

Northern Mosaic

Liar, Liar

Liar Liar is an integrated collaboration of nine regional artists, all members of the art collective Northern Mosaic.

Sculptor - John Books, Painter - Leslie Shaw, Glass Artist - Cheryl Wilson-Smith (Red Lake) & Visual Artist and project director - Debbie Metzler

Authors - Deborah deBakker, Marion Agnew, John Pringle (Atikokon) & Jack Shedden

Musician - Wayne Faulconer

Project Description

Members of Northwestern Ontario Writers Workshop were invited to submit stories based on the theme of *Lies*. Four stories were chosen by jury. Judging was “blind” (identity of the authors not submitted with the stories). The authors of the four stories met with the four Northern Mosaic visual artists and one musician. The visual artists and the musician were given copies of all four stories. They each choose one or more of the stories as inspiration for creating their own art work.

Short History of Northern Mosaic

Northern Mosaic (NM) was originally a collective of visual artists/crafters founded in 2000 by artist, Vic Germaniuk. In 2009, director Debbie Metzler began recruiting artists from other disciplines and localities. In 2010 multi media artist, Cheryl Wilson-Smith became the first member from the far north to join Northern Mosaic and Wayne Faulconer, was the first of three musician to become part of the team.

Criteria for inclusion in NM remain quality of work, proven professionalism and the desire and ability to work with other artists. Northern Mosaic artists work individually and small groups of Northern Mosaic members join together in collaborations such as this. Northern Mosaic’s *Liar, Liar* was the first such integrated arts collaboration in the region to be awarded an OAC grant. (Integrated Arts 2011). It was an exciting and valuable project for us and we are eager to do more.

Northern Mosaic is a unique entity within our region – a truly integrated collective of artists. The artists of Northern Mosaic are invested in our community and hope by example to encourage other local artists to participate in similar collaborations.



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