

Food

Enjoy fine Scandinavian cuisine at:
•Kari's (507) 272-0549
•Pedal Pushers Café (507) 467-1050
•Old Village Hall (507) 467-2962
Reservations recommended

Art

Honesty: The Art of Money

Commonweal Theatre
Using actual money as his medium, John's piece "Honesty" (made from rolled-up dollar bills) was given a First Award at the 2008 Minnesota State Fair – just weeks before the economy crashed. The recession greatly influenced much of his recent work, including pieces entitled "Recession Blues" and "Bitter Pills" which will be on display at the Commonweal throughout the run of *John Gabriel Borkman*.

Art

To Be A Poet is To See: Ibsen in Our Time

Commonweal Theatre
The Commonweal is proud to present this three-dimensional exhibit exploring the universal themes and continued relevancy of Ibsen's works. Through the generosity of the Norwegian government, this exhibit has been permanently gifted to the Commonweal Theatre Company and will be on display through the run of *John Gabriel Borkman*.

THINGS TO NOTE:

Ibsen Festival schedule is subject to change. Visit www.ibsenfest.org for the most current information.

While many events are free, some do charge. See individual event listings for details.

Reservations for *John Gabriel Borkman* are strongly recommended. Call (800) 657-7025 or visit www.commonwealththeatre.org.

John Gabriel Borkman plays April 16 – June 12. For a complete listing of show dates and times, visit www.commonwealththeatre.org



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Documentary

Frontline: The Madoff Affair

FREE • Feed Mill Event Center
"The fraud here is unprecedented."
US District Judge Denny Chin
Sentenced to 150 years in federal prison, Bernie Madoff perpetrated the largest financial fraud in history. PBS "Frontline" correspondent Martin Smith takes you inside the web of deception, dating back to the 1960s, that snagged investors for \$65 billion in this unprecedented global ponzi scheme.
Showing Saturday at 11:30 am, 4:30 pm & 5:30 and Sunday at 11:00 am.

Family Fun

Show Me The Money!

Participating Businesses
Ibsen's John Gabriel Borkman stole other people's money...but you can find your own by playing *Show Me The Money!* Participating shops will hide "currency" – find it and have your entry card validated. Then drop off your completed card at the Commonweal to be entered in a drawing for great prizes. Entry cards are available at participating merchants and the Commonweal Theatre. See our website for details.

The 13th Annual Ibsen Festival is brought to you by the Commonweal Theatre with support and cooperation from:

- The Ibsen Awards**
- American Scandinavian Foundation**
www.amscan.org
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church**
- Lanesboro Area Visitors Center**
www.lanesboro.com
- Root River Valley Friends of the Arts**
www.rrvfota.org
- Lanesboro Arts Center**
www.lanesboroarts.org
- Sons of Norway Heimbygda Lodge**
- Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council**
www.semac.org

A COMMITMENT TO HENRIK IBSEN

"THE COMMONWEAL'S IBSEN EXPERTISE IS ONE OF THE REGION'S BEST KEPT SECRETS."

*Michael Bigelow Dixon
Guthrie Theater Literary Manager (2004)*

The Commonweal is the only theatre company in North America with an annual commitment to producing the works of Henrik Ibsen, the Father of Modern Drama. Since 1998, the theatre has opened each season with a work from his canon and celebrates this tradition with the Ibsen Festival – a weekend of events featuring Scandinavian theatre, visual art, music and dance.

The Commonweal Theatre has been internationally recognized for their Ibsen work. In 2008, the Commonweal was one of only four theatre companies in the world to receive an International Ibsen Scholarship from the Norwegian Ministry of Culture. Company members attended the international Ibsen Festival and Conference in Norway.

In 2009, artistic director Hal Cropp was nominated for the prestigious International Ibsen Award. Established by the Norwegian Parliament, this award honors an individual, organization or institution for exceptional achievements defined within the spirit of Ibsen's work.

The Commonweal also offers an annual Ibsen Elderhostel, as well as programs designed for organizations and cultural groups.

Every other year the company tours the upper Midwest with their current Ibsen production. Last year, the Commonweal performed in nine cities in Minnesota and Wisconsin before bringing *Hedda Gabler* back to Lanesboro for a two month run. The 2011 tour will feature *An Enemy of the People*.

For more details on all of our Ibsen programs, visit www.ibsenfest.org



Join us for the 13th Annual

IBSEN FESTIVAL

**April 16-18, 2010
Lanesboro, MN**

A weekend of events celebrating Scandinavian theatre, art, music & dance!

Featuring the Commonweal Theatre's world-premiere adaptation of the rarely-produced

John Gabriel Borkman

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

Art & Culture

Honesty: The Art of Money

Opening Reception

6:30 pm • FREE • Commonweal Theatre

Join us as we celebrate the opening of this fascinating and thought-provoking art exhibit with a reception featuring wine, hors d'oeuvres from Kari's Scandinavian restaurant and conversation with the artist, award-winning John Ilg.



