

**Legal Name: Twin Rivers Council for the Arts**

**Classification: Arts**

**Tax Status Determination: 501 ( C ) ( 3 )**

**Federal Tax ID #: 20-0814939**



**Mission:** Through Strategic collaboration, the Twin Rivers Council for the Arts enriches and strengthens are communities by celebrating, supporting, and promoting regional arts and culture.

- Fostering connections between nonprofit arts and culture groups, individual artists, arts-related businesses, area academic institutions, business and government.
- Supporting economic growth and vitality by developing Greater Mankato into a regional cultural artistic, tourism and entertainment destination.

### ***One- Stop-Shop for Arts & Culture***

TRCA's offices are in the *Emy Frenzt Arts Guild*, which opened in fall 2007. Located at the heart of a developing arts district in downtown Mankato, the *Emy Frenzt Arts Guild* also houses artist studios, gallery space, and organization meeting space.

From the Arts Guild, TRCA serves as a central hub for local arts and culture information. Residents and visitors alike can stop by to get brochures, event calendars, class registrations, and ticket information. Recently, TRCA launched [greatermankatoevents.com](http://greatermankatoevents.com), a central calendar for all arts and cultural events.

In addition, TRCA has partnered with City Center Partnership to open the City Art Walking Sculpture Tour. This annual year long tour includes twenty-five sculptures by artists from around the world in mediums ranging from cast iron to molded plastic throughout City Center Mankato.

### ***Helping Local Arts and Culture Succeed***

Services provided by TRCA for nonprofit arts & culture organizations:

- Discounted legal services
- A dedicated page on TRCA's central web site: [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org)
- Workshops on topics such as board development, fundraising, marketing and other non-profit management issues (with the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits)
- Brochures and information made available at the *Emy Frenzt Arts Guild*
- Shared bulk mail permit
- Opportunities for shared advertising and cross-marketing
- Use of the board room and meeting facilities at the *Emy Frenzt Arts Guild*
- Participation in the annual Greater Mankato Business Expo and other community events
- Advocacy efforts with local government bodies, as well as organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Fiscal agent for *Kids Making Music Program*, providing instruments to students wanting participate in band/orchestra, but cannot afford to rent or purchase an instrument.
- Sponsor of *Arts by the River*, an art fair dedicated to bringing fine arts to the Southern Minnesota region.

### ***Other services provided to artists, students, and arts-related businesses:***

- Artist studio space available for rent at the *Emy Frenzt Arts Guild*
- Listing TRCA's online arts directory, [southernminnesotaarts.org](http://southernminnesotaarts.org)
- Workshops on the "business" of being an artist/performer
- Assistance in locating affordable live/work space for artists
- Opportunities for student internships & exhibitions

**CONNECTING PEOPLE TO THE ARTS**

