



DULUTH SUPERIOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

(September 2008-May 2009)
331 W Superior St, 55802
(218) 623-DSSO (3776)
www.dsso.com
tickets@dsso.com

Since its inception in 1932, the Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra (DSSO) has become the largest arts organization north of the Twin Cities. Now, in its 77th season, the DSSO performs seven classical concerts, three pops concerts, a holiday concert and specials annually. Davy Jones (of the Monkees) performs February 7th and Cirque de la Symphonie performs May 30th.

The 2008-2009 season "A Cold Day in Hell - Tales of Triumph Over Tribulation" examine the influence seven extraordinary leaders had on our community and uses the classical programs to tell their stories.

In addition, the DSSO appears each summer at Lucius Woods Performing Arts Center in Solon Springs, Wisconsin, and supports three youth ensembles that perform throughout the year.

Tickets are available by calling (218) 623-3776 or at the Symphony office. View the full concert calendar at dsso.com.



AMSOIL® DULUTH NATIONAL SNOCCROSS

November 27-29, 2009

Spirit Mountain is host to what is known far and wide as the biggest snowmobile event of its kind; the AMSOIL Duluth National Snocross. If you're an extreme sports fan, there's simply no better place to be Thanksgiving weekend. What was created by Visit Duluth in 1992 has developed into the kickoff event for the world's leading professional snowmobile racing circuit. At the "Nats" eighteen, you're going to see the world's best snowmobile racing, period, along with a new products expo, freestyle exhibitions, fireworks and more. Sanctioned by the International Series of Champions (ISOC), pro-am riders compete for the prestigious C.J. Ramstad Memorial Cup. ISOC is snowmobiling's premier sanction body with its high-flying aerial displays, jumps, jolts and high-speed runs. Part of the AMSOIL Champion Snocross Series, it's bright lights, big city, triple jumps and it all plays out on tons of man-made snow. Biggest. Baddest. Boldest. Oldest. Spirit Mountain has earned an iconic reputation in the sport of snowmobiling. You can view all of the action from either outdoor bleachers or from inside the cozy, newly renovated chalet. With 1,000 entries and 36,000 fans, this much anticipated start to winter is always full of edgy new twists. "The snocross event by which all others are measured," say snow industry publications, is a holiday tradition. For more information, go to www.visitduluth.com/snocross.



WINTERFEST

January 3-March 10, 2009

It's three months of exciting winter activities in our wonderful winter city. Starting with the 10th Annual Warmer By the Lake, Winterfest offers outdoor fun for everyone. Enjoy leisure skiing, ski racing, skating, ice fishing contest and all that winter has to offer! Join us in our winter wonderland. www.visitduluth.com • 1-800-4-duluth



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

All is bright at the Festival of Lights! Beginning with the Christmas City of the North Parade and featuring choral performances, holiday brunches and visits from Santa and his reindeer, downtown Duluth and Canal Park will offer a special display of Christmas lights from November through January. The holidays like only a city this far north can provide!



GREAT LAKES POND HOCKEY ADULT CLASSIC

January 23-25, 2009

Take in some exciting amateur hockey action—and enjoy gorgeous winter scenery—at the Great Lakes Pond Hockey Adult Classic, held across the bridge at Barker's Island in Superior. The tournament features teams skating 4-on-4, without a goalie, on a rink slightly smaller than regulation. Games are divided into two 15-minute halves and no checking is allowed. 4 divisions; Open, Over 40, Novice and Women. For more information, contact Mike McCoshen at (715) 394-6015.

EVENTS

There's so much to do in Duluth! Check the events schedule on visitduluth.com for the latest and greatest.



JOHN BEARGREASE SLED DOG MARATHON— 26TH RUNNING

January 23-28, 2009
218 ½ W Superior St, 55802
(218) 722-7631
www.beargrease.com
info@beargrease.com

The Beargrease is an historic winter event in northern Minnesota, and the longest sled dog race in the lower 48 states. Sun, Jan. 25, mushers and their teams will take off from Duluth to communities and check points along Lake Superior. The marathon teams will travel over 400 miles from Duluth—Trail Center—in 4 days. Beargrease is a pre-qualifying race for the Iditarod. The 150-mile mid-winter race goes from Duluth to Tofte, ending on Monday. Race events include the Beargrease Gala with guest speaker Dr. Jerry Vanek, Cutest Puppy Contest, Opening Ceremonies/Mushers Banquet, Red Lantern Finish Line Party and Mushers Award Luncheons. All events are open to the public. For updated info, visit our Web site at www.beargrease.com.



