

Commonweal Theatre Company &
LANESBORO ARTS presents
Spring into Art!
March 21-24 & 28-31



An interactive, two-weekend celebration of creativity and community co-presented by Commonweal Theatre and Lanesboro Arts. Featuring an art crawl, a canvas clash, an original art exhibition, film screenings, live music, panel discussions, Commonweal Theatre's production of "Bakersfield Mist" by Stephen Sachs, and more, the Spring into Art Festival is your cure for cabin fever.

Schedule of Events (subject to change)

Thursday, March 21

Art

"Spitting Image" Group Show

FREE ● Lanesboro Arts Gallery

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Friday, March 22

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5:00 pm to 7:00 pm ● FREE ● Lanesboro Arts Gallery

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Social

Opening Night Celebration

9:00 pm ● High Court Pub

Raise a glass as we toast the official opening of **Spring into Art** with music by local artists Michael Seiler, Lydia Hayes and Paul Hamann. Join artists from the *Spitting Image* group show and actors and crew from *Bakersfield Mist* for informal discussion in a lively, celebratory atmosphere.

Saturday, March 23

Art

Art Making Crawl

11:00 am to 3:00 pm ● FREE ● Various Locations

This is your chance to be an artist! Lanesboro Arts will host free art-making activities in various downtown businesses, each with a different medium for participants to experiment with, as well as learn techniques from artists. If you choose, your artwork created during the Art Making Crawl will be included in an exhibit at the Commonweal Theatre on Saturday, March 29 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Participants can pick up their pieces from the Lanesboro Arts Gallery after Monday, April 1). Confirmed Art Crawl locations include Commonweal Theatre, Lanesboro Arts' St. Mane Theatre, the Cottage House Inn, Cheryl's Fabric Garden, and the Black Crow Gallery. *Additional business will be added as they are confirmed -- check back often!*

Film

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4:00 pm ● \$20 ● St. Mane Theatre

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Canvas Clash!

9:00 pm to 11:00 pm ● FREE (suggested donation at the door) ● Commonweal Theatre

Eight artists will compete in a multi-round art battle, transforming blank canvases into beautiful pieces of art in just 20 minutes, with attendees voting on their favorites until a champion is crowned. Enjoy craft brews and music by DJ Troy while seeing art created right before your eyes in a raucous, yet family-friendly environment.

Sunday, March 24

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Abstract Expressionism

11:00 am to 12:00 pm ● FREE ● Commonweal Theatre

This video lecture by Jack Hanley and Amy O'Brien traces the roots, impact, and place that abstract expressionism holds in today's art world. Mr. Hanley is the proprietor of the Jack Hanley Gallery in New York City, where he has championed avant garde artists and continues to provide an outlet for many modern abstract expressionist artists.

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Music

Lou Shields

9:00 pm ● FREE ● High Court Pub

Folk Musician Lou Shields continues the tradition of American music with a solo-performance that pulls in folk styles of days-gone-by. With guitar or banjo, accompanied by foot percussion and harmonica, he uses his voice as an extension of his past.

Saturday, March 30

Art

Art Viewing Crawl

11:00 am to 4:00 pm ● FREE ● Commonwealth Theatre

Writer Don Miguel Ruiz asserts that “every human is an artist.” An informal exhibit of self-selected works from the art making crawl (March 23) will be on display in the Commonwealth Events Hall in celebration of the artist in all of us.

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Discussion

Art Educators Panel Discussion

3:30 pm to 4:30 ● FREE ● Commonwealth Theatre

How do you identify talent? Can talent be taught? How should art school define “art”? Art teachers wrestle with these questions -- and more -- on a daily basis. Join regional arts educators as they discuss the challenges and rewards of teaching art. Panelists include:

- Preston Lawing -- Art Professor at St. Mary’s University

- Ben Moore -- Art Professor at Luther College
- Kate Elliot -- Art History Professor at Luther College
- Richard Merritt -- Art Professor at Luther College
- Abbey Potter -- Art Teacher at Chatfield High School

Artist Talk

Jamie Harper

6:15 ● FREE ● Commonweal Theatre

Winona-based artist Jamie Harper was commissioned by the Commonweal Theatre to create a painting in the style of Jackson Pollock for the production of *Bakersfield Mist*. Enjoy appetizers and drinks while Jamie talks about his process and takes questions from patrons.

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Music

Trilogy

8:30 pm to 12:00 am ● \$25 ● Lanesboro Community Center

The Lanesboro Entertainment Group presents *Trilogy: the Ultimate Tribute Show* featuring the music of Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd and The Doors. Tickets available online at Lanesboro.Eventbrite.Com

Sunday, March 31

Discussion

Curators Panel Discussion

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm ● FREE ● St. Mane Theatre

While curators manage a vast spectrum of details in their gallery or museum, most noticeable is their work designing exhibitions, which includes selecting artists and choosing specific pieces. This panel of curators will discuss pertinent topics relating to the value of contemporary art vs traditional art, gender in the arts and what is the social value of art. Panel participants include:

- Robbie Brokken -- Gallery Director, Lanesboro Arts
- Dave Casey -- Curator, Minnesota Museum of Marine Art, Winona, MN
- Heather Lawrenz -- Visual Arts Manager, Northfield Arts Guild
- Sheila Dickinson -- Artistic Director, Rochester Art Center

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