

FAIRMONT OPERA HOUSE

Tucked away in southwestern Minnesota in the town of Fairmont is a unique building which has enriched the cultural, architectural and commercial life of the region for over 100 years. The Fairmont Opera House was



built not for profit, but for the use, benefit, pleasure and entertainment of all the

people. The current mission of the Fairmont Opera House is “to provide a historical arts and entertainment center with the purpose of promoting cultural growth and community involvement”. To insure our goals we have developed residencies, educational programming, and challenging performances vital to our existence.

We have opened an Art Gallery on the Mezzanine level of our facility and feature artists from the area on a revolving monthly schedule. The Opera House continues to see an increase in community use as we now host the Fairmont area driver’s education classes, Civic Summer Theatre, community lectures, adult and youth dances and various other functions in our facility.

Over the past number of years we have brought cultures from around the world through our Series programming. The Opera House offers between 7 and 9 National and International acts annually.

OUR STORY STUDIOS

Our Story Studios is located at 109 West 1st Street and occupies an historic building that was erected by the local chapter of the Odd Fellows in 1890. Our Story Studios not only houses the executive offices of Our



Story Productions, but also serves as the film studio from which Our Story TV is produced - a cable television show that airs 15 unique TV programs to 250,000 viewers in 35 communities throughout southern

Minnesota. Our Story Studios has two fully equipped concert stages and presents musical entertainment twice a month as part of its “This Song’s For You” concert series. Several special-interest clubs are located in Our Story Studios including The Fairmont Film Society, The Belly-Dancing Club, The Spiritual Book Study Club and The Monday Night Chick-Flick Club, as well as the newly reconstituted Order of Odd Fellows.

Our Story Studios provides intriguing rental opportunities for your special events! Among its amenities are three state-of-the-art screening rooms spectacularly decorated with a classic Hollywood theme; an interior concert stage with full sound, lighting and filming capabilities; an outdoor concert area with lounge and gorgeous private garden; and a full-service catering kitchen. For more information, log on to www.ourstorymn.com.

RED ROCK CENTER FOR THE ARTS

The Red Rock Center for the Arts is a restored 1898 red stone building that is on the National Register of Historic Places. The building, a Richardsonian Romanesque architecture designed by Harry W. Jones, was a church from 1898 - 1988. Then it sat empty and decay-



ing until the year 2000. The Martin County Preservation Association

(MCPA), which now owns and operates the building as a community center for visual and performing arts, purchased the building in 2001. The MCPA is a 501(C) 3 nonprofit organization. The Red Rock Center for the Arts is available for rent with a capacity of 287, open to the public, available for tours, offers a free performance of local artists every Tuesday at noon, schedules workshops and concerts, and is available to rent. The Steinway Grand piano is available for groups and performances. There is a kitchen on each level. The building is handicap accessible and smoke free. The Red Rock Center operates with grants, memberships, memorials, gifts, and donations from groups and individuals. Contact the Red Rock Center for the Arts at 507-235-9262, email redrockcenter@frontiernet.net, or visit our website www.redrockcenter.org. The Red Rock Center is located at 222 Blue Earth Avenue, Fairmont, MN.



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ART WALL

The Mayo Clinic Health System - Fairmont for many years has graciously provided space for an Art Wall. This area was first occupied on December 1, 1990. Each artist is allowed their art to hang for one month and the art wall has been filled every month since. The area is located in the hall to the left of the admittance desk inside the Emergency Entrance on the east side of the hospital. It is open and free to the public.

FAIRMONT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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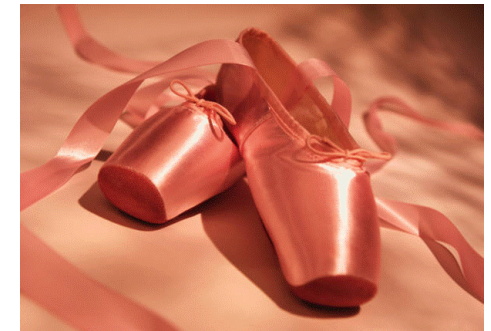
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