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St. Peter Area  
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**Legal Name: Twin Rivers Center for the Arts**

**Classification: Arts**

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

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

**Mission:** Through strategic collaboration, the Twin Rivers Center for the Arts (TRCA) celebrates, supports, and promotes local arts and culture. As an umbrella organization currently representing an alliance of more than 20 local arts and culture nonprofits, TRCA is:

- Increasing resources for local arts and culture nonprofits through collaboration,
- Fostering connections between nonprofit arts and culture groups, individual artists, arts-related businesses, and area academic institutions,
- Supporting economic growth and vitality by developing Greater Mankato into a regional cultural, artistic, tourism and entertainment destination,
- Improving the long-term quality of life in Greater Mankato.

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

TRCA's offices are in the *Emy Frentz Arts Guild*, which opened in fall 2007. Located at the heart of a developing arts district in downtown Mankato, the *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.

TRCA is working with area arts and culture groups to organize monthly gallery walks, host performances and workshops, create a comprehensive online event calendar, and provide centralized ticketing for all of its partner organizations. TRCA is also leading the implementation of a community cultural plan for Greater Mankato, which includes the development of a public sculpture walk.

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

Services provided by TRCA for nonprofit arts & culture organizations:

- Discounted legal service
- 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 Frentz Arts Guild*
- Shared bulk mail permit
- Opportunities for shared advertising and cross-marketing
- Use of the board room and meeting facilities at the *Emy Frentz Arts Guild*
- Participation in the annual Chamber Business Expo
- Participation in the annual Showcase of the Arts
- Participation in the annual *RiverCrossings Art Fair in Motion*
- Advocacy efforts with local government bodies, as well as organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitors Bureau

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

- Artist studio space available for rent at the *Emy Frentz Arts Guild*
- Listing in TRCA's online database and gallery (under development)
- Workshops on the "business" of being an artist/performer
- Assistance in locating affordable live/work space for artists
- Opportunities for student internships & exhibitions

In addition, TRCA has recently become the fiscal agent for the *Kids Making Music Program*, which provides instruments to students who want to participate in band/orchestra but cannot afford to rent or purchase an instrument.

**GREATER MANKATO - A COMMUNITY COMMITTED TO THE ARTS**