

OPENING EXPERIENCE

BIRDS

IN ART

2024

ARTIST PARTICIPATION

Leigh Yawkey
Woodson
Art Museum

What's in Store for the Opening Experience?

Since 1976, the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum has organized *Birds in Art* annually, seeking to present the very best contemporary artistic interpretations of birds and related subject matter. Each September, the weekend following Labor Day, we come together to celebrate the opening of the exhibition. For the 49th edition, artists and their guests are invited to Wisconsin for three days of festivities at the Museum.

Review this document to participate and we hope to welcome you to Wausau this fall!

SCHEDULE

Subject to change, an updated schedule will be provided to artists upon arrival in Wausau.

** One guest is permitted to join during these select activities.

Thursday, SEPTEMBER 5

Exhibition Preview, 3 - 7pm

Explore a sneak peek of the *Birds in Art* galleries with complementing programs (see details on page 7) and enjoy local pairings of food and beverage on the Museum's campus during this exclusive event for Museum members, exhibiting artists, and their guests.

Friday, SEPTEMBER 6

Breakfast at the Hilton Garden Inn, 7 - 9 am

Artists' Excursions, 8 am - Noon, varying times**

Choose your adventure, see details on page 7

Welcome Luncheon, Noon - 1 pm**

Enjoy lunch at the Grand Theater in downtown Wausau

Master Wildlife Artist Medal Presentation to Gunnar Tryggmo

Artists-only time in the *Birds in Art* galleries, 1 - 3 pm

Exhibition Preview, 3 pm - 7 pm

Day two of this exclusive event features changing local food options and variations on complementing programming, see details on page 8

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 7

Breakfast at the Hilton Garden Inn, 7 - 9 am

Birds in Art Public Opening, 9 am - 5 pm

Master Wildlife Artist Presentation by Gunnar Tryggmo, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Artists in Action, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Point O' Pines Artists' Outing, Noon - dusk**

Take a breath and enjoy the fresh air of the Northwoods of Wisconsin, see details on page 7

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 8

Breakfast at the Hilton Garden Inn, 7 - 9 am

Wausau's Artrageous Weekend

Explore these events on your own. During Wausau's Artrageous Weekend 2024, visit four admission-free venues: Art in the Park at Marathon Park, Festival of Arts and the Center for the Visual Arts in downtown Wausau, and *Birds in Art* at the Woodson Art Museum. For more information visit, <https://www.lywam.org/birds-in-art/wausaus-artrageous-weekend/>

INSTRUCTIONS

To participate in the *Birds in Art* Opening Experience, please fill out this form by Monday, July 15.

Web Form: This is a fillable Web Form. Please proceed by reviewing this document and filling the necessary fields. You will need to verify your email and then you will be emailed a copy to retain for your records. The Museum will also receive a notification that you have completed this document.

Print and Send: If you choose not to fill out the Web Form, download the PDF from the Participating Artist Page. Please print the forms and clearly and legibly enter all the information. When completed, either return the scanned document via email to bia@lywam.org or send the printed forms via snail mail to the Woodson Art Museum, Attn: Birds in Art Artist Participation, 700 N 12th St., Wausau, WI 54403-5007.

Want to stay in touch after Birds in Art?

Please fill out this page to allow us to share your contact information with fellow exhibiting *Birds in Art 2024* artists. The Museum will include this information in artist welcome packets for those attending and mail it with the catalogue for those who can't make it to the Opening Experience.

I _____ consent to sharing the following contact information with exhibiting *Birds in Art 2024* artists.

Please check which personal contact information you'd like the Museum to share with artists and fill in the corresponding field.

Phone number _____

Email _____

Home address _____

Artist signature _____ Date _____

We can't wait for you to join us . . .

ARTIST

First and last name	Pronouns	Current hometown
Please list any dietary needs		

GUEST(S)

**Please keep in mind that only one guest is permitted to join the artist for the Friday morning Artists' Excursions, Friday Welcome Luncheon at the Grand Theater, and the Saturday Point O' Pines Artists' Outing. When registering for programs (page 6), you will be asked which guest is joining you.

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ADDITIONAL NEEDS

Do you or any of your guests have any additional needs that need to be brought to our attention? If so, please share them below.

TRAVEL

The Museum provides all transportation during the weekend, including trips to and from the airport. Upon arrival at CWA, you will board a Hilton Garden Inn shuttle for transportation to the hotel.

By what means will you arrive in Wausau?

Air Auto

Arrival

Date	Time
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Airport (if applicable)	Flight number (if applicable)
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Departure

Date	Time
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Airport (if applicable)	Flight number (if applicable)
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Airlines serving Central Wisconsin Airport (CWA) are Delta and American. Traveling into or out of CWA can be expensive and challenging to schedule. When considering flight options, you might want to check flights in alternative cities and the cost of a rental car. This strategy might yield cost-effective alternatives. Nearby airports include:



- Minneapolis (MSP: 180 miles from Wausau)
- Chicago (ORD: 275 miles from Wausau)
- Madison (MSN: 140 miles from Wausau)
- Milwaukee (MKE: 211 miles from Wausau)
- Appleton (ATW: 95 miles from Wausau)
- Green Bay (GRB: 100 miles from Wausau)
- Rhinelander/Oneida County (RHI: 50 miles from Wausau)

If your travel plans change at any time after you've completed this form, please inform us immediately at 715-845-7010 or bia@lywam.org.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Artists will stay at the Hilton Garden Inn, 2101 N. Mountain Road, Wausau, WI 54401 (715-298-5775). The Museum will make a lodging reservation for you based on information you supply in this form. The Museum's reservation will hold your room for all nights that you indicate. You are welcome to come early or stay as long as you like, but the Museum will pay only one-room lodging costs for you and your guest(s) for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

If you plan to arrive earlier or stay longer, we will handle your arrangements, but you must pay for extra nights when you arrive at the hotel. The Museum's special rate per night is \$165.00 plus tax; check-in time is 3 pm.



