

Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund

Annual Report

SY 2019



Legacy Concert at Sinclair Lewis Park, Sauk Centre Minnesota
June 19, 2019

Minnesota State Band

Referencing:
M.S. 3.303, Subd. 10
M.S. 129D.17, Subd. 2 (d)

1. Name of Project and Project Description.

Minnesota State Band FY18/19 Legacy Grant.

Plan and present public band performances throughout Minnesota. Partner with local school and community music groups, and community organizations. Focus upon the history of band music and of the Minnesota State Band.

Start and End Dates: 7/1/2018-6/30/2019.

2. Contact Information.

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3. Amount and Source of Funding.

\$50,000.00 for SY2018, received from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, via the Office of Grants Management, Department of Administration. Unspent funds from SY2018 in the amount of \$39,315.40 were carried over to SY2019.

4. Amount and Source of Any Additional Funding or Leverage.

All members of the Minnesota State Band are volunteers and pay annual membership dues of \$50 to belong to the band. Associate members may support the band with a donation of \$25.00 or more.

5. Duration of the Project.

The duration of the project covered in this report for SY2019 is July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

6. Number of Full Time Equivalents Funded Under the Project.

There were no full time equivalents funded under the project.

7. Direct Expenses and Administration Costs of the Project.

Total direct expenses for the project in SY2019 were \$38,933.25

This included Contracted Services of \$3432.50;

Communications expense of \$4183.00;

Travel costs of \$17,162.39;

Cost for Music and Musical Instruments of \$9707.32; and

Miscellaneous costs of \$4448.04.

There were no administration costs for this project.

8. Actual Measured Outcomes and Evaluation of Project.

The project description for the Minnesota State Band Legacy Grant was to “Plan and present public band performances throughout Minnesota. Partner with local school and community music groups, and community organizations. Focus upon the history of band music and the Minnesota State Band.”

The planned outcomes were as follows: “Document number of concerts performed, concert dates, times, locations and attendance. Identify new student and community partnerships achieved including the number of student and community musicians. Concert attendees express learning and enjoyment of music programs. Local contacts and band members provide comments regarding project success.”

The approximately 45-55 members of the Minnesota State Band performed twelve concerts during the Legacy Grant SY2019 time period. This coincided with the 120th Anniversary of the founding of the Minnesota State Band in 1898, and it was celebrated with music, historic photos, and stories about those first years of our band.

Summer Season Outdoor Concerts.

A total of six summer season outdoor concerts were performed as follows. (NOTE: One summer concert scheduled for Shakopee was cancelled due to rain.)

Vintage Band Festival, Northfield MN. 2:00 p.m. July 28, 2018. The Vintage Band Festival was founded in 2006 as a way to stage a series of brass and wind band concerts simultaneously. The Minnesota State Band is a vintage band and has performed several times at the festival. Here we find ourselves in the company of many

groups that carry on the history and performance of band music, as does our group. Audiences are enthusiastic and robust at these outdoor concerts.

Como Park Concert Series, St. Paul MN. 7:00 p.m. August 1, 8, and 15, 2018.

The Minnesota State Band has historic ties to Como Park and concerts by the lake, beginning in 1898. June 1898 marked the first concerts by the Band at Como Park. On June 26th, they opened the summer concert season at the Pavilion with two concerts. We don't know exactly how many concerts the band played at Como Park that summer, but they were also the closing performers for the summer season, playing a weeks worth of concerts at the end of August.

Como Park Pavilion is an ever-popular summer venue, and in 2018 approximately 700 listeners attended our concerts. The history of the band at Como Park was celebrated at these concerts.

St. Paul Saints Baseball Game, St. Paul MN. 5:30 p.m. August 13, 2018.

The Minnesota State Band partnered with the local baseball team, the St. Paul Apostles in 1898. The new musical organization gave its first public performance at the opening game of the St. Paul Apostles baseball season on April 29th. The Apostles were a Western League team, managed by Charlie Comiskey and had already played two series away. The local newspaper remarked that the team "was all right" and that baseball fans were excited about the season. The Band met the team at the Union Depot in a welcoming ceremony which would have included a parade to the Apostles' home field downtown.

In 2018, the Minnesota State Band performed a pre game concert and provided musicians including the vocalist and brass ensemble for the *Star Spangled Banner* at the beginning of the ball game. Partnering with the St. Paul Saints staff was a new community partnership for the band.

