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Central Minnesota Arts Board Grants to Local Art Organizations

Foley, MN November 10, 2009. The Central MN Arts Board (CMAB) at their November meeting awarded Artist in Residency grants totaling \$5,871 to two area schools. The following is a list of those receiving grants:

- Rice Elementary School, *Fred Yiran residency* \$3,000
- Rocori District Global Education Committee, *Multiple Artists residency* \$2,871

About the Artist in Residency Program

The CMAB Artist in Residency Program (AIR) is made possible through funds provided by the Minnesota State Legislature under a plan designed and operated by the CMAB for the purposes of:

- Enhancing school arts curriculum throughout the four counties of Benton, Sherburne, Stearns and Wright.
- Conveying to students, teachers and communities the way in which the arts are essential to education and daily life.
- Enriching the communities of the CMAB region through the arts.

AIR will provide financial and technical assistance to schools, communities and nonprofit organizations wanting to strengthen local arts programs. The intention of AIR grants is to increase interaction between students, community members and professional artists.

About the Central Minnesota Arts Board

The CMAB serves Region 7W and is one of eleven regional art councils in the State of Minnesota with the purpose of supporting and promoting the arts. Region 7W includes Benton, Sherburne, Stearns and Wright Counties.

For more information about the CMAB's grant opportunities, artist registry, art organization registry and other services go to www.centralmnartsboard.org or call the office at 320-968-4290 or toll free at 1-866-345-7140.

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