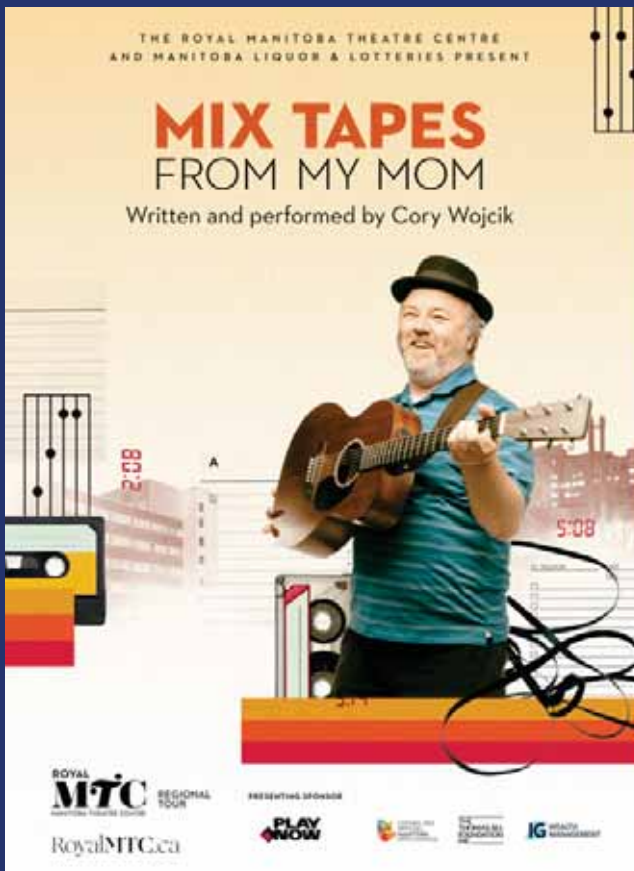




WRAC FEATURED ARTIST



RMTC TOURING PERFORMANCE
MIX TAPES FROM MY MOM



On February 24, Winnipeg River Arts Council welcomed the touring production of “Mix Tapes From My Mom,” featuring the talents of renowned Manitoba playwright/songwriter/ musician Cory Wojcik. Joining him on the stage were Christy Taronno on keyboard and vocals, and Josh Bellan on guitar and vocals. With animated narrative and expertly performed pop songs, they told a story based on real events.

Years ago, when Wojcik ended up with more than 250 cassettes created by his music-loving mom, he decided to write the play.

The songs he performed with Bellan and Taronno accentuated his description of what he called “the best and worst day of his life” - when his mother was admitted with a life-threatening illness at one hospital at the same time as his wife, after suffering months of “Braxton Hicks” contractions, went into labour with their second child at a different hospital.

Once he got permission from his family to explore this personal story, he created a fringe show, with help from dramaturge Trish Cooper, who also directed the touring production. The story takes place in an old style rec room with wood panelling and awful velvet paintings and string art. This all happened years ago; his son is now 13 years old.



Wojcik said, "It would never have been possible if it weren't for the right people saying yes. And now here you are, in the audience, in the middle of winter, saying yes to being here."

After graduating from theatre school, Wojcik worked as a teacher for many years. Prodded by his mother's death, he decided to follow his passion and left the teaching profession to pursue theatre and music full time.

Given the fringe show's great success, RMTTC asked Wojcik to present it in their 2024 rural touring season. The show was booked in twenty-one venues throughout Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario, from Thompson to Crystal City to Sioux Lookout. The entire tour lasts about 6 weeks and the play in Pinawa was the ninth show.

Kelly Thornton, RMTTC's artistic director, said, "Cory is a consummate storyteller and his suspenseful tale of life and death, laced with the greatest hits of the last 50 years, is sure to make you laugh, cry, and capture your hearts."



The play lived up to her praise. The Pinawa audience responded with laughter, chair dancing and singing, and a standing ovation. Also, Thornton must have really liked "Mix Tapes," because it's included in RMTTC's 2024-25 regular season, appearing at the Warehouse Theatre. So, if you want to see it, or see it again, you can catch it there. Or you can drive to one of the other communities where it will be playing for the remainder of the rural tour.

There were 122 people in attendance and the 50/50 draw took in \$450. The winner, Mayor Blair Skinner from Pinawa won \$225, but returned \$60 to the arts council, which was incredibly generous.

WRAC thanks the rest of the hard-working Mix Tapes crew: music director Rusty Robot, set and props designer Daina Leitold, technical director Joshua Gehman, and tour technician Jess Rose. Also, WRAC was also extremely happy to see stage manager Sadie Wannamaker, back for a second time with the touring team, and was especially thrilled to welcome Lac du Bonnet Senior School graduate and assistant stage manager Larissa Shabaga, formerly a proud member of the local high school drama club.



