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CMAB Awards Teaching Artist Grant to St. Cloud Artist

The Central MN Arts Board (CMAB) awarded a **Teaching Artist Grant** (TAG) to Sarah Drake, St. Cloud artist, in the amount of \$1,791 for an artist residency with K-8 students in four Sauk Rapids and St. Cloud locations. The residency will focus on the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration and the Dexter R Stanton Art and Essay Contest. Sarah will engage students in the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through collaborative mixed media artwork that will be judged, awarded and displayed on Monday, January 21 at the River's Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud.

The CMAB Teaching Artist Grant is available to artists who complete the CMAB teaching artist training and are listed on the CMAB Teaching Artist Roster. The goal of the program is to support local artists in sharing their knowledge, skills and process with learners throughout the region by increasing the opportunities for artist residencies. Funding for the TAG program is provided by The McKnight Foundation.

For more information about the Central MN Arts Board Teaching Artist Roster go to www.centralmnartsboard.org or call the office at 320-968-4290 or toll free at 1-866-345-7140.

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