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STATEWIDE ARTS CONVENING

OCTOBER 6-7, 2026 • **BISMARCK RADISSON**

*Draft agenda subject to change

2-Day Schedule

Tuesday, October 6th

10:00am	**Pre-Conference for Organizations** NDCA's Institutional Support grantees meet with Jess for news, support, and collaboration
12:00pm	**General Registration Begins** Light refreshments, gift bags, networking, and showcase artists set up tables
1:00pm	**Welcome & Opening Keynote** **The Healing Power of Art** ND artist Marina Carrillo Prieto will perform a traditional Mexican dance and then be joined on stage by fellow ND artist Jessie Veeder Scofield to share their inspirational stories
2:15pm & 3:15pm	**3 Breakouts, 2 Rounds** • Building Stronger Arts Learning • Creating Place: The Arts at Work • Springboard for Arts: Business Plan Essentials
4:15pm	**3 Peer Group Roundtables** Experienced professionals will share business advice & answer questions at the Organization, Artist, and Arts in Education Roundtables
5:30pm - 8:00pm	**OUTDOOR BLOCK PARTY!** Live music, local food trucks, artist showcase, & arts activities for all ages (*bring a lawn chair*)

Wednesday, October 7th

8:00am	**Buffet Breakfast & Proclamation:** NDCA's Jess Christy and The Study's Brenna Gerhardt celebrate Arts & Humanities Month!
8:30am	**Live Show: Nodakian After Hours** ND artist Shelly Sayler will interview a special mystery guest while they both create art
9:30am & 10:30am	**3 Breakouts, 2 Rounds** • Built to Respond: Creating from Need • Culture in Practice: Indigenous Arts & Community • Art-Making with North Prairie Artists
11:30am	**The State of the Arts** NDCA's milestones, success stories, and exciting things ahead
12:00pm - 1:00pm	**Luncheon & Final Keynote** **Justice for Youth: Voices That Rise** ND teaching artists Joe Davis & Fred Edwards Jr. show how creativity supports justice-involved youth and sparks healing

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