

LAKES AREA MUSIC FESTIVAL

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Lakes Area Music Festival Presents Annual Gala

A Broadway-Inspired Evening of Music, Celebration, and Impact

Brainerd, MN (June 23, 2025) – The curtain rises on the Lakes Area Music Festival’s 17th season with its most glamorous night of the year—the annual Gala, **on** Friday, July 25, 2025, at the Gichi-ziibi Center for the Arts in Brainerd. This year’s season-opening celebration, titled *Spellbound*, promises a night of breathtaking music, Broadway brilliance, and powerful community support for the Festival’s artistic and educational mission.

Headlining the evening are two sensational stars of the stage—Meghan Picerno (*The Phantom of the Opera*) and Andrea Ross (*The Sound of Music*)—who will join conductor Christian Reif and the Lakes Area Music Festival Symphony Orchestra in an unforgettable performance blending theatrical flair and orchestral mastery.

“Each summer we bring world-class artistry to our community, and the Gala is our opportunity to celebrate that with a spectacular kickoff,” says Scott Lykins, LAMF Executive and Artistic Director. “It’s a chance to come together in support of the musicians who bring such transformative experiences to the Lakes Area.”

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with a festive cocktail reception, followed by a three-course wine dinner. At 8:00 p.m., guests will be swept away by the Gala performance, which includes a live auction featuring exclusive experiences and culminates in a celebration of the talent, vision, and generosity that powers LAMF all season long.

Proceeds from the Gala support LAMF’s year-round performances, youth education programs, and community engagement initiatives. Premium dinner packages include reserved concert seating, personalized experiences with LAMF musicians, and unique recognition opportunities.

Tickets and dinner packages are now available at lakesareamusic.org/gala or by calling 218-275-5263.

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About the Lakes Area Music Festival

The Lakes Area Music Festival is Minnesota’s summer home for world-class opera, orchestra, and chamber music. Celebrating its 17th anniversary season, more than 200 artists from the nation’s top orchestras and opera companies will present 60 concert, education, and community outreach activities this July and August. Founded in 2009, the Lakes Area Music Festival sparks connections between its central Minnesota community and the nation’s top classical performers to create transformative musical experiences. The Lakes Area Music Festival is a 501c3 non-profit based in Brainerd, MN. To find out more visit lakesareamusic.org or call 218-ASK-LAMF (218-275-5263).