



unplugged xii

sept 12-15

3 days of **craft** | 3 nights of **music**

North House Folk School | www.northhouse.org



Welcome!

Welcome to Unplugged XII, North House Folk School's signature fall event "under the big top." The event's aspirations are simple: Celebrate the Mission, Sustain the Dream. Whether you have been with us every year or this is your first visit to campus, we hope the event inspires your heart, sparks your curiosity and opens the door to the North.

Over the past decade-plus, Unplugged has touched and inspired thousands of people. To the many people and partners who help make Unplugged a reality we offer our sincere thanks!

What is North House?

North House Folk School is a dynamic, year-round educational non-profit that celebrates the rich traditions of northern craft in a non-competitive learning environment. Over 350 courses featuring the talents of 120+ artisan instructors engage themes ranging from timber framing to woodworking to boatbuilding to fibers.

>>> The mission of the North House Folk School is:

to enrich lives and build community by teaching traditional northern crafts in a student-centered learning environment that inspires the hands, the heart and the mind.

The Story of Unplugged

Twelve Years, Twelve Concerts, Over \$100k Raised

Twelve years ago Grammy-award winning songwriter Jon Vezner stumbled into a then quiet, but nevertheless inspiring North House Folk campus. The school's commitment to lifelong learning and teaching of traditional northern crafts struck a chord with Jon.

Jon wanted to celebrate the mission and help sustain the dream, and when he returned to Nashville he enlisted a few well-known friends including Michael McDonald (formerly of the Doobie Brothers), Bernie Leadon (formerly of the Eagles), and Kathy Mattea (famed country folk singer) to host a benefit concert. He also invited Minnesota's own performing artist Michael Monroe, whose music was inspirational to Jon during college.

These five artists' generous efforts truly opened the door to the future, helping North House establish a fledgling endowment fund.

To celebrate the event's tenth anniversary "Unplugged Alumni



In the earlier days of Unplugged a traditional North Shore Fish Boil filled many happy stomachs on Friday during the event. A huge fireball and plates full of tasty fish and veggies were highlights.

Performers" graced the stage along with a new addition: NPR's Mountain Stage Radio Show. Mountain Stage recorded two shows that were broadcast worldwide during 2011-12 helping to further spread the North House story. Now for the third year in a row Mountain Stage returns to Grand Marais.

Our thanks go out to Jon Vezner, to the many performers who have graced the Unplugged stage. Your gift of music has ignited our hearts!

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The classic Unplugged concert on Saturday night employs an informal "songwriter in the round" format in which performers take turns sharing stories and music on stage.

Three Nights of Music

Concert Lineups, Opening Acts and Music Jams

Concert Lineup

Thursday, Sept 12 at 7 pm
w/Mountain Stage Radio

Dead Man Winter; The Pines;
BoDeans; Jill Sobule & Julia
Sweeney; Jonathan Rundman
Acoustic Trio

Friday, Sept 13 at 7 pm
w/Mountain Stage Radio

Tom Paxton, Lori McKenna,
Andrew Walesch featuring
Jonathan Brown; Matraca Berg;
Drew Kennedy; Jon Vezner fea-
turing Jeff Gilkinson

Saturday, Sept 15 at 7:30 pm
Unplugged Featured
Performance

Tom Paxton, Matraca Berg,
Jon Vezner, Jeff Gilkinson

Opening Acts

It's never too early to make music.
Come down to campus before
the concert each night to enjoy
some music before the big shows
outside the big top tent featuring
some of our talented local musicians.

- Thursday 5 pm: Joe Paulik Band
- Friday 5 pm: Eric Frost &
Bill Hansen
- Saturday 6 pm: Briand Morrison

Jam Sessions in the Blacksmith Shop

Sat, Sept 15

- 10 am - Noon / Songwriters Cir-
cle with Boyd "Bump" Blomberg
- Noon -2 pm / Traditional Music
Jam: Old-Time & Folk Traditions
with Bob & Louisa Fabbro

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While we love Unplugged, we
are pleased and proud to report
there are many other great things
to enjoy here in this spectacular
place we call home—Cook County,
MN. Many of them are available
to you as part of the Points North
Auction. Thanks to area business-
es for their donations and support!
Find out how to take part at right.



