

# Accessible Arts Festivals

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(Other festival sites: <http://www.exploreminnesota.com/index.aspx>,

<http://festivalnet.com/state/minnesota/mn.html>, <http://www.fairsandfestivals.net/states/MN/>)

Jan. 27 – Feb. 5, 2017. **Great Northern Festival.** <http://www.TheGreatNorthernFestival.com>. Related events in the Twin Cities include the Saint Paul Winter Carnival, Jan. 26 – Feb. 5, <http://www.wintercarnival.com>; the U.S. Pond Hockey Championships, Jan. 26-29 at Lake Nokomis, <http://www.uspondhockey.com>; and the City of Lakes Loppet Ski Festival, Feb. 3-5 at Lake Calhoun, <http://www.loppet.org>. Includes **Fire & Ice Art Show** at AZ Gallery, 308 Prince St., thru Feb. 19 (<http://www.theazgallery.org>).

March 1-5, 2017. **MACTFest** at Schwan Community Center for the Performing Arts in Marshall, sponsored by Minnesota Assn. of Community Theatres, <http://www.mact.net>.

April 7-9, 2017. 7th Annual **River Falls Roots and Bluegrass Music Festival**, various venues in downtown River Falls, WI. 715-425-2533, [info@riverfallsbluegrass.com](mailto:info@riverfallsbluegrass.com), <http://www.riverfallsbluegrass.com/festival-info>.

April 13-29, 2017. **36<sup>th</sup> Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival:** Sponsored by the Film Society of Minneapolis St. Paul. Venues: St. Anthony Main, Landmark Uptown Theater, Metropolitan State University, McNally Smith Auditorium and Rochester Galaxy 14 Cine (Rochester International Film Festival). 612-331-4724, [info@mspfilm.org](mailto:info@mspfilm.org), <http://mspfilm.org/festivals/mspiff/>. Access services: <http://mspfilm.org/access-services/>.

April 20-23, 2017. **Celebration of Prince:** at [Paisley Park](#) in Chanhassen will honor and celebrate the life and legacy of Prince on the first anniversary of his passing.

April 27-30, 2017. **Region 5 AACTFest** at Central Lakes College in Brainerd, co-sponsored by Minnesota Assn. of Community Theatres, <http://www.mact.net>, or <http://www.aact.org>.

April 28-30, 2017. **Saint Paul Art Crawl:** 651-292-4373, <http://www.stpaulartcrawl.org/>. Fri. 6-10, Sat. 12–8, Sun. 12–5 PM.

April 27 – May 19, 2017. **Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Art Show by Artists with Disabilities:** 3915 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley 55422; 612-775-2507 or 888-413-3323, e-mail [artsearch@allina.com](mailto:artsearch@allina.com). <http://www.allinahealth.org/Courage-Kenny-Rehabilitation-Institute/Programs-and-services/International-Art-Show-by-Artists-with-Disabilities/>

May 4-7, 2017. **Festival of Nations**, a multi-cultural celebration at Saint Paul RiverCentre, 175 W. Kellogg Blvd. Exhibits, food, music, dance, with a focus this year on Folklore and Fairytales. In advance \$11, \$8 student, free for age 5 and under; at the door, \$13.50 adult, \$8 student. 651-647-0191, [info@festivalofnations.com](mailto:info@festivalofnations.com), <http://www.FestivalofNations.com>.

May 7, 2017. **43<sup>rd</sup> annual MayDay Parade & Festival**, sponsored by In the Heart of the Beast Puppet & Mask Theatre, Minneapolis. Parade begins at noon from Bloomington Avenue to Powderhorn Park, 612-721-2535, <http://hobt.org/>.

May 19-21, 2017. **Art-A-Whirl:** Fri. 5-10, Sat. 12-8, Sun. 12-5 PM at many studios in NE Minneapolis. 612-788-1679, [info@nema.org](mailto:info@nema.org), <http://nema.org/art-a-whirl>.

