

# BRIDGES ARTS COUNCIL

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## BRIDGES ARTS COUNCIL SEEKS VIRTUAL ART OPPORTUNITIES

If you know of an artist or performer that is interested in doing a virtual performance, class, or other art/cultural event in a safe, digital format the Bridges Arts Council wants to hear from you.

Please contact us at [info@bridgesarts.org](mailto:info@bridgesarts.org).



## Music In the Park Celebrates 25th Anniversary

The Bridges Arts Council and the Valley City Parks and Recreation Department are proud to present the Music In the Park Concert Series for the 2021 season. The 2021 season is the 25th anniversary of this local favorite. This year's season will kick off June 2nd and run through August 18th. The Valley Troubadours, Greg Hager, Kroshus and Krew, Kathie Brekke & the 42nd St. Jazz Band, Micaiah's Studio of Ballet and LivFit Fitness, and the DeMasi Brothers are just a few of the scheduled performers.

The Bridges Arts Council has some special plans to commemorate the 25th anniversary and the arts in the local area through this project.

Artists are still being booked for the show although there are not many spots left! If you or your group is interested in performing, please contact event coordinator, Diane Sommerfeld, at [vcpr@vcparcs.com](mailto:vcpr@vcparcs.com). If you are interested in helping sponsor the event we are still looking for sponsors for the event. If you are interested in sponsoring the event, please reach out to [vcpr@vcparcs.com](mailto:vcpr@vcparcs.com).

## Mural Project

The Bridges arts council still has a few spots left for the city park mural project that is happening this summer. This project will help highlight the historic relevance of the city park bandshell and will feature some references to the historical aspects of the park. There will be spots available for purchase in the mural and these will help defray the cost of the project. These spots are \$150 and maybe purchased by emailing the Bridges Arts Council Arts Administrator, Nick Lee, at [administrator@bridgesarts.org](mailto:administrator@bridgesarts.org).

Upcoming Events

Where Dance

Meets Art

Music In the Park

Sunday Afternoons in Pioneer Park

## Speech Team Wins 4th State Title and Qualifies 12 for the National Speech and Debate Tournament

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*Speech Team (photo taken by Steph Kruta)*

The Valley City Speech Team won their 4th consecutive state title on Saturday, April 17th at Jamestown High School. 25 Valley City entries brought home state medals. Junior, Vismaya Jacob, was named the champion of Poetry Interpretation. She is the 47th State champion in Valley City High School Speech Team history.

The Valley City High School Speech Team also competed at the North Dakota Roughrider District Speech tournament for a chance to compete at the National Speech and Debate Tournament. 12 Valley City High School students qualified to compete, a new school record. Qualified students are as follows: Brinklyn Johnson (Duo Interpretation), Tucker Johnson (Duo Interpretation), Owen Plagens (Duo Interpretation), Luke Plagens (Duo Interpretation), Madi Klabo (Dramatic Interpretation), Lillian Kiefert (Dramatic Interpretation), Morgan Jenner (Humorous Interpretation), Olivia Slyter (Program Oral Interpretation), Abigail Redfearn (United State Extemp), Vismaya Jacob (Informative Speaking), Ayden McPartland (World Schools Debate), Ariana Abrahamson (World Schools Debate).

The Valley City High School Speech team is coached by Nick Lee (Head Coach), Abigail Ingstad (Assistant Coach), Hannah Isakson (Assistant Coach), Madison Barndt (Assistant Coach), Elizabeth Gazeley (Assistant Coach). Next up for the Hi-Liners speakers is the National Speech and Debate Association National Tournament held in an online virtual format in June.

If you would like to donate to help defray the National Speech and Debate please contact head coach Nick Lee at 701-840-3870 or at [nicholas.lee.2@vcsu.edu](mailto:nicholas.lee.2@vcsu.edu).

## Where Dance Meets Arts- Summer Arts Enrichment Program

Where Dance Meets Art is a new summer arts and dance collaboration that has been put together by the Bridges Arts Council, The Valley City Barnes County Public Library, Micaiah's Studio of Ballet and LivFit Fitness, and the DARE to CREATE Foundation for the Arts for elementary age children. Each Age group will get an opportunity to explore movement, musicality, learn choreography, and have a 1 hour Art lesson from Karissa Yturalde (VCSU Art Student). The theme this year for the Valley City Barnes County Library summer learning program is Tales and Tails and this includes the Where Dance Meets Art. As part of this dance/art experience students of all ages will be able to be a part of the Summer Park Art Gala and Performance. Students will also be gifted an artist swag bag and an opportunity to grow as an artists.

Cost: 6-13 years (\$125)

Cost: 3-5 years (\$100)      Registration closes May 19th

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Program Runs June 1st-July 7th

Dance & Art Lessons June 1st-June 24th

Mondays 9:00-11:00 AM 3-6yrs ~ Tuesdays 1:00-4:00 PM 6-8yrs~Thursdays 1:00-4:00 PM 9-13yrs

Get Ready for Park Performance & Out Door Art Games June 28th-July 1st

Mondays 3-6yrs 9:00-10:00 AM Tuesday 6-8yrs 1:00-3:00 PM

Thursday 9-13yrs 1:00-3:00 PM

Scholarships are available

Rehearsal Practice July 5th & 6th

Sign up at:

Monday 3-6yrs 9:00-10:00 AM

[https://www.micaiahstudioballet.com/where-dance-meets-](https://www.micaiahstudioballet.com/where-dance-meets-art-1)

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Tuesday 6-8yrs 1:00-2:00 PM

Tuesday 9-13yrs 2:00-3:00 PM

