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CMAB awards Community Arts Support Grants to area arts organizations

The Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB), at their March 9, 2017 meeting, awarded sixteen Community Arts Support Grants totaling \$115,000.

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 Orchestra**, \$5,128 – Wright County
2. **Buffalo Community Theater**, \$8,249 – Wright County
3. **Central MN Arts Council**, \$1,181 – Stearns County
4. **Chamber Music Society of St. Cloud**, \$10,000 – Stearns County
5. **Granite City Folk Society**, \$2,904 – Stearns County
6. **Great Northern Theatre Company**, \$10,000 – Stearns County
7. **Great River Chorale**, \$10,000 – Stearns County
8. **Land of Lakes Choirboys of MN**, \$10,000 – Sherburne County
9. **Minnesota Center Chorale**, \$6,684 – Stearns County
10. **Sinclair Lewis Foundation**, \$3,597 – Stearns County
11. **SOAR Regional Arts**, \$10,000 – Wright County
12. **St. Cloud Municipal Band**, \$3,384 – Stearns County
13. **St. Cloud Symphony Orchestra**, \$10,000 – Stearns County
14. **Visual Arts Minnesota**, \$3,873 – Stearns County
15. **Youth Chorale of Central MN**, \$10,000 – Stearns County
16. **NorthStar Family Theatre**, \$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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