May 30 – June 4, 2017. **Flint Hills International Children's Festival:** Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, Landmark Center, Rice Park & other venues in downtown St. Paul. 651-224-4222, <http://www.ordway.org/festival/>.

June 10, 2017. **Northern Spark Festival:** Minneapolis. <http://northernspark.org/>. June 10: Minneapolis/St. Paul Green Line; June 11 Minneapolis.

June 16-18, 2017. **23<sup>rd</sup> annual Stone Arch Bridge Festival** at 219 S. Main St., Minneapolis 55410; 612-230-6400, <http://www.stonearchbridgefestival.com> or <http://www.minneapolisparks.org>.

June 22-24, 2017. **Twin Cities Jazz Festival:** Mears Park, St. Paul. <http://www.hotsummerjazz.com/>.

June 23 – July 30, 2017. **Great River Shakespeare Festival**: Winona State University Performing Arts Center. 507-474-7900, <http://www.grsf.org>.

June 24-25, 2017. **Twin Cities Pride Festival**: Loring Park, Minneapolis. 612-836-4830, <https://www.tcpride.org/>.

June 24-25, 2017. **Eagan Art Festival**: 1501 Central Parkway, Eagan. <http://eaganartfestival.org/>.

June 26 – July 1, 2017. **AACTFest** (American Association of Community Theatre Festival at Rochester Civic Theatre, <http://www.aact.org/national-festival-2017>).

July 1-21, 2017. **Northern Lights Music Festival**: Iron Range towns, 218-780-2292, [www.northernlightsmusic.org](http://www.northernlightsmusic.org)

July 8-9, 2017. **Dragon Festival**: 10-5 at Lake Phalen, St. Paul. <http://www.dragonfestival.org>.

July 14-15, 2017. **River Song Music Festival**: Hutchinson. 320-587-2599, <http://www.riversongfestival.org/>.

July 19-22, 2017. **Minneapolis Aquatennial**: Minneapolis. 612-376-7669, [aquatennial@downtownminneapolis.com](mailto:aquatennial@downtownminneapolis.com), <http://www.aquatennial.com/>.

July 25, 2017. **ADA Celebration** at Minnesota History Center, St. Paul. <http://www.mnhs.org>

July 29-30, 2017. **Loring Park Art Festival**: Minneapolis. 612-203-9911, <http://www.loringparkartfestival.com>.

Aug. 3-13, 2017. **Minnesota Fringe Festival**: 612-872-1212; <http://www.fringefestival.org/>.

Aug. 4-6, 2017. **Uptown Art Fair**: Lake & Hennepin, Minneapolis. 612-823-4581, <http://uptownartfair.com/>.

Aug. 4-26, 2017. **Alexandria Festival of the Lakes**: 320-763-9400, <http://www.alexfest.org/>.

Aug. 5-6, 2017. 26<sup>th</sup> annual **Powderhorn Art Fair**: Minneapolis. 612-767-3515, <http://www.powderhornartfair.com>.

Aug. 24 – Sept. 4, 2017. **Minnesota State Fair**: St. Paul. 651-288-4448, [guestservices@mnstatefair.org](mailto:guestservices@mnstatefair.org), <http://www.mnstatefair.org/>.

Sept. 7-8, 2017. **Minnesota Shorts Play Festival**: Mankato. Day: 507-934-8133, Evening: 507-420-1881; [mnshorts@yahoo.com](mailto:mnshorts@yahoo.com); <http://www.mnshorts.com>. Play submission deadline: Feb. 1.

Oct. 7-8, 2017. **Rivertown Fall Art Festival**, Lowell Park, Stillwater. <http://rivertownartfestival.com/> or 651-439-4001 or <http://www.GreaterStillwaterChamber.com>.

Oct. 13-15, 2017. **Saint Paul Art Crawl**: 651-292-4373, <http://www.stpaulartcrawl.org/>. Fri. 6-10, Sat. 12–8, Sun. 12–5 PM.