POSITIVE ENERGY OUTDOOR (ED) VENTURES PRESENTS: MUSH FOR KIDS!

Saturday, February 28, 2009
Marshall School, 1215 Rice Lake Rd, 55811
(218) 391-0147; (218)-428-5990
www.outdooredventures.org
info@outdooredventures.org

Share the excitement of winter at our seventh annual Mush for Kids!, a winter family festival, on February 28, 2009 at Marshall School from 12-4pm. Activities for kids and families include dogsled rides for children ages 3-12, horse-drawn sleigh rides, cross-country skiing, skijoring, snowshoeing, winter camping demonstrations, cookies and cocoa and gear swap. All equipment is provided—bring the family for a fun afternoon of winter activities! Admission is \$5/person and supports Positive Energy Outdoor (ed) Ventures programming for local youth. Free for children under 3.



11TH ANNUAL HOMEGROWN MUSIC FESTIVAL

April 26 to May 3, 2009
www.duluthhomegrown.com

Duluth is a hotbed of original live music. Homegrown Music Festival is an annual community celebration of the talent found right here in Duluth. The festival has expanded to a full week of events, concerts, even a locally produced film festival. The celebration culminates in a weekend festival (May 2 & 3), featuring over one hundred bands at ten different venues in downtown Duluth. The festival features everything from teenage punk bands, to garage bands, to nationally and internationally touring acts like Low, Charlie Parr, Trampled by Turtles, and The Alrights. From folk to rap to punk to plain old “rawk and/or roll,” Homegrown is an authentically Duluth experience, from local talent, to local venues, to locally brewed beer on tap, to the DTA trolleys that carry festival attendees from venue to venue—Homegrown is an experience like you won't find anywhere else.

PERFORMING ARTS AT THE DULUTH ENTERTAINMENT CONVENTION CENTER

Take in world-class plays, musicals, dance and more at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center. The 2009 schedule includes *Mama Mia* and *Defending the Caveman*. For more information on the latest happenings, or to reserve tickets, call (218) 727-4344 or go to www.decc.org.



9TH ANNUAL LINCOLN PARK WALLEYE OPEN

June 20, 2009
St. Louis River & Rice's Point
PO Box 16306, Duluth, MN 55816
(218) 727-6573
www.lincolnparkfishing.com
www.lpbp.org
heathhickok@lbp.org

A family-fun fishing tournament with more than \$20,000 in cash and prizes. The largest cash prize of \$1,000 goes to the 40th-ranked walleye. Don't miss this great opportunity to catch the big one!

LAKE SUPERIOR CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

PO Box 434, Duluth, MN 55801
www.lakesuperiorchamberorchestra.org
(218) 525-4076
Cmd5201@yahoo.com

The award-winning Lake Superior Chamber Orchestra performs innovative chamber music on five Wednesday evenings in June and July at Weber Music Hall on the campus of the University of Minnesota Duluth. Founded in 1987 under the direction of Warren Friesen, the LSCO is a three-time recipient of the ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers) Award for Adventurous Programming. Featuring talented regional soloists, the LSCO has an enviable reputation for artistic excellence and imaginative concert programs which include new compositions and collaborations with other artists and art forms, as well as beloved classical works. Performances for the 23rd season will be held at 7:30 PM on June 17, 24 and July 8, 15, 22. Visit our Web site, www.lakesuperiorchamberorchestra.org for more information.

ALIVE WITH ART



DULUTH FESTIVAL OPERA PRESENTS *LA BOHÈME*

June 25 & 27, 2009

DECC Auditorium, 7:30pm

Puccini's *La Bohème* is a treasured and deeply moving tragedy of young love and loss. This new DFO production will feature an array of attractive young stars from New York City Opera, San Francisco Opera and elsewhere, and the musicians of the Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra led by DFO Principal Conductor, Markand Thakar. Artistic Director Craig Fields will direct this lavish, traditional production that will leave you both breathless and inspired by the unforgettable music of what may be "the world's most popular opera."

Tickets range from \$22-\$74. Available through Ticketmaster.com

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Craig Fields or Penny Clark
(218) 728-8949
(218) 728-8949 fax
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ARTWORKS IN DULUTH

In the spring of 2008, about 300 arts, civic and business leaders participated in a summit to talk about ways to capitalize on the Twin Ports' rich arts and cultural environment. The conference gave birth to eight new initiatives, covering topics from inspiring young artists to promoting creative tourism.

