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### **A Celebration of Arts for All Ages at the Lyngblomsten Mid-Summer Festival**

*Local senior housing and services organization hosts community arts festival*

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (June 5, 2015) – The Lyngblomsten Mid-Summer Festival will celebrate arts for all ages at this year’s community arts festival on Saturday, July 11, 2015. The festival’s focus is to invite the community together for an intergenerational day of arts performances, artist demonstrations, and creative activities with some of Minnesota’s finest arts organizations and artists. Admission is free, and food, games, and creative activities are priced for affordable fun, not for profit. This family-friendly festival of arts will be held from 11 AM–6 PM in the Como Park neighborhood on the Lyngblomsten campus at 1415 Almond Avenue, St. Paul, MN.

The Mid-Summer Festival will host six stages of live entertainment, music, and dance representing many cultures. More than 100 Minnesota entertainers, demonstrating artists, and arts organizations will be present. Some featured entertainment and art will include: VocalEssence, Titambe West African Dance Ensemble and Drumming, Red Rock Swing Band, dance lessons with Emily Jarrett Hughes and Christopher Yaeger, Minnesota Opera, Weavers Guild of Minnesota, and Northern Clay Center.

Festival-goers will have the opportunity to experience the arts in a variety of ways—interacting with artists at work, and applying their imaginations by participating in hands-on creative activities with artist instructors. Many of the demonstrating artists will also be selling their artwork and wares at their booths. In addition to entertainment and arts, there will be a variety of games and food. Participating local food vendors will include Grand Ole Creamery, Como Park Grill, The Underground Music Café, and more. The festival is wheelchair accessible and ASL interpreters will be available.

About 2,500 guests are expected to attend the Mid-Summer Festival this year. Complete festival details are available at [www.MSF2015.com](http://www.MSF2015.com).

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Lyngblomsten's mission: Influenced by Christ, Lyngblomsten provides a ministry of compassionate care and innovative services to older adults in order to preserve and enhance their quality of life.

Believing that artistic expression and enjoyment has no age limits, Lyngblomsten's *Artful Living with Lyngblomsten* program gives older adults access to the arts, thereby enhancing lives, igniting creativity, and supporting living full and healthy lives. The Mid-Summer Festival extends this access to the whole Twin Cities community.

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*Lyngblomsten is a Christian nonprofit organization enhancing the quality of life for older adults of all faiths and cultures through its healthcare and housing facilities as well as through its community-based outreach programs for seniors living independently. Lyngblomsten is partnered in ministry with 30 Minneapolis/St. Paul-area congregations. Learn more at [www.lyngblomsten.org](http://www.lyngblomsten.org).*