



Arts Grants Awarded in Beltrami County

Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) awarded \$132,454 to arts organizations, schools, non-profits, and individual artists in Beltrami County in FY 2017.

Bemidji Community Theater received a \$6,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to mount a full-scale production of the musical *Mary Poppins*.

Watermark Art Center, Bemidji, received a \$4,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to host the 4th Annual Creative Spirit Fiber Festival, featuring a vendors market, free and low-fee classes, workshops and hands-on opportunities focused on fiber arts.

Bemidji State University English Department was awarded a \$6,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to organize and host the Minnesota Northwoods Writers Conference and provide attendees and the community access to well-known authors expertise and high quality literary activities.

Paul Bunyan Playhouse, Bemidji, received a \$6,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to produce *Legally Blonde*, specifically funding the musical director, choreographer, lighting designer, sound mixer technician, head set microphone rentals, and set expenses.

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra received a \$6,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to assist in funding the concert *Celtic Legends* with Beverly Everett conducting and Lisa Bost-Sandberg performing Christopher Rouse's Flute Concerto with an additional concert especially for children.

Headwaters School of Music & the Arts, Bemidji, was awarded a \$2,915 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to host Ragamala Dance Company's Sacred Earth performance and residency program in April 2017.

Paula Swenson, Bemidji, was awarded a \$3,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to paint the mural *Landscape of Sound* depicting the area's forests and fields with many of the creatures that sing on the wall of KBXE, Northern Community Radio, in downtown Bemidji.

Mary Therese, Bemidji was awarded a \$6,000 Artist Fellowship to fund her creative work as a batik painter and fiber artist for the next 18 months.

Thomas Stillyday, Ponemah was awarded a \$5,000 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Fellowship to fund his creative work as a beadwork artist for the next 18 months.

Bemidji State University American Indian Resource Center received a \$1,000 Quick Grant to provide a workshop on the traditional art of making Ojibwe Makazinitaagewin (Moccasin Games) for beginning players to take home and use.

Bemidji Middle School, was awarded a \$2,800 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant for Schools 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 a \$3,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant for Schools 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.

Schoolcraft Learning Community, Bemidji, was awarded a \$200 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant for Schools to assist in funding two concerts showcasing the choirs, orchestras, and the French program

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

Pamela Iceman, Ponemah, was awarded a \$971 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant to assist in funding purchase of materials needed to make beaded purses, coin pouches, wallets, checkbook covers and medallions.

Brian K. Dow, Bemidji, received a \$956 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant to assist in funding purchase of a printer to make art prints of his paintings and drawings as well as note cards for sale.

Terry Honstead, Tenstrike, was awarded a \$2,000 Individual Artist Grant to purchase a computer.

Mary Knox Johnson, Bemidji, received a \$2,000 Individual Artist Grant for research and writing about local gangsters for her book, *Gangsters Among Us*.

Scott Knudson, Bemidji, was awarded a \$2,000 Individual Artist Grant to purchase and build a computer system for video editing.

Peter McKenzie, Redby, received a \$2,000 Individual Artist Grant for skill training in audio production and song writing.

Les Sanders, Bemidji, was awarded a \$2,000 Individual Artist Grant to teach master level woodcarving classes and purchase woodcarving tools for that purpose.

Anne Washburn, Hines, received a \$2,000 Individual Artist Grant to create “Expressions of the Animals,” a series of drawings and paintings for exhibition.

Fran O’Brien of Bemidji received a \$279 Individual Artist Grant to help fund lessons in piano & voice at Headwaters School of Music and rent space at Rail River Folk School for practice and rehearsal time with other local musicians.

Bemidji Community Theater was awarded a \$5,500 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to produce the children's musical *Dragonsong*.

Red Lake Middle School, received a \$6,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant for an artist residency with Tanaya Winder and Frank Waln to work with students writing lyrics and music, for a video featuring the students which showcases Red Lake Native American talent and culture.

Bemidji Contra Dance Group was awarded a \$6,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to host a series of monthly musicians’ workshops and community dances at the Rail River Folk School in Bemidji.

Paul Bunyan Playhouse, Bemidji, received a \$6,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to produce the play, based on the Emmy Award winning 1970's morning cartoon, “Schoolhouse Rock Live!”

Bemidji MusiCamp was awarded \$6,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to organize and host their annual summer camp for young musicians on the Bemidji State University campus.

Headwaters School of Music & the Arts, Bemidji, was awarded a \$2,313 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to host 5 day Fiddle Camp, providing individual instruction as well as small and large group performance, with a special focus on Contra Dance music and dance lessons.

City of Bemidji Park & Regulation Department was awarded a \$4,751 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to partner with the Bemidji Community Theater to host a summer theater day camp for children and teens.

Watermark Art Center, Bemidji, received a \$5,565 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to host the Pine to Prairie Fiber Arts Trail April 21-22, including a key note address by Tressa Sularz, an exhibition by Tom Stillday, and workshops by Betsy May, Clyde Estey and Karen Goulet.

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra received a \$6,000 Arts & Cultural Heritage Grant to present a concert of opera music featuring guest tenor J. Warren Mitchell.

Sierra Charwood of Bemidji received a \$474 Young Artist Grant to attend Headwaters School of Music & the Arts 2017 Fiddle Camp.

Josibeth Aguilera of Bemidji was awarded a \$600 Young Artist Grant to study painting on silk with painter and batik artist Mary Therese.

Quinn Knott of Bemidji received a \$600 Young Artist Grant to study woodcarving and wood burning techniques with woodcarver Les Sanders.

Allison Koos of Bemidji was awarded a \$600 Young Artist Grant to study graphite and colored pencil drawing techniques with artist Anne Washburn.

Korben Ward of Bemidji received a \$600 Young Artist Grant to study guitar techniques with musician Lou Samsa.

Headwaters School of Music & the Arts, Bemidji, was awarded a \$1,000 Quick Grant to assist their music instructors to attend the Minnesota Music Teachers Association Conference.

Jason Ewert of Bemidji received a \$500 Quick Grant to produce *Feed the Wolf*, a short film using spoken word techniques and the analogy of the wolf to describe the city of Bemidji in the past, present, and future.

David Manuel of Blackduck received a \$500 Quick Grant to photograph the people of the powwows in northern Minnesota.

James Gallagher of Bemidji received a \$500 Quick Grant to attend the Transom Traveling Workshop on audio storytelling.

Kelli Jo Lein of Bemidji received a \$500 Quick Grant to have several original watercolor and watercolor/collage paintings professionally framed.

Fran O'Brien of Bemidji received a \$500 Quick Grant to book a venue to perform what is being called Headwaters Blues as the Mutt Brown Band, while intermittently teaching the audience the history of blues music, with local blues musicians Dan Kramer and Mark Gross.

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

Headwaters School of Music & the Arts, Bemidji, was awarded a \$2,500 Arts Project Grant 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 a \$1,950 Arts Project Grant to assist in funding a woodcarving seminar with guest instructor Marty Dolphens.

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

photography workshop.