



## Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants for Schools Awarded FY2017

Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) awarded \$9,000 through the Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant for Schools, designed to assist public and charter schools or community education programs to fund public arts projects, performances, arts workshops, arts field trips, arts presentations or an artist residency. The funds are used to create opportunities for arts access, arts education, and the arts and cultural heritage activities that build bridges between Minnesotans and 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 in FY 2017 included:

**Bemidji Middle School**, was awarded \$2,800 to hire William Durbin, acclaimed Minnesota author, for an artist residency teaching sixth graders short story elements in historical creative writing to support their learning in Language Arts and Minnesota Studies.

**Red Lake Middle School**, received \$3,000 to hire two nationally known Native American artists, Tanaya Winder and hip hop artist Mic Jordan, for an artist residency focusing on self-expression of inner-voice through the creation of music and spoken word pieces.

**Lake of the Woods High School**, received \$3,000 to take students on a field trip to the Orpheum Theatre in Minneapolis for a tour and to see a production of *Wicked* on stage as well as to visit the Minneapolis Institute of Art.

**Schoolcraft Learning Community, Bemidji**, was awarded \$200 to assist in funding two concerts showcasing the choirs, orchestras, and the French program