Music & Dance

Diane Jarvi

7:30 pm • \$12 • St. Mane Theatre

Presented by the Lanesboro Arts Center, Diane Jarvi is a singer, songwriter, guitarist and kantele player (Finnish folk harp.) Known in Finland as Minnesotan Satakieli—The Minnesota Nightingale — Jarvi is a versatile performer of Scandinavian, folk and world music. Contact the Lanesboro Arts Center for more information at www.lanesboroarts.org or call (507) 467-2446.

Theatre

John Gabriel Borkman

7:30 pm • \$15 • Commonweal Theatre

The Commonweal is proud to present a world-premiere adaptation of one of Ibsen's rarely-produced works. This preview performance features a post-show discussion with the director and cast.



SATURDAY, APRIL 17

Food

9:30 am • FREE • Commonweal Theatre

Start your day with Scandinavian pastries and coffee at the Commonweal Theatre Events Hall.

Art & Culture

Scandinavian Arts Demonstrations

10:00 – 5:00 pm • FREE • Sons of Norway hall

The Root River Valley Friends of the Arts and Sons of Norway Heimbygda Lodge proudly present some of the region's finest Scandinavian artisans demonstrating their talents. Merchandise -- and lefse! -- will be available for purchase. Demonstrators include Vesterheim Gold Medal Rosemaller Sara Tollefson. Lefse from Norsland Lefse in Rushford, Minn.

Lecture

Coming to Terms with the Industrial Revolution:

The Politics of John Gabriel Borkman

Professor Simon Williams

10:00 am • FREE • Commonweal Theatre

Chair of the Department of Theater and Dance at the University of California, Santa Barbara, Professor Williams has been published widely, including his contribution to the *Cambridge Companion to Ibsen*, "Ibsen and the Theatre." A stage director at UC Santa Barbara, he brings his knowledge of the period — and the stage — to enhance the themes of *John Gabriel Borkman* for our contemporary audience.

Documentary

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11:30 am • FREE • Feed Mill Event Center

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US District Judge Denny Chin

See detailed description under "All Weekend" — also showing Saturday at 4:30 pm & 5:30 pm and 11:00 am Sunday.

Art & Culture

Artist Demonstration: Karon Killian

Stitched Beadwork Jewelry

1:00-4:00 pm • FREE • Lanesboro Arts Center

For more information, call (507) 467-2446 or info@lanesboroarts.org

Lecture

Confronting the Temptations of Greed, Power and Money in Our Society

Henry (Hank) Shea

1:00 pm • FREE • Commonweal Theatre

Greed, power and money have seduced people throughout history, yet some believe that the temptations they present have become stronger and more prevalent in recent times. Based on his 20 years as a federal prosecutor in Minnesota, Hank Shea, Fellow at the University of St. Thomas Law School's Holloran Center for Ethical Leadership, will share some of the highlights and lessons learned from his prosecution of bank fraud cases and other white collar crimes. He will also explore how we as a society can best resist the temptations of greed, power and money. A Q&A session will follow.

Panel Discussion

Ibsen for a Contemporary Audience

3:00 pm • FREE • Commonweal Theatre

Featuring playwright Jeffrey Hatcher who adapted the text, director Risa Brainin, and the design team for *John Gabriel Borkman*, this panel discussion will address the challenges and satisfactions of mounting Ibsen's penultimate and rarely produced play — a script more than a century old.

Script Signing

John Gabriel Borkman

4:00 (approximately) • Commonweal Theatre

Immediately following the panel discussion, award-winning playwright Jeffrey Hatcher will be signing a **limited number** of his world-premiere adaptation. Scripts will be available for purchase.

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Theatre

John Gabriel Borkman

7:30 pm • \$25 • Commonweal Theatre

Celebrate the official opening of *John Gabriel Borkman*! After the show, join the cast and crew for the opening night reception, featuring piano music by Heidi Dybing.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

Worship

Norwegian/English Worship Service

9:00 am • FREE • Bethlehem Lutheran Church

A rare treat for the soul — a worship service celebrated in both Norwegian and English.

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Storytelling

Expanding Norse Mythology: A Storyteller's Journey

12:00 pm • FREE • Commonweal Theatre

Author and storyteller Dag Rossman will explore the evolution of the great Norse myths through time and the hands of successive storytellers, including Wagner, Ibsen, Tolkien and himself. He will also read from his recently published novel "Dragonseeker's Saga: New Tales of the Nine Worlds." The book will be available for purchase and the author will be signing copies.

Theatre

John Gabriel Borkman

1:30 pm • \$25 • Commonweal Theatre

IBSEN TOUR 2011

Next year the Commonweal will take *An Enemy of the People* on the road.

To bring Ibsen to your town, contact Stef Dickens at stef@commonwealththeatre.org