Mix Tapes Cast & Crew L to R - Jess Rose, Cory Wojcik, Josh Bellan, Joshua Gehman, Larissa Shabaga, Sadie Wanamaker, Christy Taronno



Please consider attending next year's RMTC touring show. It provides rural folks a rare chance to see family-friendly professional theatre, without the long drive and higher ticket prices. See you in the winter of 2025!



Falcon Trails Resort is happy to announce that we are hosting the 5th annual Wild Writing in the Boreal, Women's Writing Retreat Weekend this April 19-22,

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Renowned authors Donna Besel and Lauren Carter are leading the sessions along with guest author Lorri Neilsen Glenn.

This class is open to anyone who identifies as a woman and is interested in exploring, exercising and developing their writing skills.

The retreat will begin on Friday evening and run through to mid Sunday afternoon. The price includes your cabin stay for the weekend (with an option to stay for the Sunday evening at no additional charge), a dinner on Friday evening, 3 meals on Saturday, 2 meals on Sunday, and all of the writing support with your leaders.

Sunday evening we will host a book launch by Lorri Neilsen Glenn celebrating her hybrid memoir, *The Old Moon in Her Arms*.

Triple cabin occupancy - \$640.00 (or 4 people for the Boreal Lodge)

Double cabin occupancy - \$700.00

To reserve your space for this workshop please contact Stephanie at groups@falcontrailsresort.com or by calling 204-792-0893



EVERYONE WELCOME

LIBRARY ALLARD'S 10TH ANNUAL

KICKASS WOMEN'S DAY

Saturday April 27th
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
École Powerview School
gymnasium

Canteen will be available!

ALL ARE WELCOME

Vendors, health
tables, book
sale, 50/50,
flower sale,
silent auction
and so much
more!



COME BY TO SAY HELLO

We have amazing vendors, crafters, informative health tables, a silent auction, a 50/50 draw, door prize draw, book sale, Chevrefils Greenhouse flower sale, and more!

The health tables will have plenty of information and representatives will be there to ask any questions you may have.

Wings of Power, Great Falls Community Hall, the Lion's Club, the Winnipeg River Heritage Museum and ROC Eastman are just a few local information tables that will be in attendance! This is a great opportunity to get those Mothers and Father's Day gifts, take a look at new spring items, and of course find something for yourself! There will be something for everyone so please stop by and as always, thank you for the ongoing support!

June 16 - 21, 2024
33rd annual **Arts West Artists Retreat**

www.artswestcouncil.ca



This five-day event will provide participants with an opportunity to concentrate on developing their artistic skills and goals under the supervision of experienced professional instructors.

Full Details & Online Registration Available at www.artswestcouncil.ca !

All courses are 6 hours/day for 5 days with meals & accomodations included!

Featuring:

Printmaking with Heather Martens Rempel

Oil/Acrylic with Jan Layh

Drawing with Ben Davis

Watermedia with David Cooper



**Riding Mountain Conference Centre
(Camp Wannakumbac)
Clear Lake, MB**

For more information, contact retreat coordinator:

Serena Lindbloom
204-295-4074 (text or call)
slindbloos@gmail.com
or see Facebook event page @ Arts West Artist Retreat

2024 Arts West Artists Retreat Registration Form

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (_____) _____

EMAIL: _____

COURSE: { 1st choice _____
2nd choice _____

MENU CHOICE (mark one):

Standard Plant based Gluten-free friendly

Registration fee is **\$700***

(covers accommodation, standard/plant based meals, instruction, & GST)

Make cheque or money order to: **Arts West Council Inc.**
Send to: **33 Eagle Way, Brandon, MB R7C 1C6**

Or pay with Interac e-Transfer to:

chrismoore@wcgwave.ca
(contact for security question/answer)

****Non-refundable deposit of \$100 must accompany registration form to reserve a spot. Balance due on: May 1, 2024**

210 Princess St, Winnipeg, MB R3B 1L4
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Gallery Booking Opportunity

We're excited to announce the launch of our new Store-front Gallery at 210 Princess St., Winnipeg. This Gallery will serve as a platform to exhibit the works of Manitoba Arts Network Members in Rural & Northern Manitoba.

Conveniently situated in the dynamic neighbourhood of the Exchange District, the Gallery is surrounded by other art galleries, boutiques, restaurants, and cafes that attract numerous visitors, particularly on weekends. Moreover, our Gallery is located beside Ace Art Inc., facilitating foot traffic between the two spaces.

Manitoba Arts Network has over 571.5 ft2 of Gallery and Space provides an excellent opportunity to exhibit a wide range of mediums. Contact us today and discover how you can display your artwork in our new Gallery space today.

