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CMAB Awards Teaching Artist Grants to Area Artists

At the November meeting, the Central MN Arts Board (CMAB) awarded \$5,400 in **Teaching Artist Grants**.

- **Sarah Drake** received \$1,800 for a mixed media African Art appreciation residency with students from Roosevelt Boys and Girls Club and Lincoln Elementary.
- **Cristina Seaborn** received \$1,800 for Jazz fiddling and improvisation lessons for Saint John's Prep Orchestra students in partnership with Jeff Engholm. The residency will conclude with a public barn dance performance featuring the students.
- **Cristina Seaborn** received \$1,800 for a Barn Dance residency with kindergarten through fourth grade students at Humphrey Elementary School that will reflect the cultural tradition of Waverly during their 150th Community Anniversary.

The CMAB Teaching Artist Grant (TAG) 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.