### NOT DETERMINED YET:

- . **Reelabilities Film Festival**, Minneapolis/St. Paul, 952-925-1404, [jvirmig@partnershipresources.org](mailto:jvirmig@partnershipresources.org); <http://minneapolis-saintpaul.reelabilities.org/>
- . **Minneapolis Underground Film Festival**: St. Anthony Main Theater. <http://minneapolisundergroundfilmfestival.com>.

April \_\_, 2017. **StoryFest**: at 10:00-4:30 at City of Lakes Waldorf School, 2344 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis 55404. 7:30 concert at Sisyphus Brewing, 712 Ontario Ave W. #100. Sponsored by Story Arts of Minnesota, 612-787-2661 - [storyartsmn@gmail.com](mailto:storyartsmn@gmail.com), <http://storyartsmn.org/>

June , 2017. Twin Cities Film Festival **Out Fest Celebration** at New Century Theatre, 615 Hennepin Ave. #145, Minneapolis. <http://twincitiesfilmfest.org>.

June , 2017. **German Fest** at the historic Schmidt Brewery on West 7th Street: St. Paul. <http://www.germanfestmn.org/>.

June , 2017. **Twin Cities Juneteenth**: North Mississippi Regional Park, 5114 N. Mississippi Dr., Minneapolis. 612-238-3733, [info@juneteenthminnesota.org](mailto:info@juneteenthminnesota.org), <http://www.juneteenthminnesota.org/>.

June 2017. **OUT Twin Cities Film Festival** (Minnesota's GLBTQ International Film Festival): Theatres at Mall of America, 401 South Ave., Bloomington. <http://www.otcff.org>.

July , 2017. **Basilica Block Party**, St. Mary's Basilica, 88 N. 17th St., Minneapolis. <http://www.mary.org>.

July , 2017. **Art at St. Kate's**. 10-5 at St. Catherine University, St. Paul. <http://www.artistscircle.org>.

