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CMAB Awards Artist in Residence Grants

At the September 16, 2021 meeting, the Central MN Arts Board (CMAB) awarded \$9,995 to area organizations in support of Artist Residencies.

The Artist in Residence (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. **Kennedy Community School**, \$2,957 for Heidi Jeub to conduct a week-long residency with 100 second grade students that will challenge them to paint pictures of how they see other students.
2. **MontiArts**, \$3,500 for a Poetry Residency with local Native American poet Jamie Randall who will work in residence at the What The Art location downtown to conduct interactive and educational activities while working on her own poetry from October - December 2021
3. **Talahi Community School**, \$3,498 for Christian Adeti to provide first grade students with a five-day West African drumming, dance and storytelling residency.

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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