



Arts Access Grants for Small Towns Awards

On May 18, 2020 the Region 2 Arts Council Board of Directors awarded \$23,058 through the Arts Access Grants for Small Towns. This grant is designed to support the creation, production, and presentation of high quality arts activities in towns with a population of less than 2,000, and to help instill the arts into community and public life in our region by removing barriers that audiences may have to accessing these activities. Granted activities must display a commitment to reaching wider audiences through providing new and/or expanded arts programming to residents of Beltrami, Hubbard, Clearwater, Lake of the Woods, or Mahnommen counties, and/or by supporting accessibility initiatives through the project.

This year's grant recipients included:

Clear Waters Life Center, with two locations in Clearbrook and Gonvick, was awarded \$5,670 to offer a series of afternoon and evening arts classes in a variety of mediums.

Bagley Area Arts Collaborative was awarded \$6,000 to produce a puppet presentation based on a traditional Anishinaabe story about the spirit of fever, Megissogwon, which is defeated by Nanabozho and the Woodpecker.

The Sustainable Sheep and Fiber Community of Northern Minnesota was awarded \$5,958 to provide a learning workshop on tapestry felting to create a useable traditional Mongolian yurt.

Mask and Rose Women's Theater Collective of Puposky was awarded \$5,430 to host Sister Song, a concert of well-established female musical artists that also showcases up and coming female musicians.

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