

~One can be both entertained and educated and not know the difference ~ Mark Twain

The Artists of Organic Arts

A collaboration of Family Artists with deep roots serving the community
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Organic Arts Ltd. is a down-to-earth collaboration of fine artists and educators
using the performing arts to teach about music, storytelling, history,
heritage, social justice, and the environment..

Organic Arts serves as a clearinghouse that connects artists with festivals, performing arts centers, schools,
libraries, senior groups, parks, nature centers, and community event planners
to serve audiences with professional arts experiences.

David HB Drake ~ *Heritage Music of the Heartland*

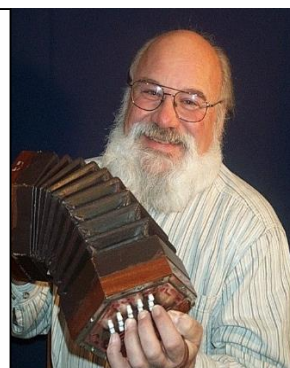
"Parents' Choice" and WAMI "Family Music Artist of the Year" award winner

David HB Drake has toured the Midwest for over 35 years presenting educational, entertaining programs for all ages. David's concerts showcase a variety of instruments including guitar, handmade banjo, dulcimer, concertina, and Native American courting flute. David's multimedia programs of Wisconsin and Illinois history (**Wiscon-Sing and Heartland**), immigration (**Gather by the Waters**) and children's books (**The Illustrated Song**) are accompanied by slides that bring the music to life and provide sing-along words. David's sing-along shows for little kids (**Kidstuff**), environmental program (**What a Wonderful World**) and evening community concert (**Potluck**) present a patchwork quilt of good old American music.

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Jean-Andrew ~ *Storylore - For Imagination Cultivation*

Jean-Andrew tells stories by heart and presents lively storytelling programs that weave magic with words, images, and memorable characterizations. She engages audiences of every age, often with participation, and imaginatively invites them into the tales. Her wide repertoire of oral tales can be adapted to many settings, needs and age groups. Ever a promoter of storytelling and encourager of budding tellers, she offers workshops and courses on various aspects of storytelling and is the co-founder of the Milwaukee Area Story Tellers (MAST) which meets monthly to exchange tales and practice the art of storytelling.

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Julie Thompson ~ *jazz, folk, and standards vocalist*

Singer, author, educator, and performer Julie Thompson has been performing for kids and grown-ups alike with her programs for her school and community. Now living in Wisconsin, she toured for 10 years on the East Coast with "**Julie and Brownie**" to audiences who thrilled to her voice and songs. She is the co-author of "A Pirate's Life for Me", an Amazon.Com bestseller. Miss Julie presents programs for kids about respect for others, community and caring. Julie is also a very accomplished jazz vocalist with two CDs of her work!

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Paul Akert ~ *Storyteller, Santa, Toymaker, and Historic Re-enactor*

Master storyteller Paul Akert holds forth at the Bristol Renaissance Faire as Ben Gineen, toy-maker of Renaissance action figures and as Egnitor the Wizard with Midwest Renaissance Actors Guild, John Muir historical re-enactor for Earth Day and other special events. Every Christmas he becomes the Storytelling Santa or Father Christmas.

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Blowing in the Wind~ *Classic 50s/60s Folk Music*

Julie Thompson and David HB Drake present “Blowing in the Wind”, a sing-along concert of those favorite songs that we all remember from Peter, Paul, & Mary, The Kingston Trio, Pete Seeger, Harry Belafonte, Simon and Garfunkel, Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan, and John Denver. This concert spans the generations, presenting the best of love and peace songs and the powerful anthems from back when the times they were a ‘changing! (*Available for larger venues with a side-man as a trio*)

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Libra– *Bluegrass and Americana*

Libra, a Milwaukee, Wisconsin based duo, plays traditional Bluegrass and Americana music, in the style made popular by Bill Monroe. Bluegrass music appeals to audiences of all ages, and is the perfect music for your festival or event. Linda and Poul are also part of the bluegrass quartet Pickin’ Up Speed.

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Skip Jones ~ *Forgotten Audiences*

Folksinger, storyteller, grandfather and wisdom-keeper Skip Jones is an Americana music treasure. Traveling around the country in a career that spans over 40 years, Skip shares his passion for singing songs about unity, accompanied by rich tales and stories reminding us how we should live on the earth. Skip Jones is widely recognized as one of the finest story-telling folk singers in the Midwest, found in the depth of his genuine caring for this Mother Earth and its people.

