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

At the March meeting, the Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) awarded \$8,965 in Arts Legacy funds to three area schools for Artists In Residencies.

Artist in Residencies (AIR) are 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.

Discovery Community School, Students Act Up: No Bullying, \$2,965, CLIMB Theatre Actor-Educators to work with 20-5th graders over five days to create a series of scenes depicting types of bullying seen in school which will be performed for students, teachers and families. The performance for the community will be Friday, May 8 at the school gym.

Sauk Rapids-Rice Hillside Adult Education, Math and Literacy Book Art, \$3,000, resident artist Heidi Jeub will assist English as a second language and diploma-seeking students with their literacy and math-measurement skills by creating long-stitch books and writing short stories for a Zine (small self-published magazine) during a 10-week residency beginning April 1, 2015.

Talahi Community School, A Native American Experience, \$3,000, artists Rona and Bud Johnson will bring the Native American culture to first-grade students through music, dance, art and hands-on experiences May 4 through May 8, 2015.

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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