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Central MN Arts Board Approve Emergency Assistance for Area Artists

At the April 9, 2020 meeting, the Central Minnesota Arts Board (CMAB) approved \$7,600 in Artist Emergency Assistance to artists whose primary income has been impacted by cancelled performances, teaching opportunities or other scheduled arts engagements.

The Artist Emergency Assistance Program was created to provide individuals up to \$500 to replace income lost due to isolation efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19. Funding for this program is provided through the McKnight Foundation. Applications will be available on a rolling basis until funds have been expended.

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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