



Arts Project Grants Awarded in FY2017

Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) awarded \$27,799 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 2017 included:

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra received \$2,500 to assist in funding the concert *Cinematic Legends*, a family-friendly concert featuring well-known film scores from Hollywood movies.

Bagley Area Arts Collaborative was awarded \$1,829 to host a three-day *plein air* workshop with Arna Rennan that will focus on painting landscapes while enjoying the outdoors.

Nemeth Art Center, Park Rapids, received \$2,500 to host a multimedia exhibition by artists David & Mathieu Ruhlman.

Pequana Playhouse, Baudette, was awarded \$1,640 to produce a community variety show in which individuals will display their artistic abilities in many different realms from performing skits and monologues, to singing and more.

Nemeth Art Center, Park Rapids, received \$2,500 to host a community gallery exhibit featuring local artists David Linder, Adam McCauley, Gail Katz-James and Lowell Wolff.

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra received \$2,500 to assist in funding the concert *Trading Places*, with guest artist Mark Nelson on trumpet.

Headwaters School of Music & the Arts, Bemidji, was awarded \$2,500 to assist in funding a songwriting cultural exchange, showcase, and workshop featuring Berit Dybing, Erdwin Kløvning, Corey Media & Caige Jambor.

The Bemidji Woodcarvers' Club received \$1,950 to assist in funding a woodcarving seminar with guest instructor Marty Dolphens.

Watermark Art Center, Bemidji, was awarded \$2,380 to assist in hiring photography instructor Dan Burkholder to teach *The Exquisite iPhone Landscape*, an iPhone/iPad photography workshop.

Nemeth Art Center, Park Rapids, received \$2,500 to host the debut exhibition of Minneapolis-based artist Christopher E. Harrison's *MonsterLands*.

Park Rapids Schools was awarded \$2,500 to host the Bi-Okoto Drum and Dance Theatre, in partnership with the Park Rapids Area Library, for an afternoon school workshop and evening public program.

Northern Light Opera Company, Park Rapids, received \$2,500 to assist in funding NLOKids, a three-week summer theater workshop for children ages 9-13 from both Park Rapids and Pine Point who will work together on a theater project, which includes writing, composing, acting, and singing at the Pine Point School and Community Center.