



## St. Croix ArtBarn *Imagine* 2007 Season

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a **place** where painting, prose, pottery, & poetry are a source of teaching & learning.

a **community** where music, dance, writing, & theatre offer glimpses of life.

an art **program** where imagination & creativity are cultivated, honored, & nurtured.

a season where the arts are engaged as a basic source of **enjoyment & exploration**.

St. Croix ArtBarn has gone through many transformations in the last thirteen years. Our renovated dairy barn continues to change as we make general improvements & accommodate new programs. ArtBarn's programming evolves to reflect the interests of the ArtBarn Guilds & the needs of the St. Croix Valley. In spite of all these changes, one constant remains—ArtBarn's mission **to provide a home for artistic excellence & a focal point for exploration & enjoyment of the arts.**

Over a decade ago, who could have anticipated the local schools' **Empty Bowls** project raising awareness of worldwide hunger & nearly \$10,000 in funds to combat the problem locally & on an international level with art? Who would have imagined that **ArtBarn Theatre** would be producing six ArtBarn productions a year & providing year round programming off location at **The SPACE** in New Richmond & other local venues? Who would have predicted that **ArtBarn Visual Artists** would be planning the 13<sup>th</sup> annual **ArtExplosion! Day**, while offering regional artists & food vendors an opportunity to participate in 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **ArtBarn ArtFair & Savor the Valley**? Who could have predicted the 4<sup>th</sup> annual month long **ArtBarn ArtCamp**? Who could have foreseen the **Music in the Park** concert series continuing after nine successful seasons?

What's in store for 2007? Imagine a daylong multicultural event, **Dancing Feet Festival**, celebrating life through music & dance in July? Envision a weeklong puppetry workshop in August with Christopher Lutter, the internationally known "Puppet Man"? Premieres of original musical programs & productions conceived & written by local artists? It is beyond our imagination!

**This season is another ambitious undertaking for ArtBarn Guilds, staff, & volunteers. Local businesses & foundations have already generously pledged to help support the season. Now, ArtBarn needs your help. Become an ArtBarn member. Over \$11,000 capital improvements were made to the ArtBarn facility in 2006. Maybe consider giving a gift to reduce the remaining \$20,000 debt left by the 2002 addition. A form & envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Or volunteer to help with a 2007 ArtBarn event. Any donation of time, talent, & financial gifts is most welcomed—large or small. ArtBarn is a 501(c)(3); all gifts are tax-deductible.**

We are so grateful for our dedicated volunteers & members. We are so indebted to our funders. Please join us for our 2007 **Imagine** Season. What will ArtBarn be doing a year from now? One can only imagine—and we hope you will be along for the journey.

With sincere thanks for your continued help & support,

**ArtBarn Program Director:** Ellen Johnson

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