



### **Region 2 Arts Council awards \$10,000 in Arts Project Grants**

On June 7, 2021, the Region 2 Arts Council Board of directors met and awarded a total of \$10,000 through the Arts Project Grant program. These grants offer funding for a variety of arts projects and programming including costs associated with public art, arts festivals, engagement of guest artists, arts field trips, workshops, exhibitions, presentations, or performances that will benefit the residents of Beltrami, Hubbard, Clearwater, Lake of the Woods, or Mahnomen counties. Arts organizations may also apply to fund consultation projects in board development, fiscal management, fundraising, public relations, audience development, or assistance in designing arts programming.

**Bemidji Symphony Orchestra** was awarded \$2,500 to present a chamber ensemble concert featuring organists Dr. Beverly Everett and Sarah Carlson and vocalists Therese Kulas and Cole Girodot in Copland's Tender Land Suite.

**City of Mahnomen** was awarded \$2,500 to pay artists participating in Wild Rice Day Arts and Cultural Festival, a free community event that invites artist and artisans to present live art demonstrations and sell their work.

**Bagley Area Arts Collaborative** was awarded \$2,500 to hire children's author Anne Sawyer to facilitate a two-day literacy experience for children enrolled in the preschool programs in Bagley and Rice Lake.

**Bemidji Community Theater** was awarded \$2,500 to assist in the production of the play The Diary of Anne Frank in the May/June of 2022, the 80th anniversary of Anne receiving the diary from her father for her birthday.

*Region 2 Arts Council Arts Project Grants are made possible by an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State's general fund*