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Central MN Arts Board awards Arts Legacy Grants to area organizations

At their April meeting, the Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) awarded \$118,187 in support of twenty-nine regional arts projects. Three criteria are used in evaluating applications: Artistic quality and merit; ability of the organization to carry out the proposal; and the needs of the community.

Organizations may apply for up to \$5,000 with a 30% match requirement for any one project or not more than \$5,000 in any one grant round for arts focused activities. Funding for these CMAB Grants is provided through appropriates from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the state's general fund, and its arts & cultural heritage fund created by the Voters of Minnesota.

1. Buffalo Community Orchestra, \$5,000, "Curtain Calls - Music Man & More". Buffalo Community Orchestra and Buffalo Community Theater combine their talents to offer a concert with selections from popular American musicals and comic operas on May 11, 2013 at the Buffalo Senior High Performing Arts Center.
2. Buffalo Community Theater, \$5,000, "Fiddler on the Roof" with actors, technicians, artists, musicians and volunteers from Buffalo and surrounding communities on July 19-21 and 25-27 2013 at the Buffalo High School Performing Arts Center.
3. Chamber Music Society of St. Cloud, \$5,000, Danish String Quartet concerts at Calvary Community Church and the St. Cloud Public Library November 8-9, 2013.
4. Command Performance Choirs, \$5,000 - German Heritage Festival held on May 18, 2013 featuring choral, duet, solo, and ensemble vocal performances by K-12 students as wells as guest performances with highlight and emphasis on German and Bavarian music, drama, and storytelling.
5. Dassel-Cokato Community Education, \$5,000, Youth in Theatre Project focused on involving youth in the community theatre through the production of "Oliver!" and a week-long Prairie Fire Children's Theatre residency and production of "Jack and the Beanstalk" July through August 2013.
6. Downtown St. Cloud Art Crawl Collaborative, \$5,000, The 2013 Sizzling Summer Art Crawl, on August 23, 2013 featuring artists performing and exhibiting their work, over 35 musicians and actors performing along the streets in downtown St. Cloud.
7. Elk River Arts Alliance, \$5,000, ArtSoup Festival 2013 held in downtown Elk River from 9 AM until 8 PM on Saturday, June 15, 2013. A celebration of the arts, involving 10 other regional arts organizations, 100 artists, the downtown business community, ISD 728 Community Education, and the city's Parks and Recreation Department.
8. Elk River Community Theatre, \$5,000, the musical "Annie" in July of 2013 with a cast of more than 80 local artists, volunteers and staff and a live 20 piece orchestra.

9. General Federated Women's Club, \$2,065, a series of six "Concerts in the Park" at Central Park in Delano on Wednesday evenings during July and August 2013.
10. Great Northern Theatre Company, \$5,000, the musical "Guys and Dolls" at Rocori High School Glanville Smith Auditorium in Cold Spring August 1st - 9th.
11. Great River Educational Arts Theatre, \$5,000, the musical "King and I" at the Paramount Theatre April 27 through May 12, 2013
12. Kennedy Community School, \$3,356, Artist Anne Meyer along with artists and presenters from the Ojibwa and Dakota tribes will work with Kennedy 6th grade teachers to develop sessions throughout the school year to improve student and teacher knowledge of Minnesota Native American culture and traditions through their art.
13. Kimball Community Education, \$2,000, Kimball Area Summer Theater Camp for students that have finished grades 3-8 in the Kimball and surrounding area.
14. Kimball Community Playhouse, \$2,500, the musical production "Footloose" on July 19, 20 and 21, 2013, at the Kimball High School.
15. Millstream Arts Festival, \$5,000, an outdoor, juried fine arts festival presenting visual artists and musicians in a family friendly environment
16. Minnesota Center Chorale, \$3,689, Mozart Requiem with St. John's Boys' Choir and an orchestra of 25 central Minnesota musicians April 13, 2013 at the Paramount Theatre.
17. Minnesota Dance Ensemble, \$3,027, Modern Dance Summer Workshop for avid dancers ages 12-18 on August 19-22, 2013 at the Paramount Theatre in St. Cloud
18. Mississippi String Camp, \$5,000, held June 17-21, 2013 for elementary through high school string students of the St. Cloud area where students are involved in an orchestra as well as alternative classes with a public concert performed at the end of the week.
19. Monticello Community Strings Orchestra, \$1,391, musicians of varying age and ability rehearse once a week for 7 weeks followed by a free concert
20. Munsinger Clemens Botanical Society, \$5,000, 2013 Music in the Gardens free presentation of six music concerts on Sunday afternoons from 3:00-4:15 pm with music for Art Fair in the Gardens on July 18.
21. Paramount Arts Resource Trust, \$2,500, workshop with Gail Kendall, nationally acclaimed ceramic artist, October 21 -23, 2013. Local participants will be invited to participate in a group exhibition during the November 2013 Art Crawl.
22. Rotary Club of St. Cloud, \$5,000, ART FAIRE by George, one-day arts event held on August 14, 2013 from 1:00 - 9:00 PM during "Summertime By George".
23. Sinclair Lewis Foundation, \$4,325, 24th annual Writers Conference Saturday, October 12, 2013 in Sauk Centre.
24. St. Cloud Arts Commission, \$5,000, workshops conducted by visual artists in cooperation with the Seberger-Roosevelt Neighborhood Association for residents to collaborate on the design, creation and installation of a public art piece along the perimeter of Seberger Park, 2001 North 2nd Street, St. Cloud, MN.

25. St. Cloud Municipal Band, \$5,000, 126th year, Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 Paramount Concert series.
26. St. Cloud State University, \$2,150, Glass Blowing artists from FOCl Glass Studios in St Paul, MN will provide ongoing, interactive displays of live glass-blowing at Lemonade Concert & Art Fair on June 27, 2013.
27. St. Cloud Symphony Orchestra, \$5,000, a concert previewing the music of the 2013-2014 Season and featuring music of The Great American Songbook with soloist Andrew Walesch on September 12, 2013, at 7:00 pm in Ritsche Auditorium, St. Cloud State University.
28. Visual Arts Minnesota, \$4,200, Workshop for Artists held over six weeks beginning in October 2013 focused on training artists in internet marketing such as branding, cross promotion, integration of commerce, use of social media, photographic presence, and relevant web-copy.
29. Youth Chorale of Central MN, \$1,984, Youth Sing Out, a collaborative choral concert featuring over 250+ Central Minnesota youth singers representing the YCCM Mixed and Women's Chorale, St. John's Boys' Choir Junior Varsity and Concert Choir, and Cantabile Choristers and Girls' Choir held on May 5, 2013 at Ritsche Auditorium, St. Cloud State University

The CMAB is one of eleven regional arts councils in the State of Minnesota, whose purpose is to support and promote arts appreciation throughout Benton, Sherburne, Stearns and Wright counties.

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