

34th ANNUAL MPAC ARTIST SHOWCASE & BLOCK-BOOKING CONFERENCE
January 27-29, 2017, Great Falls, Montana
Host: Great Falls Community Concert Association

What is MPAC?

Montana Performing Arts Consortium (MPAC) is a non-profit coalition of Montana and regional performing arts presenting organizations and artists. Founded in 1981, MPAC's mission is to: 1.) promote booking of quality artists, 2.) increase skills in presenting and touring, and 3.) reduce expenses for artists and presenters through block-booking.

What is this event?

The showcase and conference are the result of a cooperative effort between member presenters and performing artists. Each year representatives of approximately twenty presenting organizations in Montana and Idaho, plus a like number of artists and management companies gather as a cost-effective way for marketing, booking, and continuing education.

Who attends the conference?

Rural and urban presenters	Performing artists, managers, promotional staff
Community concert representatives	Representatives of state and regional arts councils
School administrators	Summer fair and festival representatives

Conference features:

- WESTAF Tour West workshop and individual sign-ups
- Sample works of 17, national, regional, Montana, and Canadian artists in the juried showcase.
- Additional artists with video or audio samples of their work in the Resource Room.
- "Turn the tables Resource Room" Friday afternoon. Presenters will have at least one person representing their organization in a booth to meet artists and answer questions.
- Artist jam session on Saturday evening.
- Block-booking meetings for presenters.
- Travel stipends for rural Montana presenters, one per organization. (For those from out-of state, please check with your state arts agency for possible travel assistance.)

Registration: Postmark registration deadline is January 9, 2017. Late registration costs more and, due to advance notice for catering, meal tickets may not be available.

Lodging: special *MPAC* or *Montana Performing Arts Consortium* conference rate information is posted on www.mtperformingarts.org in "Conference and Showcase" tab.

Showcase: A list of Showcase artists also may be found at www.mtperformingarts.org, additional artists and/or their representatives may be found in the conference Resource Room.

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