



Winter 2019/2020



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quarter NOTES

A Tonic For Modern Ills!

Operational Support Grant

By Pamela 'Peach' Burke

Wheatland Music Organization was pleased to be awarded an Operational Support grant by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA). The \$18,000 award will help us meet our mission of serving as a regional resource center for the preservation and presentation of traditional music and arts. A portion of the award was made possible by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The funding will strengthen the overall organization by helping 300+ artists share their creative expression and toward administrative and other costs necessary to enrich lives with quality traditional arts programs during 2020. Wheatland offers a wealth of arts experiences – the annual Wheatland Music Festival, Traditional Arts Weekend, Summer Wheat and Winter Wheat, monthly dances, jamborees, Wheatscouts, ongoing Community Education programming, Archiving and Scholarships. Wheatland's success reflects the work done by 3 paid staff, 13 board members, 1000+ volunteers and hundreds of donors and members.



"This activity is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs."



Your memberships and gifts sustain us.

Wheatland Music Organization is one of the most active investors in traditional arts in the nation. Each year we reach about 30,000 people through the festival, winter wheat, traditional arts weekend, camp, and community programs, scholarships, lessons, dances and more. As

a nonprofit charitable organization, all excess income goes back into strengthening the organization. You might consider making a legacy gift to carry Wheatland into the future:

1. Include us in your Will or Trust as a fixed amount or as a percentage of remaining assets.
2. Include us as a beneficiary in your retirement assets or as a beneficiary in your life insurance policy. You may be able to reduce your estate tax burden.
3. As a way to avoid Probate, your financial institution may allow you to add a "payable-on-death" (POD) or "transfer-on-death" (TOD) designation with Wheatland as your beneficiary on your bank accounts or Certificates of Deposit.
4. Consider a charitable gift annuity whereby you make a gift to a charity in exchange for a "stream of income." Because the interest rate received by the donor is based on the donor's age, a more mature donor will receive more income from the gift annuity than from a Certificate of Deposit or money market fund.
5. When you reach 70.5 years or older, you are required to make a required minimum distribution (RMD) from a tax deferred account like an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). If transferred directly to Wheatland without landing in your hands first, the amount you donate is not included as taxable income when figuring your taxes. At your direction, your IRA company can transfer an amount (up to \$100,000 per person, per year) directly from your account to Wheatland Music Organization, Inc. (EIN # 38-2176484) mailing it to P.O. Box 22, Remus, MI 49340.
6. Create a generational family plan. Let your children and grandchildren know how important Wheatland is to you and those you love.

Wheat Futures '20

January

Saturday, January 11

Wheatscouts

Juggling with Caleb Hofheinz
Classroom Building, 11am – 1pm

WMO Jamboree
The Cabin, 2 – 5 pm

Winter Wheat 11
The Intersection, Grand Rapids
1pm – Midnight

Tuesday, January 14
Board of Directors Meeting
Classroom Building, 7 pm

Saturday, January 18
Traditional Contra Dance
Music & Calling by Blue Water
Ramblers
\$5 Admission, 18 & Under = FREE
Classroom Building, 7-10 pm

February

Saturday, February 8

Wheatscouts

Songs of Woody Guthrie with Drew
Nelson

Classroom Building, 11am – 1pm

WMO Jamboree
The Cabin, 2 – 5 pm

Saturday, February 15
Traditional Square & Contra Dance
Music by Hawks and Owls, Calling
by Polly
\$5 Admission, 18 & Under = FREE
Classroom Building, 7-10 pm

March

Tuesday, March 10

Board of Directors Meeting
Classroom Building, 7 pm

Tuesday, March 12
Board of Directors Meeting
Classroom Building, 7pm

Saturday, March 14
Wheatscouts
Music & Fun w/Blue Water
Ramblers
Classroom Building, 11am – 1pm

WMO Jamboree
The Cabin, 2 – 5 pm

Saturday, March 21
Traditional Squares & Contrás
Music by Tinker's Folly, Led by
Wally Ewing
\$5 Admission, 18 & Under = FREE
Classroom Building, 7-10 pm

April

Saturday, April 11

Wheatscouts

Patchwork Pear
Classroom Building, 11am – 1pm

WMO Jamboree
The Cabin, 2-5pm

Tuesday, April 14
Board of Directors Meeting
Classroom Building, 7 pm

Saturday, April 18
Traditional Square & Contra
Dances
Music by The Palooka Brothers,
Calling by Dave Goodwin
\$5 Admission, 18 & Under = FREE
Classroom Building, 7-10 pm

Wheatland Music Organization Presents
Winter Wheat 2020
Saturday, January 11
1:00 pm – Midnight
A celebration of Traditional Music and Dance

MAIN STAGE:

2:30-3:40 – CrossBow
4:00-5:10 – Roosevelt Diggs
5:20-6:30 – Full Cord
6:50-8:00 – Cabildo
8:20-9:30 – Kirk Jones & The Benzie Playboys
9:50-11:00 – Front Country

ACOUSTIC STAGE:

1:30-2:50 – Open Jam with Blue Water Ramblers
3:10-4:20 – Ruth & Max Bloomquist
4:40-5:50 – Palooka Brothers
6:10-8:50 – Earthworks Collective with Mark
Lavengood, Seth Bernard, Jen Sygit, Will See, Dede
Alder, Nicholas James Thomasma & Sam Cooper

Contra & Square Dances

Come with or without a partner.
All dances taught.
\$5 admission – 18 & under Free

January 18
Music & Calling by Blue Water Ramblers
February 15
Music by Hawks and Owls, Calling by Polly
March 21
Music by Tinkers Folly, Calling by Mark and Friends
April 18
Music by Palooka Brothers, Calling by Dave
Goodwin

SAVE THE DATE

6th Annual Summer Wheat
(Wheatland Music Camp)

June 18-21, 2020

(Arrival & Orientation June 17, 2020)

Full Camp or Daily Options available

All meals & snacks included. Shower facilities available. Free
camping on site. Limited electrical hook-ups are available for
purchase.

Updates will be available at

wheatlandmusic.org/Wheatland-music-camp

2020 Volunteer Training Dates:

May 16, 2020 • August 1, 2020

Volunteer Appreciation Concert

Details coming soon!

2020 TICKET INFORMATION for the 47th ANNUAL WHEATLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Once again, paid members, or those purchasing a membership, may purchase tickets in May equal to the number of discounted tickets per membership level. Those tickets will go on sale May 1, 2020 and may be purchased by calling the WMO office, Monday-Friday, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, or mailing in an order form.

Tickets for the general public will go on sale June 1, 2020, and will be available through our online store, by calling the office, or mailing in an order form.

Ticket ages are: Under 5 = Free
Ages 5-12 = Child's Ticket Ages 13-59 = Adult Ticket
Ages 60 and up = Senior Ticket

As always, first come first serve camping is included in the price of your ticket.

Winter Wheat - January 11, 2020
Traditional Arts Weekend - May 22-24, 2020
Summer Wheat – June 18-21, 2020
Wheatland Music Festival – September 11-13, 2020

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