



## Arts Grants Awarded in Beltrami County

**Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) awarded \$137,504 to arts organizations, schools, non-profits and individual artists in Beltrami County in FY2016.**

**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.”

**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.

**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 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 13<sup>th</sup> annual “It’s Only Clay” national juried ceramics competition and exhibit.

**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.

**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.

**Bemidji Community Theater** was awarded a \$6,000 Community Arts Support Grant to provide general operating support.

**Bemidji Symphony Orchestra** was awarded a \$6,000 Community Arts Support Grant to provide general operating support.

**Watermark Art Center** was awarded a \$6,000 Community Arts Support Grant to provide general operating support.

**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.”

**Northern Artist Association** was awarded a \$4,000 Community Arts Support Grant to provide general operating support.

**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 a 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.

**Bemidji Chorale** was awarded a \$3,000 Community Arts Support Grant to provide general operating support.

**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.

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

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

**The Music Department of Bemidji State University** was awarded a \$2,331 Arts Project Grant 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.

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

**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 Bemidji Middle School** was awarded a \$2,200 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant for Schools to assist in funding artist in residence, William Durbin, to work with 6<sup>th</sup> graders on writing historical fiction.

**The Watermark Art Center** was awarded a \$1,000 Quick Grant to the to assist in funding keynote speaker Kate Anderson, a nationally recognized fiber artist, painter, gallery owner and speaker, as part of the “Pine to Prairie Fiber Arts Trail”

**The Schoolcraft Learning Community** was awarded a \$920 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant for Schools to assist in funding their Fall & Spring Concerts featuring choirs, orchestra, and the French language program.

**The Headwaters School of Music & the Arts** was awarded a \$340 Arts Project Grant to assist in providing an accompanist for the First City Singers Senior Choir.

**The Northern Artist Association** was awarded a \$746 Quick Grant to assist in funding a workshop featuring painting on porcelain with Nancy Eagleson.

**The Music Department of Bemidji State University** was awarded a \$725 Quick Grant to assist in bringing guest violinist Dr. Conor O'Brien to Bemidji to perform a recital with Dr. Eric Olson (of BSU) and offer a violin master class for local strings students and other string musicians throughout the community.

**Shannon Murray of Bemidji** was awarded a \$3,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant for Individuals to assist in funding a recorded album, songbook, and eight concert series based on preserving the musical, labor, and cultural history of the Industrial Workers of the World.

**Maureen Gibbon of Bemidji** was awarded a \$6,000 R2AC/McKnight Career Development Fellowship to assist in writing *Lake 37, A Novel*.

**Calsandra Tyndall of Bemidji** was awarded a \$1,000 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant to interview elders about traditional Ojibwe beadwork designs used to promote spiritual healing and to create beaded works based on this research.

**Eric Olson of Bemidji** was awarded a \$334 Quick Grant for Individuals to visit various school orchestra programs in Bemidji and work with their violin and/or viola students on difficult passages in their orchestra repertoire and on technique of ensemble playing

**Joanna Dymond of Bemidji** was awarded a \$400 Quick Grant for Individuals to hire award-winning author Mary Logue to assist her in editing her children's book, *Howling, Yowling, Growling, with the Lost River Wolf Pack*.

**Eric Olson of Bemidji** was awarded a \$326 Quick Grant for Individuals to bring Dr. Alexander Corbett to Bemidji to conduct a masterclass with local violin students culminating in a public recital.

**Alice Blessing of Bemidji** was awarded a \$2,000 Individual Artist Grant to attend a painting course with artist Adam Cope in Dordogne France, including plein air painting and a trip to Pech-Merle, to study the cave paintings.

**Shannon Lucas-Wetrum of Bemidji** was awarded a \$2,000 Individual Artist Grant to pay tuition and travel expenses to attend basketry classes at the NorthHouse Folk School in Grand Marais, MN to expand her use of materials and techniques.

**Danae Lund of Bemidji** was awarded a \$2,000 Individual Artist Grant to attend the 2016 Somerset Folk Harp Festival in order to participate in hands-on learning workshops with internationally known folk harp teachers and performers.

**Jennifer Olsen of Bemidji** was awarded a \$1,747 Individual Artist Grant to produce a high-quality recording of her singing and Dr. Ana María Otamendi on the piano performing four rare Latin American Art song cycles.

**Cal Rice of Bemidji** was awarded a \$2,000 Individual Artist Grant to attend a photography workshop, *Visual Perceptions and Lighting for Impactful Photos*, with Jack Reznicki in the Tuscany region of Italy.

**Kathryn Sanders of Bemidji** was awarded a \$2,000 Individual Artist Grant to attend master level classes in the art of lampworking with Heather Trimlett and Frank Scott at the Bead & Button Show in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

**Susan Kedzie of Bemidji** was awarded a \$2,000 Individual Artist Grant to create 10 illustrations to complete her children's book, *A Thousand Purring Cats*.

**Vivienne Morgan of Bemidji** was awarded a \$2,000 Individual Artist Grant to purchase a UV Exposure box and supplies, and create Van Dyke and Polymer Photogravure prints for exhibition.

**Joanna Dymond of Bemidji** was awarded a \$385 Individual Artist Grant to hire award-winning author Mary Logue to assist her in editing her mystery novel, *Wolf at the Door*.

**Debra Bearskin Hawthorne of Puposky** was awarded a \$1,000 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant to purchase fabric to sew star quilts for sale and exhibition.

**Robie Rock of Bemidji** was awarded a \$1,000 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant to purchase a telephoto lens to assist in developing his skills and his portfolio as a wildlife photographer.

**Isabella Fontana of Bemidji** was awarded a \$600 Artist Mentor Grant to attend the Minnesota Opera summer camp in Fairbault, MN.

**Llewellyn Grayhawk of Bemidji** was awarded a \$600 Artist Mentor Grant to attend the Minnesota Opera summer camp in Fairbault, MN.

**Nikolai Kivi of Bemidji** was awarded a \$600 Artist Mentor Grant to attend *Bravo North*, a summer seminar for advanced strings students, held on the Bemidji State University campus.

**Katya Kivi of Bemidji** was awarded a \$600 Artist Mentor Grant to attend *Bravo North*, a summer seminar for advanced strings students, held on the Bemidji State University campus.

**Eva Hubert of Bemidji** was awarded a \$600 Artist Mentor Grant to study violin with mentor Dr. Eric Olson.

**Che Price of Bemidji** was awarded a \$600 Artist Mentor Grant to study metal-working with his mentor local sculptor Al Belleveau.

**Valerie Westlund of Bemidji** was awarded a \$600 Artist Mentor Grant to study voice with mentor Kari Ekhooff.