Arts Grants Awarded in Beltrami County

Region 2 Arts Council (R2AC) awarded $155,274 to arts organizations, non-profits, institutions of higher learning, and individual artists in Beltrami County in FY 2022.

Blair Treuer, a Bemidji textile artist and storyteller was awarded a $6,000 R2AC Artist Fellowship.

Joe Holt, a Bemidji singer/songwriter was awarded a $6,000 R2AC Artist Fellowship.

Doyle Turner a Bemidji singer/songwriter and member of the White Earth Nation was awarded a $5,000 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Fellowship

Bemidji Chorale was awarded $3,000 in annual operating support through the 2-year Community Art Support Grant.

Bemidji Community Theater was awarded $7,000 in annual operating support through the 2-year Community Art Support Grant.

Bemidji Sculpture Walk was awarded $4,000 in annual operating support through the 2-year Community Art Support Grant.

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra was awarded $7,000 in annual operating support through the 2-year Community Art Support Grant.

Northern Artist Association was awarded $5,000 in annual operating support through the 2-year Community Art Support Grant.

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra was awarded a $2,500 Arts Project Grant to hire a consultant to assess their current fundraising and help develop fundraising ideas, methods and new tools.

The Northern Artist Association in Bemidji was awarded a $2,500 Arts Project Grant to host a series of summer art workshops in a variety of genres for young people aged 8 through 18.

Bemidji Symphony Orchestra was awarded a $2,500 Arts Project Grant to stage a concert featuring Bemidji’s own Brass Quintet on Eric Ewazen’s Concerto for Brass Quintet and Orchestra.
titled “Shadowcatcher” as well as the entire orchestra performing Florence Price’s Symphony No. 4 in D Minor.

**Bemidji Community Theater** was awarded a $2,500 Arts Project Grant to engage a professional puppeteer to work with children to create a performance piece using puppets to represent children's viewpoints about the covid pandemic from various cultural perspectives.

**Doyle Turner** of the White Earth Nation was awarded a $1,000 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant to attend the Steve Seskin Songwriting Seminar at the Bluebird Café in Nashville.

**Nancy Beaulieu** of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe was awarded a $913 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant to create handcrafted artisan soaps using earth friendly natural ingredients and packaging.

**Deanna Croaker** of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe was awarded a $1,000 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant to photograph lakes within Ojibwe territory to use in creating custom cabochons to be incorporated into her jewelry collections.

**Flora Jones** of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians was awarded a $1,000 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant to teach classes on how to sew star quilt baby blankets with young people in the community.

**Clem May** of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians was awarded a $1,000 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant to purchase materials and supplies to continue painting.

**Jerrilyn Graves** of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians was awarded an $800 Anishinaabe Arts Initiative Grant to purchase supplies and equipment to create beadwork jewelry and art pieces for sale.

**Bemidji Community Theater** was awarded a $6,000 Arts Learning Grant to provide internships to young people new to theater and mentor them in stagecraft skills.

**Headwaters Music & Arts** was awarded a $4,673 Arts Learning Grant to host a week-long fiddle camp for area string musicians.

**Bemidji Woodcarvers Club** was awarded a $2,771 Arts Learning Grant to host a 2-day class with artist Rhonda Smith on artistic techniques and applications using colored pencils as a medium.

**Charles Alberti** of Bemidji was awarded a $2,000 Individual Artist Grant to support the creation of a booklet depicting imagery that embraces the relationship of music to wavelengths and frequencies of color.

**Nicholas Jackson** of Bemidji was awarded a $1,841 Individual Artist Grant to assist in the creation of art videos that explore artist life, techniques, creativity, and encourage fellow artists.

**Kathy Gustafson** of Bemidji was awarded a $1,700 Individual Artist Grant to assist in the creation and publication of a wildlife coloring book for both children and adults.
Alyss Mountain of Bemidji was awarded a $2,000 Individual Artist Grant to create a collection of beaded portraits of historical leaders from her community as a way to make beadwork more appealing to younger generations.

