fortunate to have access to an array of historic performance venues such as B'nai Abraham for its concerts and operas. By performing in these unique venues, Northern Lights is not only able to bring the highest level of classical music to Iron Range communities but to celebrate and showcase the architectural gems found in Northeastern Minnesota.

Sunday, August 12th, 7:00 PM
An Evening with Alan Phillips and Brent Saari
Guitar & Piano Classic Rock



Both musicians were born and raised on the Mesabi Iron Range. Alan is a guitarist and his repertoire is vast and spans over five decades. He plays Golden Oldies, Beatles, and contemporary music. His versatility empowers him to perform and delight audiences of all ages. Brent Saari is known as the "Piano Man" by many and can be found tinkling the ivories around the Iron Range.



Saturday Afternoon September 15th, 2:00 PM
The Singing Slovenes



Under the direction of Frank Bucar and assistant director Mary Spehar White, "The Singing Slovenes" were formed in the multi-ethnic community of Gary-New Duluth in 1980. The mission of the Minnesota group is to preserve Slovenian music and cultural heritage. Though the name of the troupe is indicative of the Slovenian heritage, the group boasts a wide and varied number of nationalities. The "Singing Slovenes" represent countries far and wide; Slovenia, Croatia, Italy, Germany, Denmark, Poland, France, Norway, Finland, and Sweden.

Sharing the joy of their musical heritage helps promote good fellowship and love of their neighbors through the use of their time and talents. Instrumental accompaniment for the troupe is provided with accordions, guitars, and drums. "The Singing Slovenes" promote fellowship through music and cultural education, sharing the Slovenian heritage and preserving it for current and future generations.

*THESE ARE AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE,
IF YOU DON'T LIKE TO DRIVE AT NIGHT
THESE PERFORMANCES ARE FOR YOU!*

Saturday, September 29th, 3:00 PM
Harbormasters with Steve Lapatka



The Duluth-Superior Harbormasters Barbershop Chorus will present "Home on the Range," an afternoon of barbershop harmony on Saturday, September 29th, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. The chorus and quartets will be singing four part harmony in the barbershop style. The chapter has been performing for a wide variety of events in the northeastern Minnesota area since 1953. There will be no admission charge, and a portion of the donations will be given to a worthy cause in the Virginia area.



Upcoming Exhibition - Opens Early June

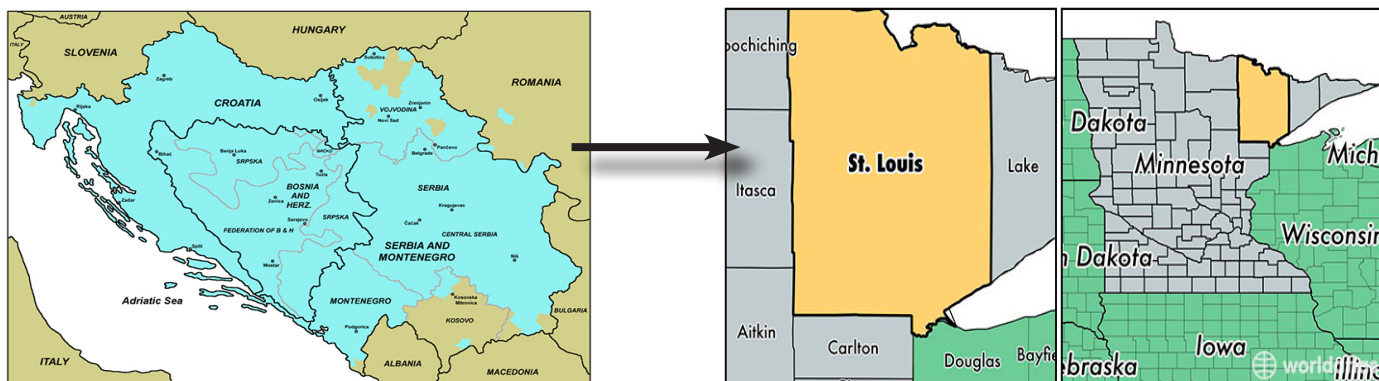
The exhibit will be open Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM and an hour before and after programs OR by appointment by calling: 218-741-6613 or 218-741-1136 or by email: homeworks217@live.com.

“Preserving the Old Country: The experiences of Croats, Serbians and Slovenians in St. Louis County.”

We are featuring a traveling exhibit from the St. Louis County Historical Society

The exhibit describes the Old Country (formerly Yugoslavia and now Croatia, Serbia, and Slovenia) and the two main time periods of immigration from it to Minnesota: 1860 and between 1880s and the 1920s.

In addition, locally available historical artifacts will be included in the display.



The B'nai Abraham Synagogue in Virginia Minnesota is a story of loss and reuse. Built in 1909-10, it was the last remaining active synagogue on the Iron Range until its congregation dwindled to a handful of members who could no longer maintain the handsome brick structure. It closed its doors in the mid-1990s. It was acquired in 2004 by a not-for-profit organization, The Friends of B'nai Abraham, who raised funds, and continue to do so, for the building's restoration and reuse. It now serves as a cultural center for all the citizens of Virginia, Minnesota and surrounding areas, and to preserve the history of its Jewish community, of which it was so much a part. Together with our partner, The Virginia Area Historical Society (VAHS), we look forward to seeing this lovely building used for many cultural and educational programs for the community.

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Lauren Nelson: In memory of her mother, Helen Nelson Walker;
Bettinae Richman: In honor of Marilyn Karasov's 91st birthday;
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Sally Berhart Seck: In memory of Signe Bernhardt who worked at the Quality Shop for 25 - 30 years;
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Our Goal Is To Have Endowment Fund

It is very important to grow an endowment for the future of B'nai Abraham Museum and Cultural Center. many who come for tours, exhibits and programs often leave donations as well. The Friends of B'nai Abraham has under taken this project to ensure that the building remains a community resource and ensuring that the contribution of the Jews of the Iron Range will not be forgotten.

To quote our Board member, Marilyn Chait, PhD., "B'nai Abraham represents our nations great religious, cultural and ethnic diversity. When historic buildings such as B'nai Abraham are lost, our nations magnificent mosaic loses some of its brilliant color."

This building in particular, the only extant synagogue left on the Range, and the only synagogue building in Minnesota to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, provides people with a window to understanding the history of the Range and the Jewish people who contributed so much to its unique character.

WISH LIST - YOUR HELP IS GREATLY NEEDED

Tuck-pointing to close leaks and secure bricks, which will protect the beautifully restored building from harsh winters. The balcony floor needs to be sanded and refinished. Crown molding is needed in the sanctuary.

We welcome much needed contributions to the Endowment fund.

We are still short of our goal.	All donations are fully tax deductible.
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