



BIG THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT BIG

The Midwestern Sectional Figure Skating Championships will be held at Bloomington Ice Garden November 14 – 18. Bloomington's Figure Skating Club is hosting the event. Tickets will be available at the door. The top-placing skaters at each level will advance to the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in January.

Watching accomplished skaters at the championships may inspire you to lace up your skates and sharpen your skills. BIG Skate School has classes for all skating levels and ages year round. For more information or to enroll, visit blm.mn/skateschool or call 952-563-8843.

Are you interested in open hockey or open skating? BIG is the place to go! BIG hosts men's open hockey Mondays and Fridays, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., for \$6. Admission for goalies is free. Open skating starts in September on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6:45 – 7:45 p.m., and Sundays, 2 – 3:30 p.m. Adults are \$4 and children 17 and under are \$3. Call 952-563-8841 or visit blm.mn/ice to view the current schedule. Schedules are subject to change.

FARMERS MARKET OPEN THROUGH OCTOBER 21

The Farmers Market is a weekly community event in the east parking lot of Civic Plaza, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, on Saturdays, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. The last outdoor Farmers Market will be held at Civic Plaza on Saturday, October 21. Indoor markets will take place on November 11 and December 9, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. The December 9 market takes place during Artistry's Gifts in the Gallery show and sale, which features handmade gifts from dozens of local artists and runs December 6 – 20.

TRICK OR TREAT!

Children will enjoy a Trick or Treat Alley, games, prizes, free open skating and skate rental and more at this year's Citywide Halloween Party. This event is free and open to all Bloomington preschoolers through fourth graders accompanied by an adult. This year, the party takes place Tuesday, October 31, 6 – 8 p.m., at Bloomington Ice Garden, 3600 West 98th Street. Donations of nonperishable food items to the VEAP food shelf are encouraged. For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 952-563-8877. The Citywide Halloween Party is sponsored by the City and the Optimist Club of Bloomington.

BORN AGAIN JOCKS

Want to enjoy playing sports again? Join the Born Again Jocks organization for men 55 and older. There are no annual dues, but there are possible sports participation costs. To learn more, visit the Born Again Jocks website at bornagainjocks.com.

BLOOMINGTON CENTER FOR THE ARTS ACTIVITIES

Activities are held in the Schneider or Black Box theaters, located in the Bloomington Center for the Arts at 1800 West Old Shakopee Road.

BOX OFFICE

To order tickets, call 952-563-8575, visit blm.mn/bcatix or go to the box office, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road. Office hours vary. Call 952-563-8575 for current hours.

The Chameleon Theatre Circle:

Independence In a challenging domestic drama, three sisters converge on Independence, Iowa, home of their ailing mother, to resolve issues that tore their family apart. October 27 – November 12, in the Black Box Theater. Adults \$25, seniors and students \$22. Tickets at chameleontheatre.org/tickets.

Maud Hixson and the Wolverines Big Band This concert will premiere a program of new vocal arrangements and classic repertoire from the band's 44-year history. Friday, November 10, 7:30 p.m. Adults \$25, seniors \$20 and students \$10.

Medalist Concert Band Go West! Journey into the American West and explore its culture and history through music. Sunday, November 12, 4 p.m. Adults \$17, seniors and students \$15.

Bloomington Symphony Orchestra: Beethoven's Fifth... Bloomington style! The BSO will pair Beethoven's Fifth Symphony with Rachmaninoff's Piano



Concerto No. 3, Darin Tysdal, soloist. Sunday, November 19, 3 p.m. Adults \$15, seniors \$12, students free.

41ST ANNUAL MEMBERS' JURIED ART EXHIBITION

October 6 – November 10. Sponsored by Wet Paint and Larkin Hoffman.

Opening reception and awards ceremony: Friday, October 6, 6 – 8 p.m.

Each year this exciting and popular exhibition brings

together Artistry's many talented members. It is always a varied and eclectic collection showcasing many different mediums, styles and techniques. This year's juror, Carolyn Payne, SooVAC Executive Director, will select the exhibited artwork as well as 11 award winners including a \$500 Best of Show award.



ARTISTRY WORKSHOPS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Learn more and see all offerings at artistrymn.org, pick up a class catalog at the Bloomington box office, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, or call 952-563-8575.

- **Clay jack-o-lanterns:** Saturday, October 7, families ages 5–adult.
- **Mudpuppies Clay Exploration:** Saturday, October 14, ages 4–7.
- **Painting Expressive Faces:** Saturday, October 28, ages 5–8.
- **Hand-painted Clay Decorations:** Saturday, November 18, ages 8–12.
- **Fused Glass Make a Plate:** Saturday, October 14, ages 12–18.
- **Fused Glass Holiday Ornaments:** Saturday, November 4, ages 12–18.
- **Fused Glass Holiday Ornaments:** Monday, October 9, ages 16 and up.
- **Intro to Sun Printing:** Saturday, October 14, ages 16 and up.
- **Watercolor and Ink:** Fridays, November 3 and 10, ages 16 and up.
- **Make Fabric-Covered Earrings:** Saturday, November 4, ages 16 and up.