



Minnesota Humanities Center and Danger Boat Productions Announces Sketches of Minnesota Statewide Tour Locations

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JULY 1, 2026—ST. PAUL, MN—Minnesota Humanities Center with Danger Boat Productions announce ten locations on the 2026 Sketches of Minnesota civic improv comedy tour, which uses comedy and conversation to build bridges and connection amongst neighbors.

The group will be on tour across the state from July through October at the following locations:

- July 10: Freeborn County (Events at the Broadway in Albert Lea)
- July 16: Red Wing (Red Wing Public Library)
- August 1: Edge of the Wilderness (Edge Center for the Arts in Bigfork)
- August 13: Montevideo (American Legion)
- August 18: Emily (Emily City Hall)
- August 26: Rochester (Rochester Art Center)
- September 10: Marshall (Marshall Area YMCA)
- September 25: Worthington (Lerma's Event Center)
- October 1: Iron Range (Minnesota Discovery Center in Chisholm)
- October 10: Luverne (Big Top Tent Rental)

Each Sketches of Minnesota event will open with a meal and facilitated conversation in which audience members at their table share what makes their town great, what people get wrong about their community, what local issues concern them, and what future they imagine. After listening to what was shared at dinner, Danger Boat's improv troupe brings the story of each community to life on stage through unscripted improv comedy theater.

As America commemorates its 250th anniversary, MHC will be hosting several programs that highlight how may strengthen our society and democracy over the next 250 years. Sketches of Minnesota hits this mark by providing a forum for people to engage in thoughtful dialogue and connect with their neighbors.

"People love their communities and want to connect with their neighbors. That's what we've seen in every town and city on the Sketches tours the last two years," said Tane Danger, co-founder of Danger Boat. "If we do our job right, people hear each other and laugh together. They find things in common and have a great time doing it. It's the best kind of community building."

"We are glad to be partnering with Danger Boat Productions for our third season of Sketches of Minnesota," said MHC CEO Kevin Lindsey, "when neighbors laugh and share a meal together, barriers come down and conversations flow. The tour stops in Emily, Rochester, and Luverne this year are a testament to the work of Danger Boat and MHC to create fun civic space, as local organizers are using their Sketches Tour stop to galvanize their local civic engagement efforts."

Tickets are free and registration is required, available at mnhum.org/sketches. You can see a short video about Sketches of Minnesota here: [Sketches of Minnesota 2025 Trailer](#).

About Danger Boat Productions and the Minnesota Humanities Center

Danger Boat Productions uses comedy and improv to bring hard “thinky” things to life. They are best known as the creators of The Theater of Public Policy, which has been doing policy-inspired improv comedy shows since 2011. In addition to shows and performances, they lead workshops teaching people how to have better dialogue across differences using the tools of Applied Improvisation. Learn more at dangerboat.net.

MHC, an affiliate to the National Endowment for the Humanities, was founded as an independent non-profit organization in 1971. MHC strengthens our society by promoting the humanities and increasing shared understanding of our collective pasts. MHC creates a wide variety of humanities programming in collaboration with individuals, creators, scholars, and organizations to build a more curious, inclusive, and connected society. MHC has a long history as a grantmaking organization and operates a full-service event center in a historic building in St. Paul. More information is available at mnhum.org.

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About Clean Water Land & Legacy Amendment

The Minnesota Legislature passed the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment (Legacy Amendment) in 2008 to ensure clean water, preserve opportunities for Minnesotans to enjoy nature, parks, and trails, and to appreciate arts and culture that exists within the State. The Legacy Amendment increases the state sales tax by three-eighths of one percent to fund four distinct funds to achieve the goals of the Legacy Amendment. – 19.75% of the funding raised under the Legacy Amendment is dedicated to the Legacy Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

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