



Region 2 Arts Council awards Arts Learning Grants

Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) awarded \$18,992 to organizations and schools in Beltrami County through the Arts Learning Grant program designed to support high-quality arts education for Minnesotans of all ages to develop knowledge, skills, and understanding of the arts.

The grant recipients in FY 2018 included:

Bemidji Community Theater was awarded \$3,837 to continue their Theater Internship Program allowing interns to work with mentors on five upcoming theater productions.

Bemidji Middle School was awarded \$2,094 to host writer Patricia Jamie Lee for “Writing Across Cultures,” where after studying *Washaka: Bear Dreamer* (A Lakota story based on Leon Hale’s dream), students will write, with authenticity and respectfulness, a short story across cultures.

Lumberjack High School was awarded \$4,003 to take an arts field trip to see a performance of *Romeo and Juliet* at Park Square Theater, and experience *Renewing What They Gave Us: Native American Artists in Residence* at the Minnesota History Center.

Red Lake Nation College was awarded \$5,458 to work with Navajo playwright and theatre-maker Rhianna Yazzie of New Native Theatre in Minneapolis to write and present an original one-act play, with additional theater coaching from Stephanie Thompson of Ten Thousand Things Theater in Minneapolis, Kaitlen Osburn of The Minnesota Film Festival and Cate Belleveau of Mask & Rose Theater in Puposky.

Watermark Art Center was awarded \$3,600 to present the 5th Annual Creative Spirit Fiber Festival, featuring a vendor market with artist talks and demonstrations, as well as offering hands-on opportunities to explore weaving, basketry, beading, quilting, and other fiber arts.



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.