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CMAB Awards Small Capital Arts Grants to Nonprofit Organizations

The Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB), at their June 2013 meeting, awarded \$17,409.00 in Small Capital Arts Grants to six 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, related non-consumable supplies and services to make capital improvements. Such activities must 1) advance the mission of the organization and 2) have the potential for significant or long-term impact.

The CMAB Grant recipients are:

- **Chamber Music Society of St. Cloud**, \$1,629, laptop computer, a printer/copier/fax machine, and a smartphone to support new staff needs.
- **Elk River Arts Alliance**, \$3,434, LED lighting system for the gallery and gift shop
- **GREAT Theater**, \$3,500, four Technobeam-I Light Instruments to enhance live theatre performances
- **Paramount Arts Resource Trust**, \$3,460, moveable padded dance floor to cover the stage for use by all dance companies that perform at the Paramount.
- **St. Cloud Municipal Band**, \$3,358, Nota Standard Posture Chairs to be used by the musicians during performances
- **Visual Arts Minnesota**, \$2,028, MacBook Pro (13") and software to help with the management of the organization

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 CMAB is one of eleven regional art councils in the State of Minnesota with the purpose of supporting and promoting art appreciation in the four counties of Benton, Sherburne, Stearns and Wright counties (Region 7W).

For more information about the Central MN Arts Board grant opportunities and services go to [http://www.centralmnartsboard.org/](http://www.centralmnartsboard.org) or call the office at 320-968-4290 or toll free at 1-866-345-7140