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Michael Drake- *No Tan Lines Band, Sazzunk Jazz Lines Band*

Michael is internationally recognized and makes it all look so easy. While performing in a small venue or in concert with one of his larger bands - 13-piece horn section, steel drums, percussionists and vocalists, it’s fascinating to see Michael’s uncanny ability to spontaneously interact with the audience. It’s truly a unique and remarkable experience. His imaginative writing, playing and entertainment style is natural and inclusive. You feel as though you were vacationing somewhere on a Caribbean island. Limbo contests, conga lines, sing-alongs, shakers for the audience.

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Wildflower- *Folklore, Facts & Fantasy*

Wildflower is a storyteller and actress presenting facts, folklore, and fantasy about the nature of plants and people. She offers dozens of themed characters and presentations of stories, science, and silliness each beautifully costumed for schools, seminars, conferences, camps, and celebrations. Her characters include Ivy the Elf, Pepper the Pirate, Lilly the Wood Nymph, Mother Nature, and many more!

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Holly Haebig - *Music Ignites!*

Holly says, “JOY IS...playing music for the whole community... Music is the epitome of being completely in the moment and the experience we share singing together has a long lasting effect.” Holly sings of peace, joy, love, family and living gently on this earth.

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Artists sharing a lifetime of songs, stories, and life-long wisdom for Active Seniors Groups, Senior Residences, Elder Care Facilities, and Multigenerational Family Events

Please contact each artist individually - they handle their own contracting.

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David HB Drake

David HB Drake's "Songs for All Seasons" are a feast of familiar folk songs tailored to each time of year and holiday. David performs songs, poems, and stories on many different instruments including guitar, concertina, and handmade banjo, dulcimer, and Native American Flute. Multimedia histories of the 60's folk era and Wisconsin also available. Folks of all ages are welcome to sing along with a patchwork quilt of songs that are as warm as the back porch on a summer night. Let's "Gather the Family" and sing together like we did in the good old days!

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Jean-Andrew ~ STORYLORE

Jean-Andrew has practiced the art of storytelling for over 25 years. Her lively style of telling has engaged both children and adults. A good story can rejuvenate spirits and carry one off on imagination set free. And in case you wondered, storytelling isn't just for children anymore. In fact, it never was! Jean-Andrew also does storytelling workshops based on the participant's life experiences. She is the Director of the annual Tellabration evening of stories and holds monthly meetings of the Milwaukee Area Story Tellers Guild at Mount Mary University.

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Julie Thompson

A "Voice Beyond Genre", **Julie Thompson** makes it all sound good. A common remark spoken to Julie after a performance at a Senior Community - "I could listen to you all day long". Julie takes special pride in her rapport with Seniors at Communities she visits in Wisconsin and Maine. Julie sings solo and in various groups and styles: Jazz (Julie Thompson's High Standards), Motown ("Nite n' Day" with Bobby Jiles), Folk ("Dangerous Folk" Trio), 70's Pop ("JT&T" with Troy Hergert), and as soloist at churches.

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Blowing in the Wind ~1960s Folk Classics

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Libra ~ Linda and Poul Sandersen

Libra Music, Linda and Poul Sandersen of the "Pickin' Up Speed Bluegrass Band," get down to Grass Roots with Bluegrass, Folk, Old Time Country, Environmental, and homegrown harmonies. **Linda Sandersen** is Lead Singer and founder of Pickin' Up Speed. **Poul Sandersen** is a man of many talents. Poul sings leads and harmonies, plays the harmonica and lays down a solid bass line for Libra.

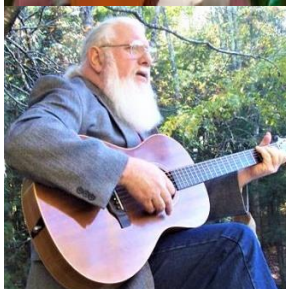
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Michael Drake

Internationally recognized trumpeter and bandleader, Michael Drake, makes it all look so easy. Michael has an uncanny ability to make everyone happy and is just what the doctor ordered to have a good time! He is devoted to greeting listeners and inviting them to sing along with all the fun radiating from him and his original music and poems. Michael can play anything from a "Drake Unplugged" solo small venue to a concert with one of his larger bands featuring horn section, steel drums, percussionists and vocalists.

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Paul Akert

Actor/Storyteller **Paul Akert** portrays many different characters, each with a story to tell. He is John Muir in his one-man show on Muir's Wisconsin roots. He is Ben Ginen, the dragon-making Toymaker at Bristol Renaissance Faire, King Brian Boru at Irish Fest, The Green Man at nature centers and environmental events, and of course, Santa Claus! Paul is also available for storytelling workshops.

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Wildflower

Kristia Wildflower is an entertainer and educator full of energy and enthusiasm. Kristia constructs quality costumes to create colorful characters and combines them with an animated and dramatic style. She shares the secrets and wisdom held within the world of flowers, beyond the simple scientific identity, opening up the flower's personality.

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