



ARTISTRY

at Bloomington Center for the Arts

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Artistry is the new name for Bloomington Theatre and Art Center, which rebranded on July 1, 2015. Artistry is an independent, nonprofit *organization* based in the city-owned *venue* called the Bloomington Center for the Arts. The Bloomington Center for the Arts is home to seven nonprofit arts organizations and also presents outside acts. Artistry's programming comprises theater productions (formerly produced under the name Bloomington Civic Theatre), visual arts exhibitions, arts education at the Center for the Arts and other locations throughout the Twin Cities, and creative placemaking. The following program/organization names are no longer active and should not be used in reference to our programming: Bloomington Art Center, Bloomington Civic Theatre, Bloomington Theatre and Art Center.

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Artistry Presents *Kawishiwi River: Copper Age* in the Atrium Gallery

(Bloomington, MN) Artistry is pleased to announce *Kawishiwi River: Copper Age*, an exhibition in the Atrium Gallery featuring the work of Aaron Squadroni. The exhibition runs January 14– March 6, 2016.

About the Exhibit: In this solo exhibition Aaron Squadroni explores the controversial topic of mining in Minnesota, specifically in the Duluth Complex bordering the Mesabi Iron Range and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. His *Kawishiwi River* series is a collection of copperpoint land portraits, recording a history of landmarks and sacred spaces based on traditional legends, government treaties, current disputes, and future visions. Each portrait merges an image of the landscape with a symbol or object from that landscape; the catalog of imagery is meant to heighten the public awareness about how the future of the river will take shape, while simultaneously preserving its identity in the past.

Gallery Location and Hours: The Atrium Gallery is located on the second level in the Bloomington Center for the Arts at 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road in Bloomington, MN. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. There is no admission fee.

About Artistry: Artistry is a regional arts nonprofit serving more than 80,000 people annually through theater, visual arts, arts education, and creative placemaking programs. Artistry is a proud participant in the Twin Cities Ivey Awards and one of seven nonprofit organizations based in the Bloomington Center for the Arts. For more information, visit www.artistrymn.org or call 952-563-8575.

Photo Captions:

Kawishiwi: Pearl by Aaron Squadroni; copperpoint on paper

Kawishiwi: Fog by Aaron Squadroni; copperpoint on paper

Exhibition website:

https://www.artistrymn.org/visual_arts/kawishiwi

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