THE A.H. ZEPPA FAMILY FOUNDATION

Established in 2005, the Zeppa Foundation has been a driving force in growing the performance and visual arts in our community. The Foundation supports many of Duluth's existing arts and cultural resources, like the Duluth Playhouse, and is working to develop new ones— notably, an independent movie theater and an all-ages music venue, both located downtown, are already in the works.



NOT SURE WHERE TO START?
twinportsnightlife.com



39TH ANNUAL PARK POINT ART FAIR

June 27 & 28, 2009 • 10am-5pm
Park Point Recreation Area • Free

Enjoy a festive family tradition in a welcoming and unique natural environment. The Park Point Art Fair, one of the region's premier festivals of original art and fine craft, offers free admission and parking for a weekend of exhibits, live music, food and more. With 100+ juried artists from across the region and country, you'll find artwork that speaks to the whimsical, functional and serious collector alike. Whether you're looking for jewelry, ceramics, paintings, photography, sculpture, glass, clothing and more, come to simply stroll a pine-lined path beside Lake Superior. Converse with artists. See demonstrations. Make children's art. Hear songs and stories. And revel in the fact that proceeds from the volunteer-led event are used to support habitat preservation, public youth programs, civic engagement and other charitable causes.

LEARN MORE:

www.parkpointartfair.org
(218) 428-1916
Park Point Community Club
PO Box 16236, Duluth, MN 55802



GRANDMA'S MARATHON WORLD-CLASS EVENT – SMALL TOWN CHARM!

June 18-20, 2009

Come for the run, stay for the fun! Join us Thurs, June 18 through Sat, June 20 for the 33rd annual Grandma's Marathon weekend. This Duluth tradition highlights the best of what the Northland has to offer including breathtaking scenery, unmatched hospitality and passionate community spirit.

Grandma's Marathon, the 11th largest marathon in the nation, features a beautiful point-to-point course that starts just outside of Two Harbors, Minn., and runs along the scenic north shore of Lake Superior. Excellent aid stations staffed by enthusiastic volunteers line the 26.2-mile stretch, and thousands of excited spectators cheer race participants on as they run toward the finish line in Duluth's famous Canal Park.

The Garry Bjorklund Half Marathon, William A. Irvin 5K, Whipper Snapper Races for Kids, Michelina's All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner, Duluth Clinic Sports Medicine Health and Fitness Expo, guest speaking presentations and live musical entertainment accompany Grandma's Marathon, and help make it an experience that participants, family and race fans will remember forever!

For more information, contact
Grandma's Marathon at:

PO Box 16234, Duluth, MN 55816
(218) 727-0947
(218) 727-7932 fax
www.grandmasmarathon.com
grandmas@grandmasmarathon.com



DULUTH FOURTHFEST 2009

The Midwest's greatest Fourth of July celebration and fireworks extravaganza! Visit Bayfront Festival Park during the Independence Day concert featuring national entertainers, arts and crafts activities, a children's playground and delicious food and beverage concessions. No bottles, cans or coolers, please. Fireworks display sponsored by Visit Duluth.



DOWNTOWN DULUTH SIDEWALK DAYS

July 8-10, 2009
(218) 727-8549

Open-air shopping! Sidewalk Days is a perfect opportunity to enjoy great deals, delicious food, music and art. Peruse the wares of dozens of unique clothiers, gift shops and more, and break for lunch at one of downtown's eclectic eateries. Also enjoy evening festivities including the Classic Car Show & Harley Review & Street Dances.



FOURTH ANNUAL BAYFRONT REGGAE FESTIVAL

July 11, 2009

(218) 834-5037
www.bayfrontreggae.com
info@bayfrontreggae.com

Held July 11, 2009, from 11am to 10pm, Bayfront Reggae Festival is a tribute to reggae music and those artists who spread the message of love, hope and equality for all people across the globe. As the largest reggae music festival in Minnesota, international performers will entertain while you enjoy Caribbean food, beverages and a variety of artisans displaying their wares. Bayfront Festival Park is located right by the water and serves as the premier location for musical events. Visit our Web site for updates on the 2009 lineup, tickets, hotel accommodations, directions and camping information. Full concessions available; no coolers, cans or bottles, please.



