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Landmark Center News and Events

LANDMARK LIVE

The 15th season of Landmark Live brings three concerts and four distinctive Twin Cities artists to the Landmark Center's F.K. Weyerhaeuser Auditorium.



The season opens **October 16** with **David Huckfelt**, founding frontman of indie-folk group The Pines. Known for blending folk, poetry, storytelling and humor, Huckfelt has performed with artists including Mavis Staples, Emmylou Harris and Bon Iver.

On **November 20**, **LAAMAR**, the Minneapolis-based project of singer, songwriter, saxophonist and composer Geoffrey Lamar Wilson, takes the stage with his band. Blending folk, soul, R&B and country, his music explores identity, joy, grief, and the shared human experience.

The season concludes **December 18** with musician, vocalist, composer and teaching artist **Thomasina Petrus**, joined by **Kashimana Ahua**. A celebrated presence in the Twin Cities music and arts community, Petrus brings decades of experience as a performer and collaborator to the stage. Ahua complements the evening with her distinctive blend of pop, soul and R&B, shaped by her experiences growing up in Nigeria and Kenya.

All performances begin at 7:30 pm with a cocktail hour preceding at 6:45 pm. Advance single show and season tickets are available and can be purchased at ticketleap.com/landmarkcenter. Season tickets are \$69.38 each and advance tickets for each performance are \$27.32. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$30, depending on availability. For more information, please visit landmarkcenter.org/landmark-live or call 651.292.3063.

HISTORY PLAY 2026

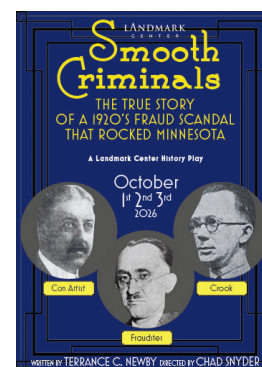
SMOOTH CRIMINALS: THE TRUE STORY OF A 1920'S FRAUD SCANDAL THAT ROCKED MINNESOTA

This year's History Play brings to life the chance meeting of two criminals in a Ramsey County jail in early 1923, setting in motion what would become the longest criminal trial in Saint Paul history at the time.

Smooth Criminals uncovers the shocking story of a massive fraud that targeted Minnesota's German immigrant community, a group deeply misunderstood and viewed with suspicion in the aftermath of World War I. Caught on both sides of the scandal, some German immigrants fell victim to the scheme while others helped perpetrate it. Thousands of people across the Midwest lost millions of dollars, while corrupt government officials took bribes, issued threats, and helped fuel the deception. The devastating scheme left hundreds of families in financial ruin.

Written by Terrance C. Newby and directed by Chad Snyder, *Smooth Criminals* is a gripping story of fraud, betrayal, corruption, and prejudice. Join us for this fascinating chapter of Saint Paul history.

Performances will be held Thursday, October 1 and Friday, October 2, at 7 pm and Saturday, October 3 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$11.55 and are available now at landmarkcenter.org/history-play or by calling 651.292.3063.



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EVENTS CALENDAR

Sep 7	Building Closed: Labor Day
Sep 12	<i>From Bicentennial to 250</i> Exhibition Closing Reception & Talk North Gallery; 10 am - 12 pm; Free (res. req.)
Sep 13	Climb to the Top North Tower; 11 am-1 pm; Free HORA: Romanian Folk Dances Exhibit Room 319; 1-3 pm; Free
Sep 20	Sundays at Landmark: Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Musser Cortile; 1-3 pm; Free HORA: Romanian Folk Dances Exhibit Room 319; 1-3 pm; Free AAW Gallery of Wood Art: Woodturning Demonstration 2nd Floor Galleria; 1-4 pm; Free
Sep 27	HORA: Romanian Folk Dances Exhibit Room 319; 1-3 pm; Free
Oct 1	Schubert Club Courtroom Concert Courtroom 317; 12-1 pm; Free History Play: <i>Smooth Criminals</i> F.K. Weyerhaeuser Auditorium; 7 pm; \$11.55
Oct 2	Schubert Club KidsJam featuring Border CrosSing Courtroom 317; 10:30 am; Free (res. req.) History Play: <i>Smooth Criminals</i> F.K. Weyerhaeuser Auditorium; 7 pm; \$11.55
Oct 3	Schubert Club KidsJam featuring Border CrosSing Courtroom 317; 10:00 & 11:15 am; Free (res. req.) History Play: <i>Smooth Criminals</i> F.K. Weyerhaeuser Auditorium; 2 pm; \$11.55
Oct 4	<i>Crossing Threads</i> Opening Reception North Gallery; 1-3 pm; Free HORA: Romanian Culinary Traditions Exhibit Room 319; 1-3 pm; Free
Oct 8	Schubert Club Courtroom Concert Courtroom 317; 12-1 pm; Free
Oct 11	HORA: Romanian Culinary Traditions Exhibit Room 319; 1-3 pm; Free
Oct 13	Global Conversations: Madagascar in Focus Courtroom 317; 12-1 pm; Free
Oct 15	Schubert Club Courtroom Concert Courtroom 317; 12-1 pm; Free

