

Illusionist to Benefit CURE June 7th in Montevideo

South Dakota-born nationally touring illusionist Reza will give a single performance of his critically acclaimed magic show on Monday, June 7 starting at 7 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center in Montevideo. A portion of the proceeds from the event will go to benefit Clean Up the River Environment (CURE) and the student group the Montevideo Planeteers. Tickets are on sale at the CURE office. For more information, call 320-269-2984.

Growing up in Brookings, Reza saw a David Copperfield show and set his sights on becoming like the internationally respected magician who is known for his high profile acts like making the Statue of Liberty vanish and walking through the Great Wall of China. Reza's story is similar to that of another western Minnesota native Drew Aslesen, who dreamed of becoming a nationally touring magician, performing shows as a teenager at the Hollywood Theater in Montevideo as the "Great Drewdini" and currently works as a lighting tech for nationally touring Dodd Technologies based in Pendleton Indiana.

Reza has been acclaimed as "one of the world's top illusionists" and featured on television and radio shows broadcasting in 31 countries around the world. His magic has taken him across the country selling out theatres from Denver to New York, Orlando to LA., but he has remained true to his Midwestern roots by maintaining his home in Brookings. Reza is currently working with a top television producer in the development of a new primetime reality show based on the performer's day-to-day life, both on and off stage.

Reza's show involves more than 15,000 lbs of lighting and sound equipment that will be carried in and out of the Fine Arts Center by CURE and Planeteers volunteers. "I wish Drew could be here to see it -- this is something he really loves," stated CURE Executive Director Patrick Moore, who hired Aslesen as a video producer and computer consultant while he lived in Montevideo.

"Some say it will be magical if we ever get this Minnesota River cleaned up to the point where it is fishable and swimmable once again," Moore added. "We're hoping that Reza will give us some pointers on how to make soil erosion in the river disappear!"

\$2 of every ticket sold before the concert will go to support CURE's and the Planeteers Mission of environmental awareness. Founded in 1992, CURE is a grassroots, citizen science-based organization that works to restore, celebrate and protect the Upper Minnesota River Watershed.

PERMIT APPLICATION INFORMATION GOING OUT TO LARGE LIVESTOCK FARMS

Operators of nearly 1,200 large livestock farms with general operating permits are being reminded about the Aug. 1 application deadline for a new, five-year general operating permit for 2011-2016.

Permit application packets are available on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Web site at www.pca.state.mn.us, or by calling the designated regional office. Information about the application process is being sent electronically where e-mail addresses are available, and by regular mail for others.

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System (NPDES/SDS) permit prohibits the discharge of pollutants from livestock production areas, and restricts the amount of pollutants entering waters as a result of land application of manure. It is intended to protect surface and ground water quality around feedlot facilities and to minimize any potential impacts from pollution caused by pathogens and nutrients, primarily from manure.

The 2011-2016 general permit is a combination of the federal requirements for large Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations and Minnesota rules and statutes. A significant change moves the issuance date up to Feb. 1, 2011 instead of May 31, 2011 to better align with the spring construction season. Applications are due 180 days in advance, making Aug. 1, 2010 the application deadline.

Another major change requires public notice of all permit applications. Each completed application will be open for a 30-day public comment period. Permit notices will be posted on the MPCA Web site Public Notices page. Applications include plans for odor and manure management, emergencies, animal

carcass disposal and operation and maintenance. Incomplete applications will be delayed until all forms are received.

Job Postings:

LSP Job Announcement

Land Stewardship Project has a job opening for an organizer to work in Washington County, MN, with the St. Croix River Valley /Buy Fresh Buy Local/ Chapter and the Washington County Public Health Department to increase community access to nutritious foods (fresh fruits and vegetables) under a grant from the Minnesota Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP). The full time position with benefits is secured for one year. Salary depends upon experience and qualifications. Applications are due June 10 and start date is July 1. Contact Dana Jackson at 612-722-6377 or danaj@landstewardshipproject.org. Mail to: danaj@landstewardshipproject.org for a full job description and application details.

ITS Vacancy

ITS has just posted a vacancy in Marshall, MN (Lyon County). The announcement number is "10-ITS-054" and it closes on June 11th.

This is a "status" announcement. So if someone is searching for this position in USAJOBS (www.usajobs.gov), they need to either do an advanced search, put the announcement number in the Keyword Search box and click the "yes" at the bottom in the Applicant Eligibility section. Or if they just search from the main page, it will not find it, but give them option to switch to "all Jobs" that will then show this announcement.

Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator

AMERICORPS-VISTA: Community Design Center of Minnesota seeks a Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator through the City of St. Paul's Americorps/VISTA program. The Community Design Center of Minnesota is a 40 year-old non-profit community development organization.

Our mission is to help revitalize low/moderate income communities by providing technical assistance and operating programs that will enhance the physical, economic, social, ecological, and spiritual well-being of the community and its residents. We operate gardening, cooking and conservation programs that place the tools of personal and community development in the hands of young people and families.

The Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator will help the Community Design Center to develop additional work training opportunities, resources and connections for youth who participate in our internship programs. We aim to serve local teenage youth with effective, inspirational opportunities and to synchronize our green jobs youth pipeline with education and work opportunities that will enable youth to thrive. The Coordinator will also assist with youth and volunteer recruitment, evaluation and grant writing.

The Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator will:

- Develop relationships to create linkages between our programs and local colleges, for-profit and nonprofit organizations and professionals in the field of food and ecology.
- Recruit youth to participate in our youth internship programs.
- Recruit and train volunteers to support our youth programs.
- Research projected opportunities for jobs and innovation in green industries and other related opportunities and help synchronize our efforts with these opportunities.
- Assist with refinement and implementation of program evaluation tools for youth in each season and year of program participation.
- Assist with grant writing to help raise funds for youth internship programs.

Skills and qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in relevant field.
- Cross-cultural experience and sensitivity.
- Ability to develop relationships with community partners.
- Ability to multitask and meet deadlines.

- Ability to successfully work independently and collaboratively.
- Resourcefulness and creativity.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Interest in generating high quality work in a dynamic work environment.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications.
- Bilingual preferred, especially in Hmong.

The Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator will receive a stipend of \$11,232 for this full-time, yearlong service commitment. For more information on the Americorps-VISTA program, visit www.americorps.gov
Applications must be received by June 1, 2010 but will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

To apply, please send resume, cover letter and three professional references to:

Tamara Downs Schwei, Director
Community Design Center of MN
731 East 7th Street, Suite 100
St. Paul MN 55106
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Events:

Is the **15th annual celebration of the Earth Sabbath**. The day begins at 1:00 and features Sabbath Sites: Blacksmithing, Weaving, Miniature Horses, Walking the Evolving Universe Story, tours, DVD "Story of Stuff", Live Music, Silent Auction and much more..... At 6:00 join us for the Sabbath Ceremony followed by an Earthrise grown and roasted turkey, baked beans, tabouli, garden greens and rhubarb crisp. Following this meal we will feast on the beautiful concert music of Sara Thomsen. We'd love to have you come. If you need to stay overnight we will soon be listing accommodation places on our website <http://www.earthrisefarmfoundation.org/>. More information is also included on our website. Please bring a loaf of your favorite bread to share and call or e-mail us if you think you can stay and eat supper with us. Admission for the events of this day is \$15.00 per adult or \$25.00 for the entire family.

June 7th (Monday) at 7 p.m. the Montevideo Fine Arts Center is hosting the nationally touring Illusionist REZA who will give a one night only performance with \$2 of every ticket sold before the concert is going to benefit CURE and the youth group the Montevideo Planetears. Get your tickets at the CURE office today! For more info, read the press release above or visit: <http://www.magicreza.com/>

June 8th (Tuesday) is a **Trail Planning Regional Workshop** from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Bryant Lake Park (6800 Rowland Road) in Eden Prairie.

June 9th (Wednesday) is a **Trail Planning Regional Workshop** from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Southwest Minnesota State University (1501 State Street, Room 117, Conference Center) in Marshall.

June 9th, 10th & 11th (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday) is a **High School River Expedition** at the Lac qui Parle River. Camp out at the LqP County Park, the State Park and at Lagoon Park. Call 320-269-2984 to sign up or to volunteer to help.

June 12th (Saturday) is the launch of the **Minnesota River Paddler Patch Program** at 9:00 a.m. below the Rapidan Dam (on the Blue Earth River west of Rapidan in Blue Earth County). Canoe rides, information booths, and music. Post-paddle ceremony and music starts at 2:00 p.m. For more information: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/paddleUpPoster.pdf>

June 12th (Saturday) is the **Riverside Family Fishing Clinic** from 9:00 a.m. till noon at Riverside park in New Ulm. For more information <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/riversidefamilyfishingclinic.pdf>

June 15th (Tuesday) is an event talking about how to **Improve Water Quality with Native Plants** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Mt.Olivet Lutheran Church. Learn how to plan, purchase and plant native

gardens, rain gardens, and shorelines. For more information visit <http://www.minnesotawaters.org/node/741>

June 16th (Monday) is **Women's Conservation Day 2010** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Prairie Event Center in Marshall. A day provided for women landowners and operators to further their knowledge of conservation programs. For more information visit <http://www.redwoodswcd.org/Women's%20Day.htm>

June 17th (Thursday) is a **Trail Planning Regional Workshop** from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at South Central College (1920 Lee Boulevard E119 and E121) in North Mankato.

