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CMAB Awards Small Capital Arts Grants to Nonprofit Organizations

The Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) awarded \$10,869 in Small Capital Arts Grants to four 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, related non-consumable supplies and services to make capital improvements. Such activities must 1) advance the mission of the organization and 2) have the potential for significant or long-term impact.

The CMAB Grant recipients are:

- **wRight Ringers Handbell Ensemble**, \$3,500, to refurbish a Schulmerich five-octave handbell set.
- **Paramount Arts Resource Trust**, \$3,113, Accessible Potter's Wheel to provide access to those who are physically unable to throw at a traditional wheel and CXC Pottery Wheel with stool to provide an additional pottery station.
- **Great River Educational Arts Theatre**, \$3,500, 32 ULXD Microphones to improve artistic aesthetics of performers and the sound quality of live performances.
- **Elk River Arts Alliance**, \$756, two Linovo brand computers with monitors for office administration.

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 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.

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.