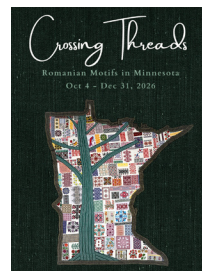
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Oct 16	Landmark Live: David Huckfelt F.K. Weyerhaeuser Auditorium; 6:45 pm; \$27.32 - \$30
Oct 18	Sundays at Landmark: Saint Paul Civic Symphony Concert Musser Cortile; 1 pm; Free HORA: Romanian Culinary Traditions Exhibit Room 319; 1-3 pm; Free AAW Gallery of Wood Art: Woodturning Demonstration 2nd Floor Galleria; 1-4 pm; Free
Oct 20	Ballet Tuesdays: <i>Coppelia</i> Musser Cortile; 12-1 pm; Free
Oct 22	Schubert Club Courtroom Concert Courtroom 317; 12-1 pm; Free
Oct 25	Sundays at Landmark: Great Pumpkin Halloween Festival Musser Cortile; 1-3 pm; Free HORA: Romanian Culinary Traditions Exhibit Room 319; 1-3 pm; Free HORA: Threads of Tradition: A Cross-Stitch Workshop Courtroom 317; 1-3 pm; \$12.51 (res. req.)
Oct 28	Gangster Ghost Tour Building Wide; 6-9 pm; \$11.55
Oct 29	Schubert Club Courtroom Concert Courtroom 317; 12-1 pm; Free
Nov 6	Once Upon a Time Gala Musser Cortile; 5:30-9:30 pm; \$150
Ongoing	Landmark Center Public Building Tours Every Sunday afternoon at 12:30 pm starting at the Visitor Information Center. Tours are free and reservations are not required.

NORTH GALLERY: *CROSSING THREADS, ROMANIAN MOTIFS IN MINNESOTA*

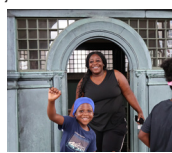
Heritage Organization of Romanian Americans (HORA) presents *Crossing Threads, Romanian Motifs in Minnesota*, opening October 4 in the North Gallery. Explore the beauty and artistry of the traditional Romanian blouse, or “ie,” recognized by UNESCO as a unique heritage item. The exhibit features a collaborative tapestry of cross-stitch motifs created by members and friends of the Romanian-American community, along with authentic blouses and a look at the craftsmanship behind them.

Crossing Threads will be on view October 4-December 31, with an opening reception on Sunday, October 4, from 1-3 pm.



FAMILY FUN STARTS AT LANDMARK

Looking for a fun-filled day out with the family? Make downtown Saint Paul your destination, with Landmark Center at the heart of your adventure!



Climb to the Top | Sunday, September 13 | 11 am–1 pm | Free

September 13: Start your day with *Climb to the Top* (of the North Tower) for sweeping views of the city. Then discover the Schubert Club's Music Museum before heading to Mickey's Diner, a Saint Paul icon designed to look like a classic railroad dining car.



Fall Ballet Tuesdays | October 20 & November 24, 12–1 pm | Free

Ballet Tuesdays: Bring a lunch or grab a bite at Jenni's Café inside Landmark Center, then enjoy lunchtime ballet with Ballet Co.Laboratory. Watch a performance, try a few moves, make a craft, and meet the dancers for photos. Afterward, take a short stroll through Rice Park to explore the historic George Latimer Central Library.



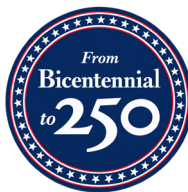
Great Pumpkin Halloween Festival | Sunday, October 25, 1–3 pm | Free

October 25: Put on your costumes and join us for the *Great Pumpkin Halloween Festival* at Landmark Center. After the festival, keep the fun going with a walk to Candyland, another beloved Saint Paul tradition, for popcorn and candy.

