



STATEWIDE ARTS CONVENING

OCTOBER 6-7, 2026

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*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 Corrillo 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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