



Newsletter

Summer 2013

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Dear Friends,

WBCA stands balanced with one foot still in our home of 17 years at the White Bear Lake Armory, and one foot stepping forward into our new and permanent home at 4971 Long Avenue. The crossing of this threshold will carry us into a future that will allow the arts to flourish in the northeast metro area like never before!

We give thanks to the decades of people and support that bring us to this monumental step. The city of White Bear Lake's provision of a starter home for the WBCA in 1996 gave opportunity in which to grow outstanding education programs, a sense of community, professional staff, and stellar boards. Our space in the Armory will forever represent the bridge that allowed our fledgling, grass-roots efforts to build a vision and means towards becoming a world-class community center for the arts. We thank the city and their staff for their support, and the passionate leaders who rallied for this starter home. Know your investment in White Bear Center for the Arts has been a great one for the community at large.

Carrying us forward are the continuing talents of so many teaching artists who make WBCA's programs second to none. Carrying us forward are the many community partners who help WBCA reach the needs of thousands of people beyond the walls of any single location. And, carrying us forward are the hundreds of members, donors, businesses, and foundations that recognize the importance of educating, cultivating, and celebrating the arts at a local level, and are making the financial commitments to turn this vision into real-life bricks and mortar (and sheetrock, and windows, and doors, and HVAC systems, and roof, and etc., etc., etc.). We give thanks to you all and celebrate the strength of our growth and a mounting momentum that carries White Bear Center for the Arts over this monumental threshold!

Our adult summer programs begin on July 8 at 4971 Long Avenue; however, we will still be a work in progress. Please bear with us. There will be many new systems to learn and lots of finishing details taking place throughout the summer and into fall. Watch for announcements for the official GRAND OPENING celebrations scheduled for September when we'll be ready to celebrate in style, with party clothes on!

Cheers!

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