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## **CMAB Awards Small Capital Arts Grants to Nonprofit Organizations**

The Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) awarded \$16,671 in Small Capital Arts Grants to six area nonprofit arts organizations.

The CMAB Small Capital Arts Grant to Nonprofits program provides funds of up to \$3,500 with a 15% match requirement to purchase equipment and related non-consumable supplies and services to make capital improvements. Such activities must advance the mission of the organization and have the potential for significant, long-term impact.

Organizations receiving grants:

1. **Buffalo Community Theater**, \$3,436, Digital Mixing Console, carrying case with dust cover and designated laptop computer and software for performances at varied venues.
2. **Great River Education Arts Theatre**, \$3,500, SawStop Table saw for the Scene Shop, Bernina Industrial Sewing Machine for use in the Costume Shop, and a Roland 88 key Synthesizer to add a second keyboard in the Rehearsal Hall in order to split rehearsals into two rooms.
3. **Paramount Arts Resource Trust**, \$2,773, Four Delta Midi lathes with stands and basic tool kit for additional woodturning stations.
4. **St. Cloud Municipal Band**, \$2,384, 60 Peak SMS20 portable music stands and 60 Mighty Bright Hammerhead stand lights for use at varied venues and concerts at night.
5. **Visual Arts Minnesota**, \$1,778, 12 Quantity Natural Stain Bi-Fold Floor Easel for exhibitions, 40' Walker Display Hanging System, and a Dell - Inspiron All-In-One for program administration.
6. **Wirth Center for the Performing Arts**, \$2,800, iMac desktop, 3 guitar amps, and 10 music stands to be used to supplement current equipment and enhance teaching and learning experiences.

Funding for the CMAB Capital Arts Grant is provided through the Arts & Cultural Legacy Amendment as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008. Capital Arts Grant funds must be used for arts & arts access, arts education, and arts & cultural heritage as required by law.

The Central Minnesota Arts Board increases access to the arts by providing grant opportunities and services throughout Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright counties as one of eleven Regional Arts Councils in Minnesota.

For more information about the Central MN Arts Board grant opportunities and services go to [www.centralmnartsboard.org](http://www.centralmnartsboard.org) or call the office at 320-968-4290 or toll free at 1-866-345-7140.