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**Ten Area Artists Receive CMAB/McKnight Individual Artist Awards**

Ten CMAB/McKnight Individual Artist Award (IAA) recipients were announced this week.

The \$5,000 Established Artist Award is designed for artists with a history of exhibition, performances, publications, or other notable contributions to their local arts community through personal creative output. The \$3,000 Emerging Artist Awards recognize and encourage outstanding artists in various stages of their careers.

**Established Artists Award recipients:**

Samuel Spiczka, Sauk Rapids and Larry Schug, Avon

**Emerging Artist Award recipients:**

David Barthel, Sauk Rapids; David Ruhlman, St. Cloud; Johnne McMahan, St. Joseph; Jill Dubbeldee Kuhn, St. Joseph; Angelena Luckerth, St. Cloud; Steven Lemke, St. Cloud; Ashle Horton, Elk River; Heidi Jeub, St. Cloud

To view samples of the winning artists' work, visit the Central Minnesota Arts Board website at [www.centralmnartsboard.org](http://www.centralmnartsboard.org).

Artists are invited to apply for this award once each year in February. A panel of six arts professionals review and score each application individually. Applications with the highest average score are recommended to the CMAB Directors for awards. At their March 12, 2014 board meeting, the CMAB Directors accepted the review panel's recommendations.

The 2014 Artist Panel volunteered over 22 hours evaluating applications. Those volunteers included:

**Chuck Norwood** - involved in the arts since 1982, professional photographer, theater lighting and live performance lighting designs; 2011 CMAB Individual Artist Award and a 2013 CMAB Career Development Award recipient.

**Megan Vetsch** - Operations and Marketing Manager at CSB/SJU Fine Arts Programming; part-time House Manager and Box Office Assistant for Paramount Theatre; College of Saint Benedict, English and Art major and was also involved in music ensembles and theater productions. Currently enrolled in the Arts and Cultural Management master's program at Saint Mary's University; web design, painting, and mixed-media collage.

**Sandy Nadeau** - Master of Science Education, 24 years of experience in non-profit management; Executive Director of the St. Cloud Symphony Orchestra; 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award, the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh for outstanding accomplishments in the arts.

**Britt Aamodt** - Fiction writer with plays that have been featured in the Minnesota Fringe Fest and broadcast on KFAI radio, stories have appeared in PROOF, You Are Hear, and the St. Paul Almanac. Appeared as a storyteller at Story Arts MN's PROMPT, Two Chairs Telling and other Twin Cities venues; CMAB Individual Artist Award and Career Development grant recipient; Jerome emerging artist grant and Anderson Center residency.

**Dan Huwe** - St. Cloud State University coordinating experiential learning and community outreach for the College of Liberal Arts and the School of the Arts; organize the universities' presence in the downtown St. Cloud Art Crawl and many artistic performances and displays on the campus of St. Cloud State.

**Janice Courtney** - Central MN Arts Board of Directors – Secretary, former Arts Adviser/Assistant Director of the St. Cloud State University Program Board. Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts, University of N. Texas; Master of Art, New Mexico State University and a Master of Science, Multicultural Education w/Art Emphasis, SCSU.

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. We work with community partners to increase access to the unique cultural assets of Minnesota.

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