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What is a social movement without artists?

Join us on May 2 for a spectacular evening of “Artists On Stage for Health Care” at the Park Square Theater. This event will highlight artists’ experiences with the health care system, and introduce The Minnesota Health Plan as the solution that benefits us all.

This event has spawned numerous collaborations with local artists. Come on out to any or all of the events listed in this newsletter. We all need art in our communities, and artists need health care. Together we’ll make a difference.

Lastly, our third annual summer single-payer celebration and fundraiser will be held on Thursday, **June 16th**. **Save the date!** Washington Post correspondent TR Reid, will be our after-dinner speaker. TR Reid is the director of the PBS documentary *Sick Around the World*, and the author of *The Healing of America*. More details will be on our website soon.

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Acting Director, MUHCC



Artists on Stage for Health Care !

MUHCC is sponsoring a one-of-a-kind event at the Park Square Theatre in the historic Hamm Building on Monday, May 2nd, 7-9 pm. “Artists on Stage for Health Care” will showcase performers sharing personal stories about their health care experiences. Featured speakers and performers include Kevin Kling, Pop Wagner, the Biddies, Papa John Kolstad, and our legislative sponsors, Senator John Marty and Representative Jeff Hayden. Along with stories that illustrate the essential need of all for medical care at

expected, and unexpected, times in their lives, the audience will also learn about the only solution that works – single-payer health care.

This is a great opportunity to introduce the topic to “newbies” and the price is right. Free. Download the beautiful handbill [here](#), and come to the show!

Now Eye See You, Now Eye Don't

MUHCC will be participating in a “talk back” conversation about The Minnesota Health Plan after the April 29, 30, and May 6 performances of the play “Now Eye See You, Now Eye Don't” at the Ritz Theater in Northeast Minneapolis. The play is the story of an uninsured painter as he navigates both the health care industry – complete with tap dancing insurance salesmen and surgeons played by modern dancers – and the contemporary art world, with hedge fund collectors and dealers portrayed as a flock of birds who primp and puff themselves up to grotesque proportions.

All of this is performed in McKnight Theatre Fellowship recipient Paul Herwig's environmental interactive set, with choreography by O'Shaughnessy and Walker/Momentum-commissioned Jennifer Ilse, a script by Workhouse Collective's Dominic Orlando, lighting by Mike Grogan, costumes by Sonya Berlovitz, and an original score by Reid Kruger.

For tickets and more information, Ticket information:

- General admission, \$15-20 (sliding scale).
- Pay-as-able performance on May 2.
- Reserve tickets by calling Off-Leash at (612) 724-7372 only.

Tom Paxton and Janis Ian in concert, April 29, Fitzgerald Theater

MUHCC is an endorsing organization of this concert, “A Call to Action for Peace and Justice.” For more information visit muhcc.org.

And, on the policy front, click here to read our April Legislative Health Care Brief, and Celebrate the St. Paul City Council's endorsement of The Minnesota Health Plan!

St. Paul City Council Endorses the Minnesota Health Plan

On April 20, the St. Paul City Council voted unanimously to pass a resolution endorsing the Minnesota Health Plan. A copy of the resolution, with commentary provided by MUHCC, can be found on our homepage. With this vote, the city councils of the three largest Minnesota cities (Duluth, Minneapolis, and St. Paul) have endorsed the Minnesota Health Plan. Will yours be next? Contact us (info@muhcc.org) to find out how!



A Great Way to Contribute to the Movement

This beautiful piece, “Surviving with Heart,” is being donated to our silent auction by the artist Patty Schwartz. If you have a contribution of art, gifts of relaxation (time in a vacation home, at a spa), oodles of talent (music for a house party, chef dinner for six), or something else wonderful that you would like to contribute to the silent auction, contact Lisa at info@muhcc.org Thank You!