



## **Region 2 Arts Council Awards Arts Access Grants**

In fiscal year 2019, the Region 2 Arts Council Board of Directors granted \$127,354 in Arts and Cultural Heritage funds to arts organizations, groups with a fiscal sponsor, schools and non-profit institutions and organizations for the creation and production of arts activity that would benefit community members residing in our five-county region.

### **Fall 2018 Recipients:**

**Watermark Art Center** received \$3,876 to support the 14th Annual "It's Only Clay" National Juried Ceramics Competition and Exhibit during the months of October and November 2018.

**Bagley Area Arts Collaborative** received \$4,764 for "Arts Unlimited," a series of art workshops for 2019.

**Bemidji Symphony Orchestra** received \$6,000 to produce "Lincoln Portrait" and a concert for children featuring Sarah and Sadie Hamrin performing Mozart's Sinfonia concertante with Dr. Beverly Everett conducting.

**Bemidji Sculpture Walk** received \$5,800 for the Bemidji Sculpture Walk 20th Anniversary Festival with sculptor demos, living sculptures & music in spring 2019.

**Bemidji Contra Dance** received \$6,000 to continue building the local contra dance musician and dancer community through workshops and monthly dances from Nov - May welcoming people of all ages, abilities and incomes.

**Clearbrook-Gonvick Community Education** received \$796 to assist Clearbrook-Gonvick Community Ed in sponsoring the play *Cinderella* for local performers age 7-adult as part of their Summer Recreation program.

**Red Lake Middle School** received \$6,000 for artists-in-residence Lady Midnight and Garlic Brown to work with 7th grade students to write lyrics and music for a video showcasing Red Lake Native American talent and culture.

**Northwest Indian Community Development Center** received \$4,770 for their "Seasonal Pathway of a Deer Hide" Workshop Series including how a deer hide is traditionally processed and utilized for producing tobacco pouches, moccasins, rattles, and medicine bags.

**Paul Bunyan Playhouse** received \$6,000 to produce "Driving Miss Daisy" during their summer 2019 season supporting the Playhouse in offering diverse roles and themes for actors and audiences in the northern Minnesota region.

**Lake of the Woods School** received \$1,781 for "Pottery Possibilities" with artist-in-residence Janet Johnson to teach wheel throwing and hand building techniques to 7-12 grade students during the day and to community members in the evenings.

**Lake of the Woods School** received \$6,000 for a 2-day educational and performance residency with Copper Street Brass.

**Bemidji State University Center for Extended Learning** received \$6,000 to bring poet and writer Terrance Hayes as the Distinguished Visiting Writer to the the Minnesota Northwoods Writers Conference in June 2019.

**Bemidji Community Theater** received \$5,890 to produce the children's musical *The Reluctant Dragon* in March of 2019.

**Spring 2019 Recipients:**

**Park Rapids Downtown Business Association** was awarded \$6,000 to assist in providing music for the 2nd Street Stage 10-week summer concert series.

**Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council** was awarded \$3,095 to assist in planning and producing the Great American Story 4th Annual Storytelling Contest, including a storytelling workshop.

**Park Rapids Lakes Area Arts Council** was awarded \$5,741 to sponsor Art Leap 2019, a driving tour of artists' studios and other cultural destinations.

**Nemeth Art Center** was awarded \$5,632 to host exhibitions by Minnesota artists Georgia Mrazkova and Andy Messerschmidt and provide youth outreach with hands-on art activities to accompany these exhibits.

**Northern Light Opera Company** was awarded \$6,000 to assist in mounting a production of the Broadway Musical *The Drowsy Chaperone* the last weekend in July through the first weekend in August at Armory Square Theater, Park Rapids MN.

**Bagley Area Arts Collaborative** was awarded \$1,236 to assist in hiring Creative Pear Designs to create a 7-page web site for publicizing arts events and promoting local artists.

**4-Directions Development** was awarded \$4,800 to assist in supporting the Ogichidaag Arts Initiative, in collaboration with and First Peoples Fund, to train a group of core artists to develop and implement hands-on workshops that will increase art access and transfer artistic knowledge and skills to others.

**Manidoo Ogitigaan** was awarded \$6,000 to assist in funding a series of recorded art immersion events led by local Native artists to increase arts access opportunities to community members in our region.

**Headwaters Music & Arts** was awarded \$4,925 to host a series of activities exploring the fiddle music of Canada with visiting musician Carrie Dlukowski.

**The City of Bemidji Parks & Recreation Department** was awarded \$5,855 to host, in collaboration with Bemidji Community Theater, a summer Theater Day Camp for youth, known as BCT Jr.

**Bemidji Community Theater** was awarded \$5,696 to mount a full-scale production of the musical *Annie*.

**Bemidji Symphony Orchestra** was awarded \$6,000 to assist in funding a concert featuring cellist Anthony Arnone performing Antonin Dvořák's Cello Concerto in B minor, Op. 104.

**Indigenous Environmental Network** was awarded \$2,697 to host a birch bark canoe build at the Rail River Folk School with dedicated apprentices and master builders providing hands-on arts learning opportunities for the general public including an open paddle experience with the finished canoe.



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