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**CMAB awards Community Arts Support Grants to area arts organizations**

The Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB), at their March 10, 2016 meeting, awarded thirteen Community Arts Support Grants totaling \$90,045.

The Community Arts Support Grant program provides funds to nonprofit arts organizations located in Benton, Sherburne, Stearns or Wright County. Grants are awarded to organizations that demonstrate efficient management and programming of high artistic quality while enhancing arts opportunities within the communities they serve. These funds may be used for administrative, operating and capital expenditures.

Award recipients:

1. **Buffalo Community Theater**, \$8,807, Wright County
2. **Buffalo Community Orchestra**, \$4,575, Wright County
3. **St. Cloud Municipal Band**, \$4,307, Stearns County
4. **St. Cloud Symphony Orchestra**, \$10,000, Stearns County
5. **SOAR Regional Arts**, \$10,000, Wright County
6. **Minnesota Center Chorale**, \$5,106, Stearns County
7. **Minnesota Dance Ensemble**, \$1,762, Stearns County
8. **Granite City Folk Society**, \$2,787, Sherburne County
9. **Youth Chorale of Central MN**, \$10,000, Stearns County
10. **Great Northern Theatre Company**, \$10,000, Stearns County
11. **Chamber Music Society of St. Cloud**, \$10,000, Stearns County
12. **Visual Arts Minnesota**, \$2,701, Stearns County
13. **Youth Theatre Workshop**, \$10,000, Sherburne County

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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