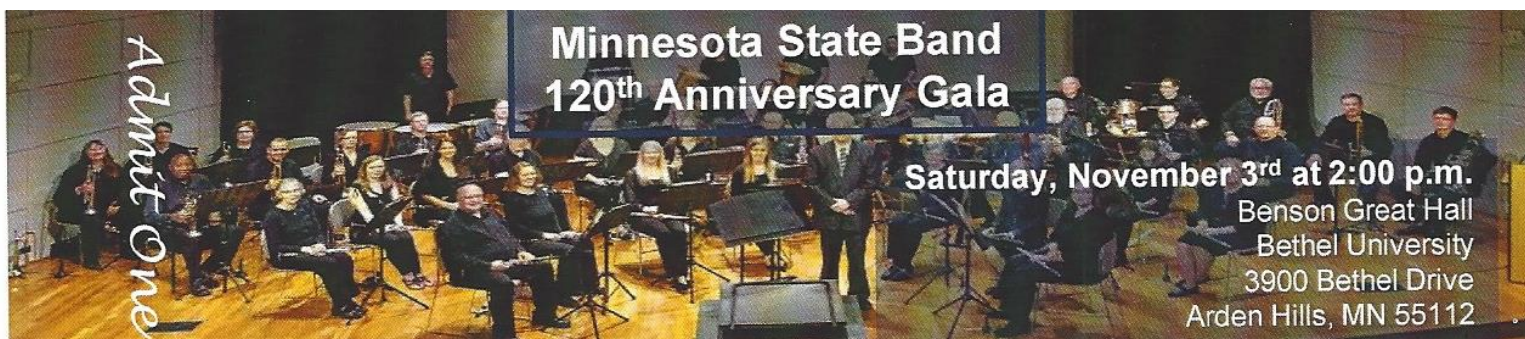
Selby Avenue Jazz Fest, St. Paul MN. 1:15 p.m. September 8, 2018.

In another new partnership, the Minnesota State Band was invited to perform an outdoor concert at the Selby Avenue Jazz Fest. This well-attended festival attracted enthusiastic audiences who brought their lawn chairs and stayed to hear multiple performances.

Winter Season Indoor Concerts.

Two celebratory indoor concerts were performed during the early winter as follows:

120th Anniversary Gala Concert at Benson Great Hall, Arden Hills MN. 2:00 p.m. November 3, 2018.



120th Anniversary Gala Concert Ticket

We presented a Gala Concert in the beautiful Benson Great Hall of Bethel University in celebration of the 120th anniversary of the founding of the Minnesota State Band in 1898. November 3, 2018 was designated Minnesota State Band Day by Governor Mark Dayton's Proclamation.

For the Gala Concert, the Minnesota State Band commissioned a special work by Minnesota composer David Evan Thomas and funded by our Legacy Grant. The work entitled *One Fair Summer Eve*, received its world premiere at the Gala, and was inspired by the composer's visits to the Minnesota State Fair. It includes four movements, I - *Pronto*, II - *Carousel*, III - *Princess Kay of the Milky Way*, and IV - *On Machinery Hill*. This new work was enthusiastically received by concert attendees and the band, and it was performed at many of the Legacy Concerts following the premiere.

A highlight of the Gala Concert was a narrated slide show focusing upon the rich history of the band from its beginnings more than a century ago. The slide show was researched and developed by the band's Historian. This slide show was also shared with many audiences at the subsequent Legacy Concerts.

New percussion instruments, including the VibeKAT electronic mallet equipment and a gong, were unveiled as a part of the Gala Concert music selections. Both were purchased with Legacy Grant funds.

Audiences were impressed with our guest soloist, Minnesota artist and pianist Dan Chouinard, who performed George Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* with the band. At both November concerts, this was the favorite piece, with many comments from the audience about Dan's gorgeous piano rendition, the clarinet solo, and their love of Gershwin's music.

Hutchinson MN Concert at Hutchinson High School Auditorium. 7:00 p.m. November 18, 2018.

The band was proud to be invited to perform at Hutchinson MN later in November, and the concert program was a repeat of the November 3 Gala Concert. The Hutchinson

Concert was representative of partnering with a local arts organization, the Hutchinson Concerts Association, to present quality band music with a historic twist.

Spring Concert Tour Concerts.

A total of six concerts were performed on four different trips to outstate Minnesota locations:

Park Rapids MN Concert at Park Rapids High School. 7:00 p.m. March 22, 2019.

Wadena MN Concert at Wadena Memorial Auditorium. 2:00 p.m. March 23, 2019.

