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CMAB Awards Capital Arts Grants to Nonprofit Organizations

The Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) awarded \$37,445 in Capital Arts Grants to twelve area nonprofit arts organizations.

The CMAB Nonprofit Capital Arts Grant 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**, \$3,332, 2 ETC Source Ellipsoidal fixtures and 10 Chauvet SlimPAR Pro LED fixtures to improve audience theater experience by providing more consistent lighting and creative lighting plots.
2. **Centre Area Concert Association**, \$3,462, three stage monitors to provide sound feedback to presenting artists; a microphone, projector with tripod and screen to provide presentations and to promote the Association, upcoming events and concert sponsors; a computer and printer for presentations and record keeping.
3. **Elk River Community Theatre**, \$3,500, ColorSource Spot Light Engine and Lens Barrel theatrical lighting instruments to improve accessibility for lighting technicians and provide higher caliber performances.
4. **Great River Educational Arts Theatre**, \$3,500, sixteen stage curtains that are 16 feet tall by 10 feet wide to improve sound, light and show quality in the new intimate Helgeson Learning Lab Theater.
5. **Independent Music Collaboration of Central MN**, \$3,065, a portable sound and lighting system to be used for outdoor events and in Studio 36, an all-ages venue that provides opportunities for musicians to perform, mentor, promote while providing education for the musicians, audience, and community.
6. **NorthStar Family Theater**, \$2,477, ColorSource 40 AV Console that will allow sound-to-light effects, sound cues, images and lighting cues to streamline productions as well as enhance lighting, sound, and special effects options.
7. **Paramount Center For The Arts**, \$3,500, supplies to build 10 woodworking benches in order to offer regular classes in fine wood working at the Paramount Visual Arts studios.
8. **SOAR Regional Arts**, \$2,935, a computer to increase the efficiency of administration and marketing and a wireless microphone to increase the sound quality of productions and for use in free public events.

9. **St. Cloud Municipal Band, \$2,986**, 32" Ludwig Timpani with Pro Tuning Gauge and 3 additional tuning gauges allowing percussionists to play a larger range of notes adding to the repertoire of the band.
10. **The St. John's Boys' Choir, \$2,397**, updates to SJBC uniforms and apparel, wardrobe travel bags, garment racks and ties for the new Nova Voce ensemble.
11. **Wirth Center for the Performing Arts, \$3,024**, 2 Drum sets and 10 music stands to provide quality equipment for lessons; a computer to increase teacher productivity and enhance the private music lessons and a quality scanner for electronic archiving.
12. **Youth Chorale of Central MN, \$3,267**, MacBook Pro laptop, Neumann KMS 184 microphones, stand and mounting bar to allow for continued production of audio and video materials for marketing and program enhancement.

Funding for the CMAB Nonprofit 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 (CMAB) strives to enhance appreciation of the essential economic and social roles the arts play in Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, and Wright counties by providing grants and professional development services to arts and community organizations, schools, government units and individuals.

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