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CMAB Awards Small Capital Arts Grants to Nonprofit Organizations

The Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) awarded \$9,735 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 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 or long-term impact.

Organizations receiving grants:

- **Minnesota Center Chorale**, \$1,891, portable sound system to improve the quality of performances at outdoor concerts and other venues.
- **Minnesota Dance Ensemble**, \$1,503, two laptop computers to create, organize and advance programming and communications, replicate CDs and DVDs for rehearsals, and for use at meetings and other events.
- **Paramount Theatre and Visual Arts Center**, \$3,500, to replace thirteen theater seats.
- **SOAR Regional Arts**, \$2,841, Ipads for ticket scanning and survey processes, a Bose L1 Compact Portable sound system to use at rehearsals, a wireless microphone for performances, a laptop and printer for efficient administration and communication.

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. The CMAB works 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.