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Bid Online

Take part in the Points North
online Auction at www.bidding-forgood.com/northhouse (or use
the QR code below). Over 100
North Shore items are on the auc-
tion block. Featuring locally made
fudge to enticing lodging pack-
ages, bid now and plan your North
Shore adventure! Online auction
closes Sunday, Sept 15 at 10 pm.

Bid Live on Saturday Night

Sing out your bid at the Points
North live auction. The bidding
begins at approximately 7 pm
on Sept 14 in North House's Red
Building. Featured items include:

- **In-home private concert**
with Jon Vezner
- **Photo print** by Steve Ortmann
- **Giclee Print** by Howard
Sivertson
- A student-built **Dovetail Sauna**
from the North House course
- Two tasty **Fish Sandwiches** at
Fisherman's Picnic 2014
- A **Pie Place** pie and a copy of
the new **Pie Place Cookbook**

Bid at the Marketplace

The Points North silent auction
starts Thursday at 5 pm in the
Red Building. The silent auction
includes over a dozen items from
vintage accordions to a shiny
green Schwinn cruiser. Silent auc-
tion ends Saturday evening prior
to the concert.

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	program	mini course	music	coursework
9/12 thurs am	<p>Aug 30 - Sept 16 / Points North Online Auction open at www.biddingforgood.com/northhouse</p> <p>9 am-sunset / Schooner Hjørdis 2-hour sails †</p>			<p>Sept 12 / Natural Dyes in the Steambox †</p> <p>Sept 12-13 / Unplugged Songwriting Workshop with Jon Vezner, Tom Paxton and Matraca Berg †</p>
9/12 thurs pm	<p>5 pm / Folk Artisan Marketplace open</p>		<p>5 pm / Opening Act: Joe Paulik Band & Tent seating opens for Mountain Stage ††</p> <p>7 pm / Mountain Stage Radio †† with Dead Man Winter, Jill Sobule & Julia Sweeney, The Pines, more TBA</p>	
9/13 fri am	<p>9 am - 7 pm / Folk Artisan Marketplace open</p> <p>9 am-sunset / Schooner Hjørdis 2-hour sails †</p>	<p>10 am / Mini Courses: - Black Ash Basketry † - Crafting the Birch Bark Star †</p>		<p>Sept 13 / Fingerstyle Guitar with Jonathan Brown †</p> <p>Sept 13 / North Shore Books with Twig and Twine †</p> <p>Sept 13-15 / Cold Connections: Cobblestone Beach Necklace/ Bracelet †</p>
9/13 fri pm	<p>2 pm / Tour the North House campus</p>	<p>2 pm / Mini Courses: - Intro to Figure Carving† - Saami-Inspired Jewelry†</p>	<p>5 pm / Opening Act: Eric Frost & Tent seating opens for Mountain Stage ††</p> <p>7 pm / Mountain Stage Radio †† with Tom Paxton, Lori McKenna, Andrew Walesch feat. Jonathan Brown; Matraca Berg, more TBA</p>	<p>See mini course opportunities at left Fri and Sat 10 am and 2 pm</p>
9/14 sat am	<p>9 am - 7 pm / Folk Artisan Marketplace open</p> <p>9 am-sunset / Schooner Hjørdis 1-hour sails †</p> <p>Speaker Series 1 pm / "Grindbygg Style Construction in Norway" 2 pm / "Sloyd Woodcraft in Sweden" 3 pm / "Sustainable Tourism and Textile Traditions in Peru"</p>	<p>10 am / Mini Courses: - Wood-Fired Bread Baking †</p>	<p>10-Noon / Songwriters Circle with Boyd Blomberg</p> <p>Noon-2 pm / Traditional Music Jam: Old-Time & Folk Traditions w/ Bob & Louisa Fabbro</p>	<p>Sept 14 / Turning Around a Simple Song: Songs and Stories with Larry Groce †</p> <p>Sept 14 / Birch Bound Books: Secret Belgium Style †</p>
9/14 sat pm	<p>2 pm / Tour the North House campus</p> <p>Live Auction Prior to concert start</p>	<p>2 pm / Mini Courses: - Wood-Fired Bread Baking †</p>	<p>6 pm / Opening Act: Briand Morrison & Tent seating opens for Unplugged Concert ††</p> <p>7:30 pm / Unplugged Songwriters Featured Performance †† with Tom Paxton, Matraca Berg, Jon Vezner, and more TBA</p>	<p>† registration required: call or visit us on the web †† tickets on sale now at www.northhouse.org</p>

