



R2AC Awards FY 2016 Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants

Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) awarded \$106,694 through the Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant Program to arts organizations, cities, schools, and non-profits in Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, and Lake of the Woods counties. The funds will be used to create opportunities for arts access, arts education, and the arts and cultural heritage activities that build bridges between Minnesotans. These funds are made available through an appropriation by the Minnesota State Legislature Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund passed by Minnesota voters on November 4, 2008.

The grant recipients included:

The Bemidji Community Theater was awarded a \$6,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to assist in funding a theater performance of the musical “Hello Dolly.”

Nemeth Art Center in Park Rapids was awarded a \$6,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to assist in funding *Take A Walk on the Wild Side*, a Wild Rice Festival hosted in partnership with the White Earth Nation, to celebrate the natural wild rice of this region and showcase regional artwork and musical performances.

The English Department of Bemidji State University was awarded a \$6,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to assist in funding the 2016 Minnesota Northwoods Writers Conference, featuring keynote speaker Joy Harjo.

Northern Light Opera Company in Park Rapids was awarded a \$6,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to assist in funding a theater performance of an updated edition of the musical *Annie Get Your Gun*.

The Red Lake Band of Ojibwe was awarded a \$2,225 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to assist in funding the annual *Honoring Our Ancestors* Arts Festival featuring contemporary and traditional Native American artists in Red Lake.

The Paul Bunyan Playhouse was awarded a \$6,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to assist in funding a summer theater production of *Nine to Five* at the Historic Chief Theater in Bemidji.

The **Lake of the Woods Art Guild** was awarded a \$6,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to assist in funding a weeklong traditional oil painting seminar with master artist James Robinson and instructor Sarah Howard.

The Bemidji Symphony Orchestra was awarded a \$6,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to assist in funding an orchestral concert featuring the electronic music of the “MIDIots.”

The Watermark Art Center was awarded a \$6,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to assist in funding the 13th annual *It's Only Clay* national juried ceramics competition and exhibit.

The **Depot Preservation Alliance** was awarded a \$5,192 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to assist in funding their 2nd Annual Bluegrass Festival.

The Music Department of Bemidji State University was awarded a \$6,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to assist in funding “Bravo! North,” a summer seminar for advanced strings and piano students.

Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council was awarded a \$4,780 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to assist in funding the *Art Leap 2016* a driving tour of artists' studios and concert venues with live music.

The Bemidji MusiCamp was awarded a \$6,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to assist in funding a summer music camp for school-aged children on the BSU campus.

Bagley Area Arts Collaborative was awarded a \$6,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to assist in funding a *Musical Tour of Scandinavia* concert series featuring artists performing traditional musical styles from many Scandinavian countries.

The Bemidji Community Theater was awarded a \$5,775 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to assist in funding a theater performance of the children's musical *Enchanted Sleeping Beauty*.

The Bemidji Wood Carvers Club was awarded a \$4,717 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to assist in funding a workshop with nationally celebrated woodcarver, Janet Cordell and an exhibition of local woodcarving.

The Bemidji Participatory Arts Collective was awarded a \$3,009 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to assist in funding various participatory arts activities in conjunction with a community mural painted by local artist Mary Therese.

Nemeth Art Center in Park Rapids was awarded a \$5,500 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to assist in funding the *Halloween Happening*, a community, concert, dance, and interactive theater experience.

The Headwaters School of Music and the Arts was awarded a \$2,980 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to assist in funding the *String Fling Fiddle Camp*, featuring traditional Swedish fiddle music.

The Music Department of Bemidji State University was awarded a \$2,748 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to assist in funding an artist residency with Ana Maria Otamendi and Elena Lacheva, who will perform recitals, present a master class, visit local schools, and provide private coaching to local music students.

Pequana Playhouse was awarded a \$3,768 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to assist in funding collaboration with Prairie Fire Theater Company to provide a summer theater camp for children.