



## **R2AC Awards 2014 Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants**

**Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) awarded \$141,085 through the Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants Program to individual artists, arts organizations and non-profits in Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, and Lake of the Woods counties in fiscal year 2014.** The funds will be used to create opportunities for arts access, arts education, and cultural heritage activities that build bridges between Minnesotans. These funds 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 included:**

**The Bemidji Sculpture Walk** was awarded \$6,000 to purchase fiberglass blanks for 2-D artists to paint/embellish for public display.

**Pequana Playhouse, Baudette**, was awarded \$3,580 to contract with Prairie Fire Theatre to provide a team of two directors to facilitate and present the children's theater production of "Peter Pan" by carrying out the auditions, rehearsals, and direction using primarily all local children or youth.

**Carol Charnoski, Bemidji**, received \$1,000 to purchase materials and provide instruction in the Native American community in the creation of Spirit Walk moccasins and regalia.

**Bemidji Community Theater** received \$6,000 to produce the children's musical "Disney's My Son Pinocchio."

**Watermark Art Center, Bemidji** was awarded \$6,000 to host acclaimed poet and translator Jane Hirshfield, who will provide a craft lecture and evening reading as part of a weekend festival honoring poetry and haiku.

**Northern Light Opera Company, Park Rapids** was awarded \$3,100 to mount a production of the opera "The Apothecary" by Franz Joseph Haydn at the Park Rapids Armory.

**The Beltrami County Historical Society, Bemidji**, received \$4,460 to hire photographer Todd Geiger to create an artistic display consisting of current and historical photographs of Beltrami County scenes.

**The Park Rapids Area Community Band** was awarded \$1,462 to perform a concert and sponsor a master class with Myroslava Hagen as guest clarinet soloist and educator.

**Headwaters School for Music & the Arts, Bemidji**, received \$6,000 to bring two international performing arts groups to Bemidji in collaboration with Arts Midwest World Fest.

**Lake of the Woods Art Guild, Baudette**, received \$6,000 to offset the cost of student tuition for their annual Frank Covino Classical Academic Oil Painting Seminar.

**Aaron Tank, Bemidji**, received 1,040 to direct and produce three performances of an original musical.

**City of Bemidji Park & Recreation Department**, was awarded \$3,760 to provide a summer theater camp for youth in the Bemidji area.

**Bemidji Symphony Orchestra** was awarded \$6,000 to present a concert featuring a commissioned work by composer Tod Machover for flute soloist Carol Wincenc and the symphony.

**Nemeth Art Center, Park Rapids** was awarded \$1,970 to host a Minneapolis Institute of Art satellite show in Park Rapids.

**Paul Bunyan Playhouse, Bemidji** was awarded \$6,000 to produce the play "Noises Off."

**The Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council** was awarded \$2,713 to sponsor the Youth Music & Art Showcase VI, showcasing the musical and artistic talents of Park Rapids area youth.



**Rail River Folk School, Bemidji**, received \$6,000 to host the 2nd Annual Indigenous Arts Festival, outdoors on North Lake Irving.

**Paul Bunyan Playhouse, Bemidji**, was awarded \$6,000 to produce the musical “Annie.”

**Clear Waters Life Center, Clearbrook**, was awarded \$3,600 to assist Create it! Art Studios to hire a variety of art teachers to conduct weekly classes for the community at a minimal fee.

**Bemidji Community Theater** received \$6,000 to produce the musical “The King & I.”

**Northern Light Opera Company, Park Rapids** was awarded \$6,000 to mount a production of Leonard Bernstein’s “West Side Story” at Park Rapids High School auditorium using local talent and a volunteer work force led by theater professionals.

**Mask & Rose Women’s Theater Collective, Bemidji**, received \$2,352 to host the first ever “She Wrights” One Act Theater Festival, which will showcase 6 original one act plays written by women.

**Bemidji MusiCamp** was awarded \$6,000 to provide an inspiring camp for young musicians throughout the region and state, which will culminate in a final performance for the public.

**The Depot Preservation Alliance, Baudette**, received \$6,000 to hire Scott Murphy to design, paint, and install a mural portraying the inside of a 1930’s passenger rail car, depicting passengers, luggage and parcels in diminishing perspective as part of a “Tales from the Rails” exhibit in the Baudette Depot.

**Headwaters School for Music & the Arts, Bemidji**, received \$6,000 to create a community handbell choir.

**Clear Waters Life Center, Clearbrook**, was awarded \$4,424 to assist Senior Connection Activity Center to hire an Art Teacher to conduct one-hour classes three days a week.

**Bemidji Middle School** received \$2,805 to fund a project for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade to write historically accurate creative writing in journal format with the inspiration and guidance of William Durbin and his historical fiction book “Blackwater Ben,” a late 1800’s account of Minnesota at a crossroads of profitable logging and sustainability.

**Solway Elementary School, ISD #31**, was awarded \$3,050 to hire Cate Belleveau and Al Belleveau to produce a play with third graders for the Solway School Community to enjoy.

**Bemidji Symphony Orchestra** was awarded \$6,000 to perform Mahler’s 2nd Symphony, “Resurrection,” on May 4, 2014 in Bemidji, perform a vocal recital in Park Rapids, conduct a master class at Bemidji State University, and present career information to youth at the Headwaters School of Music and the Arts.

**Nemeth Art Center, Park Rapids** was awarded \$2,727 to fund a gallery dedicated to showing artwork by regional artists in a professional, well-attended setting.

**BSU English Department** was awarded \$6,000 to host a writers’ conference at Bemidji State University during the fourth week of June 2014.

**Village of Hope, Bemidji**, received \$3,042 to hire an artist to teach art classes and engage tenants in painting a mural.