

# our story

The **Pipestone Performing Arts Center** is located at 104 East Main Street, in the heart of Pipestone's Historic District. This District is recognized on the National Register of Historic Places. The PAC is housed in a Sioux quartzite building which dates back to 1898.

We are managed by a very dedicated group of community volunteers and our Managing Director, Mark Thode. The PAC is the host stage for the Calumet Players, the Calumet Players Children's Theater, and the Al Opland Singers.

The Calumet Players offer great community theater with shows directed, managed, and acted out by local or area talents. The Al Opland Singers have been a local tradition for many, many years. They have called our stage home since our beginning.

The PAC prides itself in presenting a variety of quality shows. Support comes from the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council, the Minnesota State Arts Board, the Pipestone Performing Arts Center Foundation, endowment interest, as well as patrons and friends of the performing arts in Pipestone. If you would like to offer your support, please send correspondence to: PO Box 100, Pipestone, MN 56164-0100.

# operations

The **Pipestone Performing Arts Center, Inc.** is operated by a volunteer, hands-on board of directors. Meeting at least once monthly, their duties include:

- Fundraising
- Financial Management
- Maintenance
- Show selection
- Responsibility for filing of legal requirements
- Applying for grants
- Event planning
- Being accountable to donors
- Setting compensation structures
- Serving on PPAC committees & work groups

The **PAC** board hires a Managing Director who handles day-to-day management, marketing, scheduling use of the Center and oversees volunteers.

The **PAC** is utilized over 250 days a year for various activities, events and rehearsals. Many volunteers provide ushering, technical assistance and other tasks. Many civic events are held free of charge at the Center.



## connect with us

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## community theater

The **Calumet Players** are a non-profit community theater group presenting three main-stage and two children's theater shows a year at the PAC in Pipestone. They have been in operation since 1994 and were incorporated in 1996. They are governed by a local board of directors.

The **Calumet Players** strive to entertain, inform and educate, thereby enriching the cultural life of the community. It is their responsibility to:

- to create opportunities for children and adults
- to explore and develop talents in all avenues of theatrical arts
- to nurture, honor and respect the imagination of our audience and artists
- to celebrate the achievements of our volunteers and artists
- to create community by bringing together people who encompass all ages and backgrounds
- to stimulate, celebrate and enhance understanding of ourselves and others through the shared, transformative experience of live theater.

## presenter series

The **Presenter Series** is a collection of performances in our annual season that is made up of regional/professional artists that take the PAC stage to entertain Pipestone and the surrounding communities. Typically we host 4-6 artists from larger cities of the Midwest region. Many artists have come from Sioux Falls, Minneapolis and even Chicago. Artists such as Kat Perkins, Tonic sol-Fa, Tommy Ryman, Lorie Line, Monroe Crossing and The Hunts have entertained our audience right here in Pipestone. Support from our Underwriters helps our organization keep ticket prices to these events low and accessible to theater-goers in our community.



## regional choir

**THE AL OPLAND SINGERS** are a regional choral group based in Pipestone, consisting of about 30 members from the surrounding region. It is a union of what was formerly the Pipestone Male Chorus and the Pipestone Women's Chorus.

The shows that the **AL OPLAND SINGERS** put on include solos, mixed ensembles, duets and barbershop along with dancing, costumes & dialogue. The group used to travel around the surrounding area to perform in regional towns. The home performance venue was originally the Pipestone High School auditorium, but the group also travelled

to put on shows at the Lake Benton Opera House, the Ruthton School Gym, as well as venues in Edgerton, Jasper, and Luverne, Minnesota. The Al Opland Singers no longer travel, but perform four shows each season (Christmas & Spring) at the Pipestone Performing Arts Center, which began in 1993.

The **AL OPLAND SINGERS'** performances cover many genres of music, including excerpts from Broadway musicals, popular songs, sacred and secular Christmas music, & patriotic songs.