June 19th (Saturday) is the [Races on the Chippewa River](#) to be held as part of **Montevideo's Fiesta Days Celebration**. Start getting your team together for the **Tri-Festa Triathlon** (5K run, 2.1 mile bike, 2 mile kayak) or if you are in good shape -- try it by yourself! For more info. visit: http://cureriver.org/2010_riverfest_rendezvous_information.pdf or check out the Facebook Page photo albums by clicking on: <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=1741&id=102670269781201&l=8bf5a8b21a> or <http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=1772&id=102670269781201&l=bc4500733e> There is magic in Rivers and magic in Montevideo! **Come experience it!** www.cureriver.org

June 22nd (Tuesday) is a **Cottonwood River Paddle** from County Road 11 to Flandrau State Park in New Ulm sponsored by Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA). Please register by June 16th by calling RCRCA at 507-637-2142, ext. 2.

June 24th (Thursday) is a **Redwood River Paddle** from County Road 6 to Lake Redwood sponsored by Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA). Please register by June 16th by calling RCRCA at 507-637-2142, ext. 2.

July 19th (Monday) is a **Minneosta River Board Meeting** in New Ulm, MN. Executive Committee meeting at 8:00 a.m. and Full Board meeting at 9:00 a.m.

July 20th (Tuesday) is a **Minneosta River Watershed Alliance Quarterly Meeting** from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Hutchinson Event Center in Hutchinson. For more information visit www.watershedalliance.blogspot.com

September 3rd & 4th (Friday & Saturday) is **Riverblast 2010** in New Ulm, MN (Center and Front Streets). For more information visit www.riverblast.org

September 20th (Monday) is a **Minneosta River Board Meeting** in Montevideo, MN. Executive Committee meeting at 8:00 a.m. and Full Board meeting at 9:00 a.m.

November 15th (Monday) is a **Minneosta River Board Meeting** in Gaylord, MN. Executive Committee meeting at 8:00 a.m. and Full Board meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Check out additional upcoming events and workshops on the Minnesota River Calendar at: <http://mrbdc.mnsu.edu/calendar/index.html>

Environmental/Conservational Articles:

[County will utilize state Legacy funds for parks](#) (Jordan Independent). Scott County can't afford extras, but that won't stop it from spending up to \$180,000 on plans for three parks and two regional trails — thanks to a new stream of funding from the state.

[DNR's 'I Can Camp' program gives novices the chance to learn basic skills](#) (St. Paul Pioneer Press). You live in the Paul Bunyan state, where telescopic, stainless steel s'more sticks are given as wedding gifts,

but you're still befuddled about arranging tinder and kindling in a little pile and creating that perfect roaring fire.

[Utilities want big Minnesota power line delayed](#) (Minneapolis Star Tribune). The 240-mile transmission line's developers are seeking a two-year delay to hammer out how the line would be financed.

[Reality bites: Mosquito count up in metro area](#) (St. Paul Pioneer Press). If people seem more annoyed with mosquitoes than usual this weekend, it's because they probably are.

[Raw-milk farmer Michael Hartmann has rebel history](#) (Minneapolis Star Tribune). E. coli investigators are focusing on Minnesotan Michael Hartmann, described as anti-government.

[Minnesota ag efforts largely spared in legislative effort](#) (MinnPost). State programs for agriculture weren't hit too hard in the just-finished legislative session, said the president of the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation.

[High school students are bugged about pollution](#) (Owatonna People's Press). For about three weeks, the students in the classes have been studying the water system around Owatonna. They've been walking through the Straight River and Maple Creek at various points to learn all they can from the water systems.

[Water report: 33 of 964 Minn. systems had problems](#) (Minnesota Public Radio). An annual report on the state's 964 community drinking water supply systems shows that 33 of them had problems ranging from bacteria to excessive arsenic in 2009.

[Minn. couple turn planting into a growing success](#) (Minnesota Public Radio). Jason and Jolene Moen of Glenwood have a way with plants.

[As climate changes, Minnesota's fish feel heat](#) (Minneapolis Star Tribune). This spring's summerlike weather may be embraced by Minnesotans, but it spells trouble for ciscoes, a cold-water fish that serves as food for gamefish such as walleyes, northerns, muskies and lake trout.

The marsh, to him who enters it in a receptive mood, holds, besides mosquitoes and stagnation, melody, the mystery of unknown waters, and the sweetness of nature undisturbed by man. - Charles William Beebe

The Minnesota River Watershed Alliance (Watershed Alliance) is an organized network of citizens, public agencies, and private organizations dedicated to communicating the benefits of an ecology healthy Minnesota River Watershed to others and are actively working towards its improvement and protection. We meet four times a year and encourage landowners and recreational users of the river to be part of the effort. For more information on the Watershed Alliance:

<http://www.watershedalliance.blogspot.com>

Please register at the Minnesota River Watershed Alliance's bulletin board at <http://mail.mnsu.edu/mailman/listinfo/mrwa> to receive regular updates on what is happening in the Minnesota River Watershed.

Thanks,

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