Craft & Public Programs at Unplugged

Folk Artisan Marketplace

Thurs 4-7 pm,

Fri & Sat / 9 am – 7 pm

Traditional northern craft is the soul of North House. Meet the hands at work behind extraordinarily beautiful and useful items for sale at the Folk Artisan Assembly & Market. Each day, our artisan-instructors will gather to demonstrate their craft and share in the community and camaraderie that seem to follow whenever creative people gather. Items will be available for purchase.

Featured Artisans

Ian Andrus: Basketry

Kim Garrett & Mary Schliep:
Rosemaling

Jim Sannerud: Bowl Turning

Tina Fung Holder: Basketry

Jon Strom: Spoon and Bowl
Carving

Elise Kyllø: Felting

Jarro Stenedahl: Woodcraft



Woodworking Instructor Jarrod Stone-dahl and Rosemaling instructor Mary Schliep will be on hand in the Folk Artisan Marketplace sharing their crafts.

North House Campus Tours

with Director, Greg Wright
on Fri & Sat at 2 pm

Hear the stories and visit the classrooms, bring your curiosity. Free and no registration required. Meet by the wood-fired oven. Bring your curiosity!



Speaker Series: Craft Beyond Our Borders

Free Speaker Series Saturday, Sept 14 from 1-4 pm

The story of traditional craft extends far beyond the classrooms of North House. Across the globe, artisans are nurturing vibrant and growing craft traditions with deep historic and cultural roots. Recently, several North House instructors & staff have traveled abroad to deepen their knowledge of the living traditions they share at North House. Join them as they reflect on craft, education, and lifelong learning beyond our borders.

1 pm / “Grindbygg Style Construction in Norway” w/ Peter Henrikson

2 pm / “Sloyd Woodcraft in Sweden” w/ Paul Linden

3 pm / “Sustainable Tourism & Textile Traditions in Peru” w/ Kaitlyn Bohlin



The opening acts played outdoors on the commons last year drawing a large crowd. People danced and listened to the inspiring local bands prior to the evening shows.

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Year-Round Programs



We hope one thing is abundantly clear: Unplugged is only one chapter in the story of North House. Hosting special events that gather and celebrate community is just one of our passions. Campus is busy year round with students building timber frames, hand-spinning fibers, baking delicious wood-fired breads, and swinging the blacksmith's hammer—the list goes on!

During the typical year we:

- Offer over 350 courses
- Feature the craft of 120+ regional artisan instructors
- Welcome students from 35+ states



Inside (the Back Cover)

Here's a little peek at the inside Unplugged story: Although the actual event doesn't begin until Thursday, preparations start early in the week. The big tent that covers the Commons arrives on Tuesday, and once it's unloaded from the semis and put up on campus, the tent beautification begins! Numerous volunteers lend their time to put up lights in the tent as pictured above (what other opportunity do you get to ride on a forklift?), set out flowers, set up for programs, and clean, clean clean!

That's why we call our events volunteer-hosted. In 2012 we calculated that over 500 volunteer hours were spent helping to make the event a success.

Volunteers are an important piece of the puzzle, but regardless of how you take part, we'd love to have you join the North House family! Read how below.

Staying Connected

The best way to stay in touch and up to date on volunteer opportunities, new courses and much more is signing up for the North House e-newsletter on our website.

Get The Print

A copy of North House's course catalog is an adventure waiting to happen. On your coffee table or in your favorite reading corner it beckons and calls. The catalog is printed twice each year, and getting a copy of your own is free and easy: call us at 218-387-9762.

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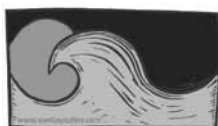


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