

ALL WEEKEND

Food

Reservations recommended

Enjoy fine Scandinavian cuisine at:

Old Village Hall (507) 467-2962

Kari's (507) 272-0549

Pedal Pushers Café (507) 467-1050

Featuring a **Norwegian Brunch Buffet** on April 16 & 17

Art

Ibsen's Norway: A Photography Exhibit

Commonweal Theatre • FREE

On a recent journey to his ancestral home, photographer Ed Ruen captured images of the landscapes and cityscapes, waterways and farmlands of Norway. Photos will be on display and for sale at the Commonweal.

Photo Impressionnisme

dans un Monde Numérique

Lanesboro Arts Center • FREE

Working from photographs of actual landscapes as their foundation, artists Ron Germundson, Jamie Heiden, and Michael Regnier enhance the images through photographic layering and texturizing to create utopian environments from the depths of their imaginations.

Art

To Be A Poet Is To See

Commonweal Theatre • FREE

The Commonweal Theatre is proud to continue to offer this three-dimensional exhibit exploring the themes and continued relevance of Ibsen's works. Through the generosity of the Norwegian Government, this exhibit has been permanently gifted to the Commonweal and will be on display throughout the run of *An Enemy of the People*.

The 14th Annual Ibsen Festival is brought to you by the Commonweal Theatre with support from the following organizations:

American Scandinavian Foundation
The Ibsen Awards
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Lanesboro Arts Center
Lanesboro Local Marketplace
Lanesboro Area Visitors Center
Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council
The American Scandinavian Society
Sons of Norway

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

PLEASE NOTE: The Norwegian/English worship service traditionally held during the festival has been rescheduled due to Palm Sunday Services. Please join us Sunday, May 1 for this event.

Film

Troubled Waters: A Mississippi River Story

11:00 am • FREE • Commonweal Theatre

Theatre

An Enemy of the People

1:30 pm • \$30 • Commonweal Theatre

FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL

Special thanks to these area businesses whose support makes the Ibsen Festival possible:

LANESBORO: Anna V's B&B • Associated Bank Lanesboro • Bluffscape Amish Tours • Fillmore House B&B • Green Gables Inn • Lanesboro Local • Pedal Pushers Café • Root River Saloon • Scandinavian Inn Stone Mill Hotel and Suites • Victorian House B&B

PRESTON: Branding Iron Restaurant • Sweet Stop and Sandwich Shop • Preston Floral Treasures and More

FOUNTAIN: Willie's Grocery and Meat Locker

DECORAH: Dragonfly Books • Vesterheim Museum

HARMONY: I Love Antiques

Can't make the Festival? Join us Sunday, May 1 for a special mini-festival featuring:

- Norwegian/English worship service
- a screening of *Troubled Waters: A Mississippi River Story*
- matinee of *An Enemy of the People*
- Sunday Salon post-show discussion

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Join us
for the
14th Annual

IBSEN FESTIVAL

April 15-17, 2011
Lanesboro, MN

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

Featuring the Commonweal
Theatre's production of

An Enemy of the People

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Art & Culture

Ibsen's Norway: A Photography Exhibit Opening Reception

6:45 pm • FREE • Commonweal Theatre

Join us for a wine and cheese reception and conversation with Ed Ruen as he shares memories of his trip to Norway and the images that returned with him.

Film

Troubled Waters: A Mississippi River Story

7:30 pm • Free Will Donation • St. Mane Theatre

Presented by the Lanesboro Arts Center with support from Lanesboro Local, the film traces the development of America's heartland and its effect on the legendary river. The film offers fresh ideas and concrete solutions to the river's troubles. Following the film there will be a discussion with sustainable agricultural specialist Loni Kemp. For more information visit www.lanesboroarts.org.

