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**Central MN Arts Board Awards Arts Legacy funds for Artist In Residencies**

At the September 14, 2017 meeting, the Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) awarded \$14,000 in Arts Legacy funds to four area organizations in support of Artist Residencies.

The Artist in Residency (AIR) program is designed to enhance education through the arts with supportive grants to schools and nonprofit organizations. The intention of any residency proposal must be to increase interaction between students, community members and professional artists.

- 1. Chamber of Music Society**, \$3,500, Chestnut Brass Quintet artist residency "Hot Air: The Story of Brass Instruments for area K-12 schools, a master class for brass players as well as outreach for senior citizens and the 55+ community members in January 2018 in St. Cloud, MN.
- 2. Helping Hands Outreach**, \$3,500, Artist Paul Imholte will conduct a four-month residency on the history and musical style of the specific string instruments, provide opportunities to play the instrument and hear the music style through live performance and recorded music at Holdingford Adult Day Center and Community Education January through April 2018 in Holdingford, MN.
- 3. Paramount Center for the Arts**, \$3,500, Heart of the Beast Theatre will present "Crow Boy", the story of artist Taro Yashimo along with a workshop to 500 high school and College students January 2018 in St. Cloud, MN.
- 4. Phoenix Learning Center**, \$3,500, Murals Make Connections residency with artist Shane Anderson who will work with students, their families, staff and community members in facilitation and implementation of a large interactive mural in Buffalo, MN.

The Central Minnesota Arts Board supports collaborative and innovative arts opportunities through partnerships and financial investments in Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright counties as one of eleven Regional Arts Councils designated by the Minnesota State Arts Board. The CMAB works with community partners to increase access to the unique cultural assets of Minnesota.

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