



R2AC 2013 Arts Project Grant Awards

Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) recently awarded \$27,626 through the Arts Project Grant Program, designed for organizations and schools to create or produce an arts project or event. This grant is funded by an appropriation for the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State's general fund.

The grant recipients included:

Mask& Rose Women's Theater Collective, Bemidji, received \$1,500 to produce an evening of celebration and awards for Region 2 theater groups called the "Oxcars."

Bemidji Community Theater, Bemidji, was awarded \$960 to implement a youth internship program in the area of technical theater, including scene design, painting and construction.

Peacemaker Resources, Bemidji, received \$1,440 to work with middle school students from Schoolcraft Learning Community to create original youth radio programming centered on the themes of exploring our world and making a better place to be named "Peacemaker Radio."

Akeley Chamber of Commerce, Akeley, was awarded \$1,500 to facilitate a workshop with Mary Therese Peterson in which Akeley youth will create banners to be hung on light poles on Highway 34 and Highway 64.

Headwaters School of Music & the Arts, Bemidji received \$1,500 to provide a paid accompanist when First City Singers perform in the community.

Schoolcraft Learning Community, Bemidji, was awarded \$968 to present their winter and spring concerts at the Bemidji High School Performing Arts Center at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, 2012 and Thursday May 16, 2013, showcasing the choirs, orchestras, and the French program.

Jackpine Writers' Bloc, Park Rapids, was awarded \$1,485 to publish its 22nd volume of The Talking Stick, a literary journal featuring the poetry and prose of MN writers and to put on a workshop and Book Release party to announce the publishing of the book.

Bemidji Community Art Center was awarded \$1,500 to present and host the 11th Annual It's Only Clay National Ceramics Competition and exhibit ceramics artist Andrea Leila Denecke as the 2013 juror and featuring a lecture and two-day workshop in Bemidji, MN.

Park Rapids Downtown Business Association was awarded \$1,500 to start a Juried Art Fair in conjunction with the 3rd Annual Bite of Park Rapids.

Headwaters School for Music and the Arts, Bemidji, was awarded \$1,500 to host a weeklong string camp for area string students.

White Earth Tribal and Community College Extension Service was awarded \$1,500 to host a Woodland Pottery workshop and exhibit.

Bemidji – First City of the Arts Studio Cruise was awarded \$1,500 to plan and promote a three-day open studio event where participating artists invite the public into their working studios to view the creative process, interact with the artist and have an opportunity to purchase artwork directly from the artist if desired.

Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council was awarded \$1,475 to sponsor a Bluegrass in the Schools program on Friday afternoon and an evening concert, both featuring Druha Trava, award-winning musicians from the Czech Republic.

Headwaters School of Music and the Arts, Bemidji, was awarded \$1,396 to conduct a series of summer concerts featuring area musicians at Lake Bemidji State park each Sunday afternoon from June through August.

Bemidji Community Theater was awarded \$1,120 to continue its youth internship program in the area of technical theater, including scenic design, painting, and construction.

Clearbrook-Gonvick Summer Recreation was awarded \$1,485 to sponsor the play “Alice in Wonderland” for local performers age seven through adult.

Servant Hearts Respect Awareness Project, Bemidji, was awarded \$782 to host an outreach tour concert of One Voice Mixed GLBTA Chorus

Mask & Rose Women’s Theater Collective, Bemidji, was awarded \$1,500 to provide free tickets for elders (60+) to the May 26th performance of “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.”

Headwaters School of Music and the Arts, Bemidji, was awarded \$1,500 to host a weeklong drumset camp for area percussion students.

Hope House, Bemidji, was awarded \$1,500 to contract with artists-in-residence to hone clients’ advanced painting and writing techniques for a public art show.