DULUTH AIRSHOW

Summer 2010

Duluth International Airport
www.duluthairshow.com
ryan@duluthairshow.com
Gates Open at 9am/Close at 5pm
VIP Chalet, Family Day Pass, Adult Day Pass, Youth Day Pass (prices vary)

The largest Airshow in Minnesota returns to the Duluth International Airport during the Summer of 2010. The Duluth Air & Aviation Expo (Duluth Airshow) will look to showcase some of aviation's best performers, including one of the major U.S. Military Demonstration Teams!

The Duluth Airshow will also feature one of the largest aerospace education exhibits courtesy of the NASA John Glenn Research Center. There will also be plenty of entertainment, as well as hands-on exhibits and displays for the entire family. More than 50 vendors will also be on hand, including helicopter simulators and rides for the aviation enthusiasts!

For more information, visit www.duluthairshow.com or call 218-628-9996.

FREE RANGE FILM FESTIVAL

July 24-25, 2009

909 County Rd 4, Wrenshall, MN 55797
www.freerangefilm.com
mike@freerangefilm.com

The Free Range Film Festival is a celebration of independent film and country living. Films are screened inside a big old barn located in the heart of Minnesota's organic farm country.

33RD ANNUAL SPIRIT VALLEY DAYS

July 29-August 2, 2009
www.spiritvalleydays.com

A true neighborhood festival! There is something for everyone. A classic car show, parade, 5K run, stage shows, kids' games, pony rides, Miss West Duluth Pageant, and a not-to-be missed street dance are just a few of the events planned. Daily stage shows include local performers, dance troupes, tumbling groups, and music groups. Come join the fun! Grand and Central Avenues in West Duluth.



21ST ANNUAL BAYFRONT BLUES FESTIVAL

Held August 7, 8, & 9, one of the largest annual outdoor music festivals in the Midwest showcases over 30 national performances on two concert stages. Additional weekend events include live Blues at nearly 20 local nightclubs. Full concessions available; no coolers, cans or bottles, please.

For more information, call (715) 394-6831. www.bayfrontblues.com; bayfrontbluefest@aol.com

23RD ANNUAL BREWHOUSE TRIATHLON

August 2, 2009
Pike Lake Auto Club, Duluth, MN 55803
(218) 728-0610
www.brewhousetriathlon.com

Drawing over 600 athletes from around the country and rated as one of the top 100 triathlons in the USA for the past 3 years by *American Tri* magazine, the Brewhouse Triathlon has become one of the premier events in Duluth. Long course .8 mile swim, 20.6 mi. bike, 5 mi. run. Short course .3 mi. swim, 10.3 mi. bike, 2.5 mi. run. Do as an individual or relay.



GLENSHEEN'S 15TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF FINE ART AND CRAFT

August 15, 2009, 9am-5pm

On the Glensheen grounds
3300 London Rd. 55804
(888) 454-GLEN
www.glensheen.org
info@glensheen.org

The region's most talented artists will gather for Glensheen's 15th Annual Festival of Fine Art and Craft on Saturday, August 15, 2009. The instant visitors walk onto the grounds, they are met with the celebratory spirit of the festival. The artists are very approachable, the art accessible. The Festival of Fine Art has something for everyone, from the little boy visiting the face painting booth to the serious collector looking for that special piece. The festival takes place on the shores of Lake Superior on Glensheen's grounds, an absolutely dazzling setting. While the Festival of Fine Art is not the largest show in the state, it just may be the most beautiful. Nestled between the great lake and a majestic mansion, a better location would be hard to find. Area musicians add to the ambience of the festival and vendors make sure that shoppers have plenty of food to fuel their browsing. Glensheen's own volunteers cook goodies that will be sold at their bake sale, which benefits small improvements at Glensheen. House tours will be offered at regular rates during the Festival of Fine Art and Craft from 9:30am through 4pm, giving visitors an opportunity to explore Minnesota's most elegant house museum.



LAKE SUPERIOR DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

August 21 & 22, 2009

(866) 336-1107
www.lakesuperiordragons.com

The festival will be held on Barker's Island in Superior, Wisconsin, and will feature live entertainment Friday and Saturday nights, food vendors, beer tents and of course, action-packed Dragon Boat racing all day Saturday. The festival is free to the public and is co-hosted by Harbortown Rotary Club of Duluth and Superior Rotary. 100% of the proceeds from the festival are distributed back into the communities of Duluth and Superior.