From music and dance to festivals, museums and Saint Paul traditions, there's always something new to discover together. Make Landmark Center and downtown Saint Paul part of your next family adventure. Find events at landmarkcenter.org/calendar and more things to do at visitsaintpaul.com.

EXHIBITION CLOSING RECEPTION & TALK

We invite you to join us for a special discussion exploring the Bicentennial and renaissance of Landmark Center, along with a final opportunity to view the exhibit *From Bicentennial to 250: The Renaissance of Landmark Center*. Special guests David Lanegran, Ph.D., and Jim and Merrie Stolpestad will share their perspectives on the Bicentennial initiatives that helped build support for Landmark Center's restoration.



The event takes place Saturday, September 12, from 10 am to noon and includes light breakfast refreshments. Reservations are required. To RSVP, email development@landmarkcenter.org.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS (AAW) TURNS 40!

In 1986, a small group of studio woodturners founded the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) to share skills, ideas, and information. Forty years later, AAW has grown to more than 12,000 members and 365 chapters worldwide, while its spirit of community remains strong. The Gallery of Wood Art and AAW celebrate this milestone with the exhibit *Turning 40*, featuring contemporary work alongside pieces by early AAW makers. The exhibition traces woodturning's evolution and enduring creativity. On view through November 30. Visit galleryofwoodart.org for hours and appointments.



LANDMARK CENTER BUILDING, GALLERIES, GIFT SHOP, & TOURS

Visitor Information Center (VIC)

For the most up-to-date building information, and information about downtown Saint Paul and surrounding Ramsey County, call 651.292.3225 or visit our website landmarkcenter.org.

Landmark Gift Shop

Hours: Wed-Fri, 10 am–2 pm, and during most public programs. Shop unique local gifts, souvenirs, and Minnesota inspired books.

North Gallery, open during building hours

From Bicentennial to 250: The Renaissance of Landmark Center

July 1–September 13

Upcoming: *Crossing Threads* by HORA, October 4–December 31

Landmark Gallery, open during building hours

A Landmark Reclaimed: From Federal Building to Community Icon
Basement level, chronicles the history of Landmark Center and the people who made it the community building it is today.

Uncle Sam Worked Here Exhibit, open during building hours

An interactive interpretive exhibit gives visitors a glimpse into federal courts, wartime activities, prohibition, immigration, and more that occurred in Landmark Center.

JENNI'S CAFÉ

Newly open on the first floor of Landmark Center, Jenni's Café offers breakfast, lunch, coffee, pastries, soups, sandwiches, and baked goods made with local ingredients. Open Mon-Fri, 8 am–2 pm.



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODTURNERS GALLERY OF WOOD ART

Wednesday - Friday and Sunday from 12–4 pm, and by appointment. Call 651.484.9094 or visit galleryofwoodart.org for more details.

SCHUBERT CLUB MUSIC MUSEUM

Wednesday-Friday and Sunday from 12–4 pm

Saturday from 10 am–2 pm.

Visit schubert.org or call 651.292.3268 for more information, virtual events, and updates.

HERITAGE ORGANIZATION OF ROMANIAN AMERICANS IN MINNESOTA

Romanian American Cultural Center

Open every Sunday 1–3 pm or contact Raluca Octav at ralucaoctav@hotmail.com or call 651.600.8771 to schedule a private tour by appointment.

POLISH AMERICAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE OF MINNESOTA

PACIM Library

Open every Sunday from 1–3 pm, or by appointment. Please email library@pacim.org to make an appointment.

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ONCE UPON A TIME GALA — TRAVEL WITH US TO “JAPAN”!

This year, Landmark Center transforms into Tokyo for the 14th annual Once Upon a Time Gala. Join us Friday, November 6 for an unforgettable evening filled with Japanese-inspired flavors, cocktails, entertainment, and the excitement of a night out in one of the world's most vibrant cities.

Once Upon a Time Gala
TOKYO
Friday, November 6, 2026

Guests will mingle during a welcome reception, bid on unique items and experiences, enjoy dinner and live entertainment, and take part in an exciting live auction and fund-a-need. Throughout the evening, we'll celebrate the impact of Landmark Center and raise vital support for our mission to provide free and accessible arts and cultural programs for the community. To find more event details and RSVP, please visit our website at landmarkcenter.org/once-upon-a-time-gala or call 651.292.4375.



Accessibility - If you plan to attend a Landmark Center activity and have a need for special assistance, please e-mail admin@landmarkcenter.org or call 651.292.4375 at least two business days prior to the event.

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Monday - Friday: 8 am-5 pm
Saturday: 10 am-5 pm
Sunday: 12-5 pm

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