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Central MN Arts Board Awards Arts Legacy funds for Artist In Residencies

At the September 13, 2018 meeting, the Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) awarded \$10,012 in Arts Legacy funds to three area organizations in support of Artist Residencies.

The Artist in Residency (AIR) program is designed to enhance education through the arts with supportive grants to schools and nonprofit organizations. The intention of any residency proposal must be to increase interaction between students, community members and professional artists.

1. **Anna Marie's Alliance**, \$3,500, Artist, Laura Ruprecht will work with the women in mosaic and the children will create mandalas; a public exhibition will be held October 2018 through February 2019.
2. **College of Saint Benedict**, \$3,500, guest choreographers Desiree Clark and Samantha Collen will each conduct a residency with student dancers, one focused on African-based modern dance and the other on classical ballet culminating in a public performance in the Gorecki Theater at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, MN.
3. **Talahi Community School**, \$3,012, STEM Plant Life and Artistic Paintings with artist Jim Mondloch during a one-week residency with four second grade classes in November 2019 where students explore STEM topics by creating paintings of their plants' growth.

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 working with community partners to increase access to the unique cultural assets of Minnesota.

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