KERNZ & KOMPANY PRESENTS: KIA OF DULUTH TIME TRIALS & CAR SHOW IN LINCOLN PARK

August 23, 2009
Garfield Avenue in
Duluth's Lincoln Park
www.kernz.com • ryan@kernz.com

On Sunday, August 23, one of Duluth's most unique events returns to Garfield Avenue with one of the nation's only sanctioned Timed Trials on a public road. Come and watch as more than 100 vehicles take to the streets as they roar down Garfield Avenue in Lincoln Park at speeds exceeding 150 miles per hour over 1/8 of a mile.

Gates open at 8am with ticket prices ranging from \$10 general admission standing to \$15 reserved seating. Also, come early and take in the car show which will feature a variety of vehicles including those scheduled to participate in the event.

For more information, log onto www.kernz.com or call (218) 628-9996.

14TH ANNUAL NORTHSHORE INLINE MARATHON

Saturday, September 19, 2009
PO Box 22, Duluth, MN 55801
(218) 723-1503
www.northshoreinline.com
nsinline@northshoreinline.com

Come join the fun September 19, 2009 for the 14th Annual NorthShore Inline Marathon. Over 4,000 skaters from 12 countries and 43 states will converge on the Northland for this, the largest skating event in North America. For more information, including an entry form, log on to www.northshoreinline.com, or call (218) 723-1503.



HAUNTED SHIP-OCTOBER October 2-31, 2009

Each year during the month of October, the historic ore boat William A. Irvin transforms itself into a floating ghost ship. The haunting of the "Irvin" is a theatrical nightmare of frightening proportion put on by professional actors with the accompaniment of thousands and thousands of dollars worth of special equipment. Minnesota's most famous Halloween attraction is not for the faint of heart! For more information, call (218) 727-0022.

BOO AT THE ZOO October 10 & 17, 2009 www.lszoo.org

Halloween costumes are highly recommended! Kids (young and old) trick-or-treat around the Lake Superior Zoo from 10am-4pm each day. But there is more than trick-or-treating, like: a Haunted Hayride, amazing (but peculiar) creepy creatures, costume contests, great food and (as always) see the Lake Superior Zoo animals enjoy their very own special Halloween pumpkin treats! Boo at the Zoo is a fun, family-focused event and the proceeds benefit the Lake Superior Zoological Society and the Lake Superior Zoo. We advise that you purchase tickets in advance and use the Express Lane into Boo at the Zoo! For more information or to get tickets, call (218) 730-4500.



Paul Hayden, Lake Superior Magazine

22ND ANNUAL GALES OF NOVEMBER

November 7, 2009

Gales of November, open to the public, was started 22 years ago by diver Elmer Engman to give local divers a chance to share recent diving adventures. It has evolved into an event that brings together the entire Lake Superior community to learn about underwater exploration, lighthouses, history, diving technology, shipwrecks and more. The event will take place at the DECC on Saturday, November 7, and wraps up with the drawing for its Cruise of a Lifetime on a Great Lakes Fleet Vessel. A special opening reception for ticket holders will be held at the Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center Friday evening, November 6. Gales of November is a fund-raiser for the Lake Superior Marine Museum Association and is cosponsored by *Lake Superior Magazine* and *Grandma's Restaurant Company*. The association assists the Corps of Engineers Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center in Canal Park in Duluth, bringing new exhibits and programs to educate young and old about Great Lakes maritime events and history. For more information on attending this event, please call the Lake Superior Marine Museum Association office at (218) 727-2497.



GOBBLE GALLOP

November 26, 2009
Duluth Running Co.
1217 E Superior St, 55802
(218) 728-1148
www.gobblegallop.com
clint@duluthrunning.com

Celebrate this Thanksgiving running, galloping or strolling your way along the brick-laden streets of Downtown Duluth in the fourth annual Gobble Gallop. Choose from any one of four races: 5K run, 2-mile walk, 1-mile run or 1/4-mile kids run. For more information visit: www.gobblegallop.com



MOVIES IN THE PARK

Just grab a blanket and a flashlight and get ready for a memorable evening under the stars. Twin Ports Outdoor Movies and the City of Duluth Parks and Recreation Department sponsor feature films in Leif Erikson Park every Friday evening throughout the summer. Movies run the gamut of genres and are shown on a 40' x 20' inflatable screen. It's free and everyone is welcome! For the current schedule, call the Movieline at (715) 392-3480.