

LAKES AREA MUSIC FESTIVAL

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Lakes Area Music Festival Presents Summer Solstice

A Lakeside Evening of Music, Community, and Impact

Brainerd, MN (May 26, 2026) – Celebrate the longest sunset of the year on Sunday, June 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. as the Lakes Area Music Festival hosts Summer Solstice, a stunning lakeside gala at Madden’s on Gull Lake. This beloved annual fundraiser brings together exceptional music, great food, and breathtaking views in support of the Festival’s youth education programs.

This year’s Summer Solstice features an outstanding vocal lineup, including soprano Teresa Perrotta, mezzo-soprano Georgia Jacobson, and baritones Justin Burgess and John Taylor Ward. Featured artists have appeared with the Metropolitan Opera, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, and leading opera companies across the country. Guests will enjoy live performances alongside a festive evening of dining, raffles, and auction experiences, all set against the scenic backdrop of Gull Lake.

“Music education is at the heart of our mission,” says Scott Lykins, LAMF Executive and Artistic Director. “Summer Solstice brings our community together in support of programs that connect young people with professional artists and create meaningful, lasting impact.”

Proceeds from the evening directly support LAMF’s Music Mentors Project, which brings professional musicians into schools across the region for immersive, hands-on experiences. Over the past year, more than 2,500 K–12 students in central Minnesota have participated in performances, master classes, and mentorship opportunities, expanding access to music learning and engagement throughout the Brainerd Lakes Area.

Tickets are \$125 per person or \$1,000 for a table of eight. This event has limited capacity and typically sells out in advance. Reserve your seat at lakesareamusic.org.

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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 18th 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).