



R2AC Awards FY 2018 Arts Access Grants

Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) awarded \$98,214 through the Arts Access Grant Program to nonprofit arts organizations and schools in Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, and Mahnomen counties. The funds will be used in the creation, production, and presentation of high-quality arts activities, projects that help overcome barriers to accessing high-quality arts activities, and projects that help instill the arts into the community and public life in our region. 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:

Fall Grant Awards

Bagley Area Arts Collaborative received \$5,625 for “Arts Unlimited,” a series of art workshops for 2018.

Bemidji Community Theater received \$6,000 to produce Rogers & Hammerstein’s *The Sound of Music*.

Bemidji Sculpture Walk received \$5,435 for the upcoming Fiberglass Dog Series in which local artists will paint fiberglass dogs to be installed throughout downtown Bemidji.

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra received \$6,000 to produce “A Woman’s Role,” a movie night and concert featuring composer Jennifer Higdon’s “Blue Cathedral” and guest cellist Hannah Holman performing pieces highlighting famous female cellists.

Clearbrook- Gonvick Elementary received \$3,705 for students in grades 3-6 to see a concert by Ladysmith Black Mambazo at the Ordway Center for the Arts and visit nearby art museums.

Clearbrook Gonvick Public Schools received \$6,000 to bring Copper Street Brass to their school for an arts residency and community concert.

Gizhiigin Arts Incubator received \$5,435 to produce “Seven Values Community Mural,” in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club of Mahnomen.

Northern Light Opera Company received \$6,000 to produce the Lerner & Lowe musical *My Fair Lady*.

Spring Grant Awards

Bemidji Community Theater received \$4,977 to produce the children's musical *The Elves and the Shoemaker* on April 6 – 13, 2018. (Beltrami County)

Bemidji Contra Dance was awarded \$2,759 to hold a series of musicians' and callers' workshops and evening contra dances from July to October 2018. (Beltrami County)

Bemidji State University Music Department was awarded \$4,019 to host renowned Latvian composer, Ēriks Ešenvalds, to host a three-day residency at BSU, culminating in a High School Choral festival concert on March 22 -24, 2018. (Beltrami County)

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra received \$6,000 to perform a concert featuring violist Brett Deubner playing the American premiere of Max Wolpert's Viola Concerto No. 1, *Giants*, on October 7, 2018. (Beltrami County)

City of Bemidji Parks & Recreation was awarded \$5,100 to host, in partnership with the Bemidji Community Theater, a summer Theater Day Camp for youth, June 4 – 15 2018. (Beltrami County)

City of Park Rapids Arts and Culture Advisory Commission received \$6,000 to initiate a sculpture trail in the Red Bridge Park. Ribbon cutting is projected to be June 16, 2018. (Hubbard County)

Clearbrook-Gonvick Community Education was awarded \$1,189 to bring Prairie Fire Children's Theater to direct the play *Tom Sawyer*, for local performers from age seven to adult, as part of their Summer Recreation program. June 22 & 23, 2018. (Clearwater County)

Headwaters Music & Arts received \$6,000 to host storyteller Laura Packer for a series of workshops and performances, with the goal of building bridges, finding voice and being heard, on May 11, June 1 & 2, 2018. (Beltrami County)

Indigenous Environmental Network was awarded \$6,000 to host a week-long birch-bark canoe build at the Rail River Folk School, with experiential learning opportunities from novice to apprentice, and an open paddle experience with local artists to tell our unique Mississippi story, on July 14 – 22, 2018. (Beltrami County)

Nemeth Art Center received \$2,323 to host an exhibition called *White Earth Window*, a collaboration by photographer Wayne Gudmundson and writer Anton Treuer, which reflects the Anishinaabe experience on the White Earth Reservation, from May 31 - July 28, 2018. (Hubbard County)

Nemeth Art Center was awarded \$2,007 to host the exhibition titled, *The Extraordinary Outdoors*, curated by Tim Peterson, featuring the work of five Minnesota artists whose

works depict dynamic visual explorations into nature, August 3 – September 29, 2018.
(Hubbard County)

Park Rapids Downtown Business Association received \$2,725 to provide free, live music with the 2nd Street Stage summer concert series. The ten events will be held on Thursday evenings from June 14 through Aug. 16, on the 2nd block of Main Avenue in Park Rapids. (Hubbard County)

Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council was awarded \$4,915 to produce Art Leap 2018, a driving tour of artists' studios and other cultural destinations. September 22 & 23, 2018.
(Hubbard County)