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Author Kevin McMullin on “Spectrum West” January 14

Eau Claire, Wis. – Kevin McMullin, musician, storyteller, writer and educator, will be joining host Al Ross on “Spectrum West” at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 14 on The Ideas Network stations 88.3/Menomonie-Eau Claire and 88.7/ River Falls. The show will also feature the outline of a potential season at a theater in Rice Lake, announcements of current events at the public library in Eau Claire and a preview of a dance performance by an Eau Claire company taking place at the end of the month.

Ross will be welcoming back frequent guest Kevin McMullin to talk about his new book “Into the Black Sea: Stories of Darkness and Light.” McMullin is a musician and educator as well as an author. The book is an adaptation of his stage show of the same name. McMullin will be reading from the book.

Gail Gifford, publicity chair for the Red Barn Theatre in Rice Lake, will be sharing information about its upcoming 2021 season. “The Fantasticks” may open in late May, depending on the pandemic situation at that time, and the season will follow with an additional six shows through the summer.

Isa Small, manager of programming and communications services at the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library in Eau Claire, will be joining Ross to highlight the annual juried arts exhibit now open for submissions with a deadline of Jan. 29, its current pandemic operating procedures and the status of the library’s fundraising for its expansion campaign.

E Dance Company’s Founder and Director Emily Emerson will be returning to the show to provide details, history and background about the company’s performance of “The Nutcracker,” which was to have taken place in December but was compromised by COVID-19 related interruptions. The virtual performance will take place on the company’s YouTube page at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 31, and will be available on the page afterward.

“Spectrum West” is a weekly program exploring the music, arts and humanities in western Wisconsin. The show includes in-depth behind-the-scenes interviews and stories about area writers, musicians, theater, visual arts and much more. The show is broadcast at 10 a.m. Thursdays on The Ideas Network stations 88.3/ Menomonie/Eau Claire and 88.7/ River Falls and via an online live stream on 88.7/ University of Wisconsin River Falls via wrfw887.com/listen-live.html. A repeat broadcast plays at 7 p.m. Fridays on 89.7/ Eau Claire and 90.7/ Menomonie. Archives of “Spectrum West” are available at wpr.org/programs/spectrum-west-al-ross.

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