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HOME OF A RECORD 37 MEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS SINCE 1951

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MEN'S MEMBER TEAMS

University of Alabama in Huntsville
University of Alaska Anchorage
University of Alaska Fairbanks
Bemidji State University
Bowling Green State University
Ferris State University
Lake Superior State University
Michigan Technological University
Minnesota State University
Northern Michigan University

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March 21-22

Van Andel Arena
Grand Rapids, MI

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PREMIER EVENT HEADLINING IN GRAND RAPIDS NEXT MARCH AS WCHA FINAL FIVE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP HITS VAN ANDEL ARENA

**LEAGUE TO OFFER TICKET PACKAGE DISCOUNTS, ARENA TOURS,
HOCKEY ACTIVITIES AND RAFFLES/PRIZES ON SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 5 AS PART OF CITY'S ANNUAL ARTPRIZE FESTIVITIES**

Save the date. And join us for an October Saturday full of hockey activities and fun in a community that will be filled with art from around the world.

College hockey's most tradition-rich and successful conference – the Western Collegiate Hockey Association – is bringing its flagship championship – the WCHA Final Five – to Grand Rapids and Van Andel Arena for the first time next March and the league, as well as representatives from the Grand Rapids Griffins pro hockey team, will be on hand October 5 during ArtPrize festivities to promote the event. The WCHA, home to a record 37 men's national championship teams, a record 16 Hobey Baker Memorial Award winners and more than 350 All-Americans and 450 National Hockey League alums since its founding in 1951, marks its 62nd season in 2013-14 with highly-competitive teams in Alabama Huntsville, Alaska Anchorage, Alaska, Bemidji State, Bowling Green, Ferris State, Lake Superior State, Michigan Tech, Minnesota State and Northern Michigan.

"We are thrilled to be bringing this premier collegiate championship to the friendly and sports-loving city of Grand Rapids," said WCHA Commissioner Bruce M. McLeod, "and we can't think of a better way to generate excitement and momentum for this marquee event than to mix with the local community during the annual ArtPrize event. It's going to be a great day for folks of all ages."

The conference will have a booth set up in front of Van Andel Arena between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm on Saturday (Oct. 5), and fans will have a chance to buy Final Five championship tickets at a pre-sale discount, get the best available seats and tour Van Andel Arena – home to the 2013 AHL-champion Grand Rapids Griffins. Other activities planned include hockey-related games, raffles, face-painting, and prize give-aways.

Grand Rapids' renowned ArtPrize is a 19-day, independently organized international art competition that is visited by hundreds of thousands of people. ArtPrize encompasses three square miles of the downtown area and is filled with art from around the world. ArtPrize Entries can be found everywhere – from world-renowned museums and private galleries to public parks, restaurants, and local coffee shops – and it's all free and open to the public. Anyone over the age of 18 can be an artist, any space within the ArtPrize district can be a venue, and anyone can participate with art produced within the past 12 months.

Also on hand will be the Young Rembrandts organization, doing drawing demo and face painting activities. Young Rembrandts teaches the drawing skills children need while developing learning skills that give them an academic advantage in the classroom.

For more information on 'Meet the WCHA' day please visit:

West Michigan Sports Commission – www.westmichsports.com

Van Andel Arena – www.vanandelarena.com

ArtPrize – www.artprize.org and www.artprize.org/visit

WCHA – www.wcha.com

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