

## Press Release

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### For Immediate Release:

#### Experience the authenticity of autumn in Northfield this season!

**Northfield, MN, October 2010** - The brisk autumn air carries with it an excitement this time of year in the historic town of Northfield. As the scenery ripens and vibrant colors begin to pop, Northfield is busy stirring up its own fall-time fun that's sure to be brimming all season long! Take in a hearty serving of Northfield's arts & culture and unique harvest celebrations — make sure to sample a few:

- **Market Fair Fall Festival** Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. held near the Cannon River in downtown - This family-friendly celebration of the season's bounty showcases both artists' and farmers' markets with fun activities of pumpkin painting, scarecrow making, open air music, special "harvest" vendors offering locally grown apples, pumpkins and gourds. <http://www.riverwalkmarketfair.org/> 507-786-9700
- **The Northfield Harvest Stomp!** Oct. 22, 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Northfield Armory - Join in at a community contra dance featuring the music of Contratopia. Try English Folk dancing with the accompaniment of fiddles, banjos, piano and guitars. Lessons are included. Comfortable shoes and festive swing-ready attire is recommended. Adults and children 10 and up. 507-645-5652
- **Cemetery Stories** Oct. 23, 5-9 p.m. at Calvary Cemetery - This event recalls note-worthy figures of Northfield's past. Actors portray different influential characters at their gravesites. As the anecdotes unfold, history comes alive! <http://www.northfieldhistory.org/> 507-645-9268
- **South Central MN Studio ArtTour** Oct 23-24, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Step inside artists' personal studios and gather a glimpse of inspiring works created in the area including a variety of media: watercolor, pottery, wood, clay sculptures, photography, metal, fabric/wearable art and much more. <http://www.southcentralartour.com/>
- **"The Singer Sisters" Northfield Arts Guild theater production** Nov. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 14, 21 2:00 p.m. at the Arts Guild Theater - An original, sweet comic drama by local playwright Marc Robinson about a family gathering that goes a bit unexpected. <http://www.northfieldartsguild.org/> Gallery hours: 507-645-8877

Here are some more activities in and around Northfield; include them in your plans when you come to visit.

- **Northfield History Podcasts** Available Now! Want to dig deeper into the town's archives without all the books? Check out these new, high-tech tours available at the historical society. iPods available upon request for the walking tours or free for download. <http://www.northfieldhistory.org/podcasts> 507-645-9268
- **Sogn Valley Craft Fair** Oct. 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Oct. 4, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. An impressive variety of juried fine art and craft at the Sogn Valley farmstead in SE Minnesota including pottery, quilts, woodcrafts, sculptures and more. <http://www.sognvalleyartfair.com/>
- **Big Woods Run** Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m., Race through one of the best forests in Minnesota — Nerstrand Big Woods! ½ Marathon, 10K, 5K and 1K, Meet at St. Johns Church [info@finalstretch.com](mailto:info@finalstretch.com) or 507-789-5497

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