- July - August , 2017. **Lakes Area Music Festival**: Free concerts at Tornstrom Auditorium, 804 Oak Street, Brainerd; office at Crossing Arts Alliance, 1001 Kingwood St, Suite 114, Brainerd 56401; [info@lakesareamusic.org](mailto:info@lakesareamusic.org); <http://www.lakesareamusic.org/>.
- July , 2017. **Lumberjack Days**: Stillwater. [thelocals.stillwater@gmail.com](mailto:thelocals.stillwater@gmail.com), after June 1: 651-300-0131, <http://www.lumberjackdays.com>.
- July , 2017. **International Festival of Burnsville**, 3-9 PM in Nicollet Commons Park & the Ames Center, Burnsville. [burnsvilleinternationalfest@gmail.com](mailto:burnsvilleinternationalfest@gmail.com), <http://intlifestburnsville.org/>.
- July , 2017. 7<sup>th</sup> annual Longfellow Roots, Rock, & Deep Blues Festival: a benefit for Patrick's Cabaret: noon-10 PM at Patrick's Cabaret and nearby stages, 3010 Minnehaha Ave. S., Minneapolis; <http://www.rootsrockdeepblues.com> or <http://www.patrickscabaret.org>, 612-724-6273.
- Aug. , 2017. **Square Lake Film & Music Festival**: Rural Stillwater. <http://squarelakefestival.com/>.
- Aug. , 2017. **Buffalo Sidewalk Arts and Crafts Festival**, 9:00-4:00. Free, 763-682-4902, <http://www.buffalochamber.org>.
- Aug. - Oct. , 2017. **Minnesota Renaissance Festival**: Rural Shakopee. 952-445-7361, <http://www.renaissancefest.com/>.
- Sept. , 2017. **Minneapolis Monarch Festival**: 10-4 at Lake Nokomis, 49<sup>th</sup> & Woodlawn Blvd., Minneapolis. 612-313-7784, [volunteer4monarchs@gmail.com](mailto:volunteer4monarchs@gmail.com), <http://www.monarchfestival.org>.
- Sept. , 2017. 16<sup>th</sup> annual **Selby Ave Jazz Fest**, 11-8, Selby at Milton in St. Paul, <http://www.selbyavejazzfest.com/>.
- Sept. , 2017. **Edina Fall into the Arts Festival**: Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5 at Centennial Lakes Park, 7499 France Ave., Edina. 952-833-9580, [EdinaFallArts@EdinaMN.gov](mailto:EdinaFallArts@EdinaMN.gov), <http://www.fallintotheartsfestival.com/>.
- Sept. , 2017. **Riverfront Fine Arts Festival** is part of Northfield's **Defeat of Jesse James Days** (Sept. , <http://www.djjd.org/djjd-2016/>). Art show along the Cannon River walkway Sat.-Sun. 10:00 to 5:00. *Vaudevesque* variety show at the Northfield Arts Guild Theater, 411 Third St. W., Sept. 8-10 at 7:00. 507-645-8877 or <http://www.NorthfieldArtsGuild.org>. (**ASL** for five Bank Raid Re-enactments; get \$5 Jesse James Days button and go to marked seating area on Division Street 15 minutes before each 15-minute reenactment. Information booth on Bridge Square.)
- Sept. , 2017. **NEMAA Fall Fine Arts Show** (NE Minneapolis Arts Assn.), Opening Reception Fri. 6-10, Free; Gallery hours: Thurs./Fri. 5-9, Sat./Sun. 12-6 PM at Solar Arts Building - 3rd Floor Gallery, 711 15th Ave. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413. 612-788-1679, [info@nemaa.org](mailto:info@nemaa.org), <http://nemaa.org>.
- Sept. , 2017. **Lakeville Art Festival**: 10:00-5:00, 952-985-4640 or 952-810-9365, [shellyc@lakevilleartfestival.org](mailto:shellyc@lakevilleartfestival.org), <http://www.lakevilleartfestival.org/>
- Sept. , 2017. 44th Annual **Marine Art Fair**: 10:00-5:00, PO Box 250, Marine on St Croix 55047, 651-433-3636, [marineartfair@midconetwork.com](mailto:marineartfair@midconetwork.com),
- Sept. , 2017. **Freedom Jazz Festival**: noon to 6:00 at Minnehaha Park & Bandstand, 4825 Minnehaha Ave. S., Minneapolis 55417. 612-413-0527, [info@freedomjazzfestival.org](mailto:info@freedomjazzfestival.org), <http://www.freedomjazzfestival.org/>.
- Oct. , 2017. **Twin Cities Book Festival**: 10 – 5, Minnesota State Fairgrounds., St. Paul. <http://www.raintaxi.com/twin-cities-book-festival>. (**ASL**)
- Oct. , 2017. **Twin Cities Film Fest**: ShowPlace ICON Theatre, 1625 West End Boulevard, St. Louis Park; 612-615-8233, [info@TwinCitiesFilmFest.org](mailto:info@TwinCitiesFilmFest.org). <http://www.twincitiesfilmfest.org>.
- Oct. , 2017. **Artability Art Show & Sale**: The Great Hall, 180 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St., St. Paul. People Inc., 651-774-0011, <http://www.peopleincorporated.org/Artability>. Fr. 6-9, Sat. 10-7.
- Oct. , 2017. **Twin Cities Jewish Film Festival**: Sabes JCC & other venues. <http://tcjfilmfest.org/index.php>.
- Nov. , 2017. **Sound Unseen Film Festival #17**: McNally-Smith College of Music, St. Paul, and other venues. <http://www.soundunseen.com>.
- Dec. \_\_, 2017. **Art at Ramsey**. 10-5 at Ramsey Junior High, St. Paul. <http://www.artistscircle.org>.
- 2017. Bloomington Writers Festival & Book Fair: Bloomington Center for the Arts (Artistry)**, 1800 W Old Shakopee Rd. 952-563-8575. <http://www.artistrymn.org>.

*In transition.* The last **Dylan Days** in Hibbing was May 2014. They are hoping to revive it. 218-262-6145, 866-305-3849, <http://www.dylandays.org>.