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**Grant helps Shell Lake Arts Center continue “The Art of Film” Film Series**

SHELL LAKE, Wis., September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015— The Shell Lake Arts Center is excited to announce that it has received a \$2000 grant to continue their yearly film series “The Art of Film” into the 2015-2016 season. The grant is made possible by the Xcel Energy Foundation, as part of the Arts & Culture focus area which aims to support nonprofit agencies providing services in towns and cities served by Xcel Energy.

The film series will run between November and March, and will feature recent critically acclaimed films from the United States and around the world. A short multi-media introduction to each film will be led by an expert, who will also facilitate a discussion following each film. Films are projected on a 9’ X 16’ screen in the Center’s cafeteria/conference room, and there is plenty of seating. Audience members are also welcome to bring their own comfortable folding chairs if they prefer. Popcorn, snacks, and beverages will be available. Organizers are currently working on assembling another set of outstanding movies, and hope to have the schedule of films available in late October or early November, so stay tuned to their website ([www.shelllakeartscenter.org](http://www.shelllakeartscenter.org)) for more information coming soon.

Xcel Energy is a major U.S. electricity and natural gas company operating in eight Western and Midwestern states. The company is committed to providing cost-effective, clean responsible energy delivered with the highest standards for safety, reliability, and responsiveness. Xcel Energy supports communities in four important focus areas: STEM education, workforce development, environmental stewardship, and access to arts and culture. In 2014, Xcel Energy invested over \$13 million in support of communities across its service territory.

Home to the longest running jazz camp in the nation, the Shell Lake Arts Center has emerged as an influential leader in arts education in the northwestern Wisconsin arts community. Since 1969, it has provided educational and enrichment opportunities through summer camps and workshops, graduate classes for music and art teachers, concerts, and collaboration with area schools. The Shell Lake Arts Center commemorated 48 years of arts education this summer.

If you would like more information about the “Art of Film” film series, or are interested in volunteering, please call Arts Center’s office at [715-468-2414](tel:715-468-2414), or visit their website at: [www.shelllakeartscenter.org](http://www.shelllakeartscenter.org).

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