Meals (other than breakfast), bar tabs, telephone calls, etc. at the hotel are each artist's responsibility and must be paid at check-out; you will be asked to provide a credit card upon check-in.

Do you require hotel accommodations?

Yes, I require hotel accommodations

No, I do not require hotel accommodations

What night(s) do you need hotel accommodations in Wausau?

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 4 (artist pays)

Thursday, SEPTEMBER 5 (Museum pays)

Friday, SEPTEMBER 6 (Museum pays)

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 7 (Museum pays)

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 8 (artist pays)

What type of accommodations do you request?

Single, king bed

Double, queen bed

Pet friendly (fee paid by the artist)

Need an additional room?

The Museum can help your guests book a room at the Hilton Garden Inn and they will receive the Museum's rate of \$165.00 per night. Have them contact bia@lywam.org with their details or share them below.

EXPERIENCE SIGN-UP

Friday, September 6 Morning Artists' Excursions, please choose one option:

- Guided Hike and Bird Watching at the Mead Wildlife Area, 7:00 - 11:45 am (meadwildlife.org)
Explore an expansive 33,000 acres of state wildlife area in central Wisconsin. During our time at the Mead, you will receive a guided hike learning about the ecology and wildlife of the wetlands and then you will be brought to a remote location for the possibility to see a variety of bird species. Terrain will be moderate with less than 3-miles of walking, requiring good footwear and layers for weather. The Mead's Visitor Center is LEED certified and accessible, offering opportunities for rest and panoramic views of wetland vistas. Breakfast will be provided to-go from the Hilton Garden Inn to eat on 45-minute coach ride. After the excursion, the coach will take you to the Grand Theater for lunch.
- Raptor Education Group, Inc. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 9:30 - 11:00 am (raptoreducationgroup.org)
Educators from the Raptor Education Group (REGI) will bring birds, including a turkey vulture, to the hotel's conference room for discussion and close observation, with opportunities to photograph and sketch the birds. REGI is dedicated to the care and rehabilitation of injured or orphaned native bird species and public education wildlife issues. After the program, a coach will take you to the Grand Theater for lunch.

Guest name _____

Friday, September 6 Welcome Luncheon, Noon - 1 pm

Reunite with old friends and spark-up conversations with new ones as we enjoy lunch at the Grand Theater in downtown Wausau. Kathryn Mapes Turner will present Gunnar Tryggmo a medal for his honor as the 2024 Master Wildlife Artist.

Yes, I will be there! Guest name _____

Please list any guest dietary needs _____

Saturday Afternoon, September 7 Point O' Pines Outing, Noon - dusk

After the Saturday morning programs at the Woodson Art Museum, pick-up your boxed lunch and hop on a bus to head "Up North." During this lakeside retreat, enjoy dinner and refreshments along with activities including yard games, boat tours of Lake Katherine, and a guided hike. In inclement weather, there are plenty of alternatives to offer relaxation and camaraderie to conclude the art-filled weekend.

Yes, I will be there! Guest name _____

Please list any guest dietary needs _____

SHARE YOUR SKILLS

If you are interested in participating in Gallery Chats and/or Artists in Action, please fill out this section. There are only so many slots for these programs which will be filled first come, first serve. You will receive a follow up email with the details in the weeks prior to the event.

Gallery Chats

This program will happen on Thursday and Friday, September 5 and 6, for 1-hour sessions during the Exhibition Previews. We are eager to create opportunities for Museum members to engage with artists in the galleries through informal “chats.” If you are interested, please let us know by checking the box. In the weeks prior to the event, you will be shared scheduling logistics and receive more information via email.

Yes, I am interested in participating!

Artists in Action

During the Exhibition Previews on Thursday and Friday, September 5 and 6, and the Public Opening on Saturday, September 7, artists demonstrate their skills in the Museum’s Sculpture Garden.

Artists in Action has been a staple of the Saturday morning Public Opening of *Birds in Art* for many years; artists demonstrate their work, focusing on process, skills, and techniques, and engage in casual conversations with visitors in the Sculpture Garden. We seek multiple artists willing to demonstrate during 1 to 1.5 hour time slots.

If you are interested please let us know below and a little bit about what you are thinking of demonstrating. A Museum educator will follow up with you by email to work out scheduling logistics and material needs.

Yes, I am interested in participating!

Please share a little bit about your demo:

Please list any material needs:

How will your materials arrive at the Woodson Art Museum?

I will ship them beforehand. The Woodson Art Museum will pay for shipping.

I will bring the material with me when I arrive for the Opening Experience.

Other: _____

REQUEST INVITATIONS

The Museum will mail up to 4 invitations to the preview experiences on Thursday and Friday, on your behalf. All artwork lenders automatically receive a preview experience invitation.

Please complete this form by Friday, July 19.

YOUR NAME

Name(s)

Street Address

City

State/Province/Shire

Zip/ Postal Code

Country

Email

Name(s)

Street Address

City

State/Province/Shire

Zip/ Postal Code

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