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Summary:

(May 25, 2004)-What does outstate Minnesota have that you can't find in the big city? Small towns? A sense of community? A willingness to share and learn? If you answer with any of these, you are correct!

The Second Annual Symposium on Small Towns, to be held June 8-9 on the campus of the University of Minnesota, Morris, will showcase projects of the area's small towns as well as what one might expect to find only in a big city: performing arts and a nationally recognized cultural exhibit! All of this is open to everyone.

Musician extraordinaire Peter Ostroushko returns following last year's Symposium for an encore performance at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, in Edson Auditorium. He will be joined on stage by guitarist Arkadiy Yushin.

"One of the finest musicians on the planet" (Rhythm Music Magazine), Ostroushko reflects musical styles from all over the planet, from Irish to bluegrass to Brazilian, with a special nod to his Ukrainian heritage. He is one of the most accomplished mandolin and fiddle players touring today. The former music director of Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion," Ostroushko still makes frequent appearances on the radio show. He has recorded with Bob Dylan, Chet Atkins, Emmylou Harris, Willie Nelson and scores of others.

Yushin, born in Minsk, Belarus, first came to the U.S. in 1997 as a student of Berklee College of Music in Boston. An arranger, composer, professional recording and performance musician, and guitarist, he has performed with numerous regional national and international artists including Anthony Cox, Adi Yeshaya, Tim Mohony, Jim Anton, and Janet Jackson.

Registration for the Symposium, titled "Rural Communities Adapting to the New Century" is open through June 2.

Here's a complete two-day Symposium agenda:

Tuesday, June 8

Showcasing Community Projects in the Science Building Atrium

10:30am

Registration.

Oyate Hall, Student Center

11:30

Light Lunch

Oyate Hall, Student Center

12:30pm

Welcome to UMM and Greetings from Morris, Minnesota
Sam Schuman, Chancellor of the University of Minnesota, Morris.
Carol Wilcox, Mayor, City of Morris

Keynote Speaker, "Learning to Live in the New Century: Building Communities By Re-connecting the Pieces"
Dr. Daryl Hobbs, Professor Emeritus of Rural Sociology and Senior Research Associate, Office of Social and Economic Data Analysis, University of Missouri.
Science Building Auditorium

1:30

Community Showcases ALL DAY in the Science Building Atrium

2:30

Politics 101: Small Towns in a Political Environment
Nancy Larson, Minnesota Association of Small Cities
Science Building Auditorium

5:00

Supper on your own visit downtown Morris and view the "Barn Again" exhibit at the Stevens County Historical Museum

7:30

Peter Ostroushko and Arkadiy Yushin Musical Concert
Edson Auditorium, Student Center

Wednesday, June 9

Developing Community Projects in the Science Building Atrium Classrooms

7:30am

Continental Breakfast and Quiz
Oyate Hall, Student Center

8:30

Legislative Forum, Almanac-style
Senator Dean Johnson, (DFL) Willmar
Senator Dallas Sams, (DFL) Staples
Senator Gen Olson, (R) Minnetrista
Representative Steve Sviggum, (R) Kenyon
Representative Torrey Westrom, (R) Elbow Lake
Representative Paul Marquart, (DFL) Dilworth
Science Building Auditorium

10:00

Community-Based Project Development
Science Building Atrium Classrooms

12:30pm

Luncheon Speaker
Jim Hoolihan, CEO, Blandin Foundation
Oyate Hall, Student Center

2:30

Open Membership Meeting, Minnesota Association of Small Cities
Oyate Hall, Student Center

Community Project Showcases will be displayed in the Science Atrium throughout both days of the Symposium.

The registration fee for this Symposium is \$50, which includes all sessions and materials, lunch on Tuesday, breakfast and lunch on Wednesday, and a ticket to Tuesday's Peter Ostrousko/Arkadiy Yushin concert. A limited number of scholarships are available for participants who bring a project to share for the Symposium. The amounts and availability of these scholarships vary from region to region. For more information on the Symposium, bringing a community project or registration go to our web site www.centerforsmalltowns.org or call the Center for Small Towns (320) 589-6451.

This Symposium is co-sponsored by the Center for Small Towns and the Minnesota Association of Small Cities, and in partnership with the University of Minnesota Extension Service. It is a part of the President's 21st Century Interdisciplinary Conferences Series of the University of Minnesota.

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