Fairmont MN Concert at Fairmont Opera House. 7:30 p.m. April 27, 2019.

Chatfield MN Concert at Potter Auditorium, Chatfield, 2:00 p.m. April 28, 2019.

Litchfield MN Concert at Litchfield Opera House. 7:00 p.m. May 18, 2019.

Sauk Centre MN Concert at Sinclair Lewis Park. 7:00 p.m. June 19, 2019.

Park Rapids-Wadena Concert Tour. March 22-23, 2019.

At Park Rapids, the band performed a short afternoon concert for high school students, and we were pleased to welcome several musicians of the Park Rapids Band for a joint piece at our evening concert.

The March concert tour featured band member soloists Tom Wells (tuba) in Park Rapids and Fred Larson (clarinet) in Wadena; and both were very well received by our audiences.

Included in these programs was *One Fair Summer Eve*, the new work by Minnesota composer David Evan Thomas, and the slide show depicting Minnesota State Band History.

It has been the band's goal to bring quality band music to Minnesotans via our Legacy Grant, and it was rewarding to read the grateful comments from our Park Rapids audience in that regard:

"I enjoyed reading the highlights of 1899 and want to thank you, thank you for coming to rural Minnesota."

"I am glad they are getting out of the "box" of the cities." and

"Now that you are touring the state-you will have to go north. Crookston, Bemidji, Virginia, etc."

We partnered with the Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council and the Wadena County Historical Society respectively in the planning and presentation of these two concerts.

Fairmont-Chatfield Concert Tour. April 27-28, 2019.

Our performance in Fairmont was at the beautiful and historic Fairmont Opera House. In Chatfield we partnered with another historic band, the Chatfield Brass Band, in performance at the historic Potter Auditorium of the Chatfield Center for the Performing Arts.

Our April concert tour featured band member soloists Fred Larson (clarinet) in Fairmont and Andrew Snell (euphonium) in Chatfield. Again, we featured *One Fair Summer Eve*, our new work composed by David Evan Thomas and the slide show.

Audience favorite at both concerts was *Passacaglia*, a piece composed by George Friderick Handel (1685-1759).

The audience comments:

"I am proud of Minnesota's dedication to the arts and its long history of the state band. Keep up the great work!"

"Glad to see the young players but a good mix of young and older players." and

"Thank you for having the Chatfield Brass Band play with you."

Litchfield Concert. May 18, 2019.

The band returned to the historic Litchfield Opera House to partner with the Opera House Board for a spring concert featuring Fred Larson's excellent clarinet solo. This audience was so appreciative of the quality of the solo: "*Concertino*--Soloist great!" and "Mr. Larson's solo--man that was a great number, and to memorize it."

This comment: "It was cool having the writer (of *Fair Summer Eve*) come here to personally explain it." recognizes the connection of composer, musicians and audience in presenting this wonderful new composition.

Sauk Centre Concert. June 19, 2019.

For the final concert of this Legacy Grant, the band traveled to Sauk Centre MN for an outdoor concert at that community's beautiful Sinclair Lewis Park band shell. The weather was, thankfully, "just right." We partnered with the Sauk Centre Chamber of Commerce staff in the planning and presentation of this concert.

Soloists on this program were Walt Skidmore (trumpet) and Dennis Opland (euphonium) performing Herbert Clarke's 1991 piece, *Cousins*.

The audience favorite was *Ellington*, a medley of Duke Ellington tunes.

Proposed Outcomes Achieved.

The Minnesota State Band achieved its proposed outcomes for the period of this reporting period: July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019, as described above.



Minnesota State Band

120th Anniversary Gala Concert

November 3, 2018
Benson Great Hall, Bethel University
Matt Brickman, Master of Ceremonies
Dan Chouinard, Piano

Gala Concert Program Cover

Minnesota State Band Day Proclamation

November 3, 2018



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Minnesota State Band enjoys a long and proud musical tradition dating back to its founding in April 1896; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota State Band is honored to be celebrating 120 years of providing live musical performances for the people of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota State Band is the official band for the State of Minnesota and is the last State Band remaining in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota State Band is proud of the more than 547 talented professional and amateur musicians who have served as Members of the Band since 1898; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota State Band will host a Gala 120th Anniversary Concert at Benson Great Hall on the campus of Bethel University on Saturday, November 3rd, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, November 3, 2018, as

MINNESOTA STATE BAND DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 4th day of October.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR

Steve Pimm

SECRETARY OF STATE



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