



Arts Project Grants Awarded in FY2016

Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) awarded \$22,694 through the Arts Project Grant Program, designed to assist arts organizations, nonprofits, government or tribal offices, schools, or groups with a fiscal sponsor to create or produce an arts project, such as public art, or an arts event, such as a performance, workshop, festival, artist residency or exhibition.

The grant recipients in FY 2016 included:

The Music Department of Bemidji State University was awarded \$2,396 to assist in funding a Woodwind Day, featuring guest performers, teachers, and presenters to benefit woodwind students and musicians in the Bemidji area.

Nemeth Art Center in Park Rapids received \$2,455 to assist in funding an exhibition of Kate Casanova's sculptures and Cameron Gainer's photographs and films.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Community Education Program was awarded \$2,423 to assist in funding a Prairie Fire Theater Company production of "Snow White" utilizing and training local young actors as part of their summer recreation program.

Headwaters School of Music & the Arts in Bemidji received \$340 to assist in providing a paid accompanist for the monthly rehearsal and performance schedule for the First City Singers Senior Choir.

Bemidji Community Theater was awarded \$2,500 to offer a 2-week summer theater camp for youth in collaboration with the Bemidji Parks and Recreation Department.

Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council received \$2,500 to assist in funding the *Great American Story* competition and performance event.

The Music Department of Bemidji State University was awarded \$2,331 to assist in funding "Beyond Race: The Universality of Singing African-American Art Songs & Spirituals," a concert and presentation featuring Dr. Caroline Helton, Dr. Emery Stephens, and Dr. Kate Bae.

Nemeth Art Center in Park Rapids received \$2,411 to assist in funding an exhibition of Jim Denomie's paintings & John Salhuss' drawings, paintings and installations.

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra was awarded \$2,500 to assist in presenting the concert "Planetary Legends" with guest pianist Gareth Cordery performing Piano Concerto No. 1 by Tchaikovsky.

The Norda Gonvick Rosemalers in Shevlin received \$338 to assist in funding a workshop with Ken Magnussen teaching the Rogeland style of rosemaling.

The Northern Light Opera Company was awarded \$2,500 to assist in funding a theater performance, *Of Thee I Sing*, in Park Rapids.