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Performing Arts Series receives grants for new season

Summary: The Minnesota State Arts Board and Arts Midwest will help bring a variety of fine arts performances to Morris.

(August 31, 2010)-The University of Minnesota, Morris has received a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board for the 2010–2011 [Performing Arts Series](#). The grant will help bring a variety of fine arts performances, for the campus and the community, to the Student Center’s Edson Auditorium: Cantus—an acclaimed men’s a cappella ensemble, Wailin’ Jennys—one of Canada’s “hottest folk bands,” Buckets & Tap Shoes—a unique company of musicians, dancers, and percussionists, TU Dance—featuring Toni Pierce-Sands and Uri Sands, and National Players’ A Midsummer Night’s Dream.

The Performing Arts Series grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board is made possible through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature from the Minnesota arts and cultural heritage fund with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008. A state agency, the Minnesota State Arts Board’s mission is to stimulate and encourage the creation, performance, and appreciation of the arts in Minnesota.

In addition to the Minnesota State Arts Board grant, the Performing Arts Series also received a grant from Arts Midwest through its Performing Arts Fund. A nonprofit organization, Arts Midwest serves audiences, arts organizations and artists in a nine-state region. It is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, with additional contributions from the Minnesota State Arts Board, General Mills Foundation and Land O’Lakes Foundation. The Performing Arts Fund grant will help support the Wailin’ Jennys performance on Saturday, October 23, 2010.

Arts Midwest Executive Director David J. Fraher says, “Arts Midwest is proud to support the upcoming presentation of Wailin’ Jennys. In these economically trying times, arts events like this not only provide uplifting experiences for audiences, they also create meaningful jobs for those employed in the arts industry—thus amplifying the effectiveness of our funding.”

The 2010–2011 Performing Arts Series opens with [Cantus](#) on Friday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m. For ticket information, call 320-589-6080 or visit the [Web site](#). Season tickets are available for all five events.

Photo: TU Dance

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