Theatre

An Enemy of the People

7:30 pm • \$20 • Commonweal Theatre

Newly discovered health springs offer prosperity to a struggling town, until a local doctor realizes the waters are dangerously polluted. How far will a community go to turn a blind eye when the truth will bring about their personal ruin? This final preview performance features a post-show discussion.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Food

9:30 am • FREE • Commonweal Theatre

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

Art & Culture

Flatbread Making Demonstration

10:00 am & 2:30 pm • FREE • Commonweal Events Hall

Flatbread is a staple of the traditional Norwegian menu – delicious with toppings savory or sweet. Local experts share their knowledge during these “how-to” demonstrations. Samples will be available! And stop in at Lanesboro Local, where flatbreads will be available for purchase, along with samples of local Blue Collar Jams.

Art & Culture

Interpreted Walking Tour of the Root River Trail

10:00 am & 2:30 pm • FREE • Departs from Commonweal

Join Emily Hughes, Naturalist at Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center, for a look at the ecosystem surrounding Lanesboro. A Certified Interpretive Guide, Emily will lead a stroll down the Root River Trail, discussing the ecological relationship between the river and the trail – and the humans that enjoy both! (NOTE: *Though a “walking tour,” the pace and route are not strenuous. Feel free to come and go as you are able.*)

Lecture

For the Love of Lakes

Darby Nelson

11:00 am • FREE • Commonweal Theatre

Minnesota – the land of 10,000 Lakes! But there is much more to a lake than meets the eye. With Thoreau's ghost over his shoulder, Darby Nelson (President of Conservation Minnesota) explores the natural history of lakes and our relationship with these alluring bodies of water that are so much a part of our lives.

Food

Spring Luncheon & Bake Sale

11:00 am to 1:30 pm • Sons of Norway Heimbygda

Lodge. Don't miss this sure sign of spring!

Culture

Book Signing

11:00 am to 3:00 pm • FREE • Lanesboro Local

Publisher and author Deb Nelson Gourley was raised on her family's ancestral Norwegian farm in Amherst, Minnesota. The author of *Astri My Astri*, Deb takes inspiration for her stories from her Norwegian ancestors.

Art & Culture

Artist Demonstration: Debra Ganglehoff

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

Taking her inspiration from the beauty in nature, fiber artist Debra Ganglehoff works with felting, appliqué, and stitchery to make beautiful, useful items for the home.

Please Note: Reservations for *An Enemy of the People* are strongly encouraged. Call (800) 657-7025 or visit www.CommonwealTheatre.org for tickets.

Lecture

Ibsen Our Contemporary

Richard Hornby

1:00 pm • FREE • Commonweal Theatre

Chair of the Theater Department at the University of California at Riverside and theatre critic for the Hudson Review, Professor Hornby will discuss the challenges and opportunities of staging Ibsen for contemporary audiences.

Art & Culture

Flatbread Making Demonstration

2:30 pm • FREE • Commonweal Events Hall

(see description at 10:00 am)

Art & Culture

Interpreted Walking Tour of the Root River Trail

2:30 pm • FREE • Departs from Commonweal

(see description at 10:00 am)

Panel Discussion and Script Signing

Adapting and Staging Ibsen

4:00 pm • FREE • Commonweal Theatre

The Commonweal has commissioned Jeffrey Hatcher – one of America's premiere playwrights – to adapt five plays from Ibsen's canon, including *An Enemy of the People*. Join Jeffrey, director Scott Dixon and Interim Executive Director Hal Cropp as they discuss the many facets that go into creating a contemporary adaptation of a text more than a century old.

*Immediately following the panel discussion
Jeffrey Hatcher will be signing copies of his script.*

Music

The Tom Bourcier Trio

6:30 pm • FREE • Commonweal Theatre Events Hall

Plan to arrive early for the show and enjoy an improvisational jazz concert inspired by the themes found in *An Enemy of the People*. Featuring Tom Bourcier and friends.

Theatre

An Enemy of the People

7:30 pm • \$30 • Commonweal Theatre

Join us for the opening performance of this world-premiere adaptation and stay for a celebration with the cast and crew after the show.