



## **PRESS RELEASE – NORTH HOUSE FOLK SCHOOL**

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### ***Transition Underway At North House***

Transition is underway at the North House Folk School. In late summer 2010, Scott Pollock, North House's program director, will depart for Toronto, Ontario to pursue a master's degree in International Museum Studies at the University of Toronto. Pollock's engaging smiling, spirited enthusiasm and creative skills have been a central part of North House since 2003. "North House has been incredibly fortunate to work with Scott during the past seven years," noted Greg Wright, Executive Director. "He's leaving behind some big shoes to fill."

Pollock's passion for traditional craft and cultures, as well as his commitment to hands-on learning, have helped shape many North House programs and events during his seven year tenure. "I've been really fortunate to work with some great people over the years," said Pollock. "The support from staff, instructors and the students has made it possible to dream big and realize many of those dreams through coursework, exhibits, school programs and special events." Pollock will focus his graduate research on the role museums play in the transmission of traditional handcraft and folk art, pursuing some of that research with colleagues and special guest instructors from Sweden that taught at North House during the past seven years.

"North House will launch the search process to fill the open position this week," Wright reported. "In fact, we will be launching a search process for two positions, as funding from the Lloyd K Johnson Foundation has allowed us to split Scott's position into two parts – a Program & Events Director position and a Communications & Development Director position." Wright confirmed that a comprehensive information packet is available from North House – the inquiry deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

North House Folk School currently has four full-time staff positions and two year-round, part-time staff positions. Over 350 classes featuring the talents of 130 regional artisans are featured at North House in the typical year. Participants arrived on campus from 36 states and three foreign countries in 2009.

North House Folk School is an educational nonprofit committed to enriching lives and building community through the teaching of traditional northern crafts. Additional information about North House is available online at [www.northhouse.org](http://www.northhouse.org) or by calling 218-387-9762.