Les Sanders of Bemidji was awarded a $1,629 Individual Artist Grant to purchase supplies and materials to offer arts workshops to teach adults and youth intermediate and advanced art skills.

Mary Overlie of Bemidji was awarded a $1,000 Individual Artist Grant to assist in the recording and production of a debut album with her new band, Augmeanted.

Headwaters Music & Arts in Bemidji was awarded a $2,730 Arts Access Grant to host a community book reading and related activities based on "One Goal: A coach, a Team, and a Game That Brought a Divided Town Together" written by award-winning author Amy Bass.

Bemidji Community Theater was awarded a $6,000 Arts Access Grant to mount a full stage production of The Wizard of Oz.

The Northern Artist Association in Bemidji was awarded a $4,110 Arts Access Grant to offer free art classes at Gallery North including video tutorials and materials packets for those attending remotely.

Pride Support Network in Bemidji was awarded a $6,000 Arts Access Grant to host Bemidji Pride, a celebratory, interactive, one-day event featuring artists of multiple genres enhancing the lives and visibility of LGBT2S+ individuals, families, and allies in the Bemidji community.

Red Lake Middle School was awarded a $6,000 Arts Access Grant to engage resident artists Lady Midnight and Dexter to work with all seventh grade students to write lyrics to a song, record the song, and create a music video.

Mask & Rose Women’s Theater Collective in Puposky was awarded a $6,000 Arts Access Grant to produce "Water From Snow," an original musical by Minnesota artist Janet Preus, in a concert showcase format, garnering audience feedback and leading to full production.

The Boys & Girls Club of Bemidji was awarded a $5,997 Arts Access Grant to collaborate with the Neilson Spearhead Center to offer teens the opportunity draw and paint local birds with artist Mary Therese and take part in creating a public mural.

The Watermark Art Center in Bemidji was awarded a $5,007 Arts Access Grant to host It’s Only Clay, a high quality, national art exhibit and community workshop with this year’s guest artist and juror Delores Fortuna.

The Bemidji Senior Center was awarded a $2,000 Arts Access Grant to offer eight two-hour sessions with artists Les and Kathy Sanders to teach watercolor pencil and acrylic poured paint techniques.

The City of Bemidji Parks & Recreation Department was awarded a $5,645 Arts Access Grant to host a Summer Theater Day Camp for youth in collaboration with Bemidji Community Theater.
**Bemidji Dance Academy** was awarded a $5,996 Arts Access Grant to offer a bi-monthly series of family dance parties focusing on multigenerational family-friendly movement and dance activities.

**The Bemidji Symphony Orchestra** was awarded a $6,000 Arts Access Grant to mount a concert featuring Dr. Scott Sandberg performing Eric Ewazen’s Classical Concerto for Tenor Saxophone and the orchestra performing Duke Ellington’s Black Brown and Beige Suite and A Medley for Orchestra.

**Bemidji State University Music Department** was awarded a $6,000 Arts Access Grant to host, in collaboration with the Silent Voices Project, a chamber music festival featuring recent compositions by womxn composers.

**Beltrami County Historical Society** in Bemidji was awarded a $3,062 Arts Access Grant to produce Depot Days!, an annual history celebration showcasing local musicians.

**Lainey Searles of Bemidji** was awarded a $600 Young Artist Grant to study violin with Dr. Eric Olson.

**Harris Barry of Bemidji** was awarded a $600 Young Artist Grant to study guitar with Lou Samsa.

**Helen Bartlett of Bemidji** was awarded a $600 Young Artist Grant to study vocal performance with Dr. Jennifer Olson.

**Maggie Loxtercamp of Bemidji** was awarded a $600 Young Artist Grant to attend Minneapolis Children’s Theatre Company summer camp and to study vocal performance with Dr. Jennifer Olson.