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

At their September 10th meeting, the Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) awarded \$19,653 in Arts Legacy funds to six 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.

1. **Northwinds Elementary**, \$3,500, Discovery Through Drawing will introduce 3-5th graders to graphite pencils, value, patterns, mass/volume, while learning about shadows, fractions/estimation, and thinking about lines, shapes and forms to connect art, math, and science curriculum October 1 – 23, 2015 in Buffalo.
2. **Sartell High School**, \$3,500, Sukhum Art Performance November 11-18, 2015. Artist Pamela Sukhum will combine art and music, and provide a career talk. Student body and staff will have the opportunity to participate in a mural during the artist reception. The mural will be donated to the school for permanent display.
3. **Sauk Rapids-Rice Hillside Adult Education**, \$3,020, Adult Learning Book Art Co-Teaching Residency where Artist Heidi Jeub will work with English as a Second Language and Basic Skills instructors using book making and zine design to deepen students' understanding of literacy and math skills October 5, 2016 through March 15, 2016.
4. **SOAR Regional Arts**, \$3,500, TAG Performances in the Park. Jeff Anderson will work with the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Board of Directors and general members October 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016 to create a series of interactive performances that address bullying, self control, hard work and the value of money. Participants will work in four different areas of production; directing, stage management, costumes/props, and set design.
5. **Talahi Community School**, \$3,023, Puppetry Comes to Talahi. Artist Christopher Lutter Gardella will work with 90 kindergarten children in the art of puppetry made out of recycled materials then teach them how to make their puppets come alive with voice variations and dramatic actions February 22-26, 2016.
6. **St Cloud Technical High School**, \$3,110, Art Residency with Willicey Tynes where students will sculpt and cast clay tiles, produce a landscape with oil painting, exploring copper tooling and oxidization as well as traditional printmaking using the lino-cut method October 12 – 23, 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. The CMAB works with community partners to increase access to the unique cultural assets of Minnesota.

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