

Thursday, July 24th, 2025

Check-In/Registration

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Sugar River United Methodist Church (UMC), 415 West Verona Avenue, Verona WI 53593

Special Guest Artist Reception, with Ken Vogel – Sugar River UMC

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Meet & Greet

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Sugar River UMC

Performance: *The Snowflake Man by Puppet Kabob*

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm – Sugar River UMC

Dinner

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm – Sugar River UMC

Dinner and drinks provided

Performance: *Happy Accident by liz HOWLS & Servant Baby*

7:30 pm - 8:15 pm – Verona Area Community Theater (VACT), 103 Lincoln Street, Verona WI 53593

Opening Party with Quintron and Miss Pussycat

8:45 pm – Sugar River UMC

Friday, July 25th, 2025

Check-in/Registration

7:30 am - 9:00 am – Sugar River UMC

Early Morning Puppeteer Yoga and Body Self-Care with Kat Pleviak

7:45 am - 8:30 am – ART House 360, 401 West Verona Avenue, Verona WI 53593

Performance: *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* by Puppet Art Theater Co.

9:00 am - 9:45 am – Sugar River UMC

Workshop Session # 1: Sugar River UMC, ART House 360

10:15 am - 11:45 am

1. Following the Passion for Puppetry Around the Globe with Bonnie Kim
2. Puppetry and Improv with Johanna Smith
3. The Wonder of Cotton Sculpting with Matt McGee

Lunch - on your own

11:45 am - 1:00 pm

Workshop Session #2: Sugar River UMC, ART House 360

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

1. Don't Forget Your Story (session 1) with Debbie Lutzky Allen
2. Pop-Up Book Stages (session 1) with Monica Leo
3. Manipulate Me: Ensemble Puppetry with Aretta Baumgartner

Workshop Session #3: VACT, Sugar River UMC

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

1. Don't Forget Your Story (session 2) with Debbie Lutzky Allen
2. Pop-Up Book Stages (session 2) with Monica Leo
3. Mechanical Stuff for Puppeteers with Kurt Hunter
4. Ball and String: Concentration Exercises with Sarah Frechette

Friday, July 25th, 2025, cont.

Performance: *Fringe Opportunities*: VACT, Sugar River UMC, ART House 360

5:00 pm - 5:45 pm

Dinner - on your own

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Performance: *A Slice of Crazy Pie* by Madison J. Cripps

7:30 pm - 8:45 pm – VACT

Performance: *Puppet Slam*

9:30 pm – VACT

Saturday, July 26th, 2025

Check-in/Registration

7:30 am - 9:00 am – Sugar River UMC

Early Morning Puppeteer Yoga and Body Self-Care with Kat Pleviak

7:45 am - 8:30 am – ART House 360

Workshop Session #4: Sugar River UMC, ART House 360

9:00 am - 10:30 am

1. The Argument for Rod Puppets with Art Grueneberger
2. An Exploration in Marionettes with Madison J. Cripps
3. Shadow Theater and 2D Puppets for Staged Theater with Actors (session 1) with Cat Aceto
4. LILA Physical Theatre Lab with Jessica Lanius

Saturday, July 26th, 2025, cont.

Workshop Session # 5: Sugar River UMC, ART House 360

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

1. Shadow Theater and 2D Puppets for Staged Theater with Actors (session 2) with Cat Aceto
2. Backstage Choreography with Stephanie Vallez
3. An Exploration in Marionettes (session 2) with Madison J. Cripps

Community Day: **Afternoon events and activities free and open to the public**

12:00 pm - 5:30 pm – Century School Park, 309 West Verona Avenue, Verona WI 53593

Lunch – on your own (Food Trucks will be at the park)

Art Market

Craft Activities

Performance: *Pip and Squeek by Matt-A-Magical*

12:30 pm – Century School Park

Performance: *Punch and Judy by Parasol Puppets*

2:00 pm – Century School Park

Performance: *A La Carté: In a Fool's Kitchen by Z Puppets Rosenschnoz with Gabriela Sweet*

3:30 pm – Century School Park

Giant Puppet Parade

4:30 pm – Century School Park

****The following events are for registered festival attendees****

Dinner

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm – Sugar River UMC

Dinner and drinks provided

Performance: *Learning to Fly by One Double-O Four Eight*

7:30 pm – Sugar River UMC

Great Plains Regional Meeting

8:30 pm - 9:15 pm – Sugar River UMC

Performance: *Puppet Potpourri*

9:30 pm -11:30 pm – American Legion Post 385, 207 Legion Street, Verona WI 53593

Sunday, July 27th, 2025

Early Morning Puppeteer Yoga and Body Self-Care with Kat Pleviak

7:45 am - 8:30 am – ART House 360

Brunch

9:30 am - 11:00 am – VACT

Performance: *MG Xing Ever Gras by Quintron and Miss Pussycat*

11:00 am – VACT