Gallery Commission

Manitoba Arts Network deducts a 30% commission fee on all artworks sold. This includes exhibition set-up, inventory maintenance, Square payment processing, POS wrapping, and promotion on our various social media platforms and website, and an opening reception included in First Fridays in the Exchange promotions.

<https://www.firstfridayswinnipeg.org/>

Hours

Mon-Friday, 10AM - 4:30PM,
First Friday Reception: 1st Friday of every month, 6-9PM

The Gallery is available for bookings in 1 month blocks.
We are currently booking for Nov 2024 - December 2025.

Group exhibitions with multiple artists are welcome.

For More Information, Please Contact

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Manitoba Arts Network

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Inclusivity in Art

At MAN, we welcome submissions from Indigenous and equity-seeking artists, fostering an inclusive environment for diverse creative expressions.

March 1-30
18 Artists | 20 Textile & Fabric Works

Shifting Perspectives

Opening Reception Artist Talk
March 1 7 PM
6PM-9PM



Featuring 20 artworks by 18 artists from TFAM (Textile & Fibre Artists of Manitoba)

Explore resilience and reflect on collective experiences during the pandemic through contemporary textile and fabric art at Manitoba Art Network's new Gallery

Opening Reception
March 1st 6 pm to 9 pm

Artist Talk
7 pm

Exhibition
March 1 - 30
10 am - 5 pm
Monday to Friday
210 Princess Street,
Wpg



Stay tuned for exciting information about this upcoming art exhibition



Be prepared for a jam-packed evening of Blues, Jazz, Rock, Classical, Folk and Country music all together. Will there be half a dozen people sitting in a row, each playing their guitar, or will they stride out one at a time? No, it's only ONE chair, ONE guitar, and ONE man who switches his playing and super-elastic personality to match six distinctly different styles, right before our eyes! AND he's a very amusing and masterful storyteller, to boot! This is musical theatre and mimicry at their compact best. Chase Padgett has wowed large audiences at festivals all over the continent. It's our turn to be lucky.

<https://gordiemackeeman.com/site/>

Friday, March 15th, 2024
Pinawa Community Centre - 20 Vanier Ave

Doors open: 6:45 pm
Show starts: 7:30 pm

Individual tickets subject to availability.
Tickets are \$13-\$25 each

To get tickets:

- Visit the website www.emcaconcerts.com
- Purchase at the Pinawa Solo
- Call 204-213-0290

Staff House Bed & Breakfast
in Seven Sisters Falls, Mb
presents Summer 2024



Whisper of Your Heart

Experience our nurturing kindness as we wrap you in a yoga practice that takes you from inspiration to restoration. Have the courage to listen to the whisper of your heart. Join us on a spiritual journey to your deepest hearts desire. Create space in mind, body and spirit through yoga and creative expression that will leave you feeling untethered, inspired and aligned with your highest purpose. Attend to your body with our amazing home-made meals and luxurious accommodations. Through a workshop with a local artist create a personal alter piece with which to continue your rituals once home.

One Day Retreat: May 11, 2024 9am-5:00pm

Cost:\$185.00 per person + tax

Over Night Retreats: June 8-9,2024 and August 10-11 2024

arrival Saturday 9m and check-out Sunday 12 noon

Cost:\$390.00 pp+tax double occ or \$420.00 pp +tax single occ

Space is limited to 6 participants

To register or for more information about the Retreats, your hosts and the Staff House B & B please visit our website at <https://thestaffhouse.ca>

LAC DU BONNET REGIONAL LIBRARY

CLOSED FEB 1 - MARCH 30 FOR RENOVATIONS

BOOK LIMITS ARE
INCREASED AND ALL
BOOKS WILL BE DUE
BACK APRIL 2, 2024

LAST DAY TO SIGN
OUT BOOKS
JANUARY 31.



PINAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Sunday:	1 PM - 4 PM
Monday:	6:30 PM - 9 PM
Tuesday - Thursday:	9 AM - 4 PM and 6:30 PM - 9 PM
Friday:	9 AM - 4 PM
Saturday:	Closed

Board Game Days

Sunday board games March 17 & 24.

Open to children and adults of all ages!

Each week will feature new games,
but we encourage you to bring your own.

No sign-up required.



Join us Thursday, March 21st for our annual Easter
EGGSTRAVAGANZA

This event will be from 6:00 - 7:00 pm and open to children of all ages. We will be decorating eggs and having an egg hunt in the library. The kids will enjoy a snack to wrap up the evening. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult. The event is generously sponsored by Access Credit Union

To register your child, please visit our website at allardlibrary.com and click events. Max of 12 children able to attend so register early



VIC BEACH BRANCH HOURS OF OPERATION:

WEDNESDAY 10:00am - 2:00pm

FRIDAY 10:00am - 2:00pm

SATURDAY 10:00am - 2:00pm

SATURDAY (May - Sept) 10:00am - 4:00pm

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