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

At the December 8, 2016 meeting, the Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) awarded \$13,981 in Arts Legacy funds to four area organizations for Artists Residencies.

The Artist in Residency (AIR) program is 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. **Chamber Music Society of St. Cloud**, \$3,500, SYBARITE5 artist residency that includes outreach activities at five area schools/organizations in Monticello, St. Cloud and Sartell with a free family concert at the Great River Regional Library in St. Cloud and concluding with a formal concert on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at Atonement Lutheran Church in St. Cloud, MN.
2. **Sauk Rapids-Rice Hillside Adult Education**, \$3,500, Engaging Arts with artist Laura Ruprecht in an onsite painting studio at Hillside Adult Education from Jan-May 2017 to work weekly with adults earning art or elective credit toward a high school diploma while creating a body of work for an exhibition in May 2017.
3. **St. Cloud State University**, \$3,500, Third Coast Percussion Group Artist Residency that consists of university workshops and lectures, faculty/student/artist collaborations, a local public school workshop and public performance April 12, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, MN.
4. **Talahi Community School**, \$3,481, Music and Dance with Christian Adeti residency in West African drumming, dance, music and storytelling for first grade students with a special emphasis on students learning to play the African drums April 24 – 28, 2017.

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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