



Grant Awards

July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

The Arts Partnership supports the Metro's arts community through grants to both organizations and individual artists. For the current fiscal year (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016), TAP made \$113,425 in grants to organizations and individual artists. The following provides brief descriptions of the grant awards.

2016 CITY ARTS PARTNERSHIP GRANTS - \$84,000

The City Arts Partnership Grants, funded by the Tri-Cities, support the Metro's arts-producing organizations as well as non-profits seeking to integrate the arts into their missions.

ANGELS OF THE MUSE - \$650 to provide musician stipends for up to 37 live musical performances presented to underserved populations, including the elderly in nursing homes, all ages who are homeless or experiencing poverty, and those who are developmentally disabled.

CELEBRATION OF WOMEN AND THEIR MUSIC - \$550 toward the annual live music event to support and enrich emerging high-school age female artists with scholarships to continue their education.

CHARISM - \$850 toward a three-week camp for at-risk youth ages 8 to 12 that will incorporate artistic expression activities, including break dancing, writing stories, photography and 3D architecture imagery; in partnership with the Fargo Police.

CONCORDIA COLLEGE – CULTURAL EVENTS OFFICE - \$1,100 toward an installation of the work of Minnesota artist Hend Al-Mansour that references the identity and gender politics in Arab society; the exhibit is tied to the 2016 Symposium exploring America and the Middle East, local and global dimensions.

FARGO PARK DISTRICT – CLASSICAL MUSIC FESTIVAL - \$1,200 toward the 25th Annual Classical Music Festival held at Rheault Farm in Fargo in June 2017; this free event features a range of musical genres, from orchestral to Dixieland and provides informal learning activities for children and adults alike.

FARGO THEATRE - \$5,500 toward the Fargo Theatre's mission to preserve the historic integrity of the Theatre while expanding its ability to meet the artistic and entertainment needs of increasingly diverse audiences, performers and filmmakers.

FARGO-MOORHEAD AREA YOUTH SYMPHONIES - \$4,400 toward the FMAY's mission to provide a rigorous orchestral experience that challenges dedicated youth to reach their full potential musically and personally and emerge as dynamic members of the community.

FARGO-MOORHEAD CHORAL ARTISTS - \$2,500 to support the 2016-2017 season of the FMCA, which provides an outlet for musicians who are passionate about singing at a high performance level and preserving the treasured art form of choral music for the enjoyment of audiences throughout the region.

FARGO-MOORHEAD COMMUNITY THEATRE - \$4,250 toward the FMCT's mission to provide theatrical and educational opportunities to engage and enrich the greater community.

FARGO-MOORHEAD OPERA - \$4,500 toward the Opera's mission to provide high quality opera performances that include local, regional, and international artists; to develop an appreciation for one of the world's great art forms; and to

establish an educational outreach program which will support the creation of operatic activities within the region's schools, colleges and universities.

FARGO-MOORHEAD SYMPHONY - \$7,500 toward the Symphony's mission to serve the community by enriching, educating and engaging people of all ages through inspired performances of orchestral and chamber music.

FARGO-MOORHEAD VISUAL ARTISTS - \$2,500 to support the free Studio Crawl event, held the first weekend in October, during which artists welcome the public into their studios.

FARGO-MOORHEAD YOUTH CHOIR - \$2,000 toward the Youth Choir's 2016-2017 formal concerts; the Youth Choir provides boys and girls in grades K through 12 the opportunity to rehearse and perform choral music with skill and understanding.

GOOSEBERRY PARK PLAYERS - \$2,750 toward the Gooseberry Park Players' 2016 production of *Bye Bye Birdie*; the production furthers GPP's mission to provide an exceptional, fee-free unique educational and multi-generational summer theatre experience for youth ages 11 to 18.

HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL SOCIETY OF CLAY COUNTY - \$4,000 toward its mission to collect, preserve, interpret and share the history and culture of Clay County, MN. HCS also manages the museum at the Hjemkomst Center and interprets the Viking ship *Hjemkomst* and the Hopperstad Stave Church replica for the City of Moorhead.

IMMIGRANT DEVELOPMENT CENTER - \$1,500 toward the creation of a mural celebrating the area's multiculturalism, to be located on the outside of the International Market Plaza, which will house businesses owned by low-income immigrants.

KID CORE - \$1,300 toward support of an art exploration area called *Picasso Point*, part of the Midwest Kid Fest to be held in June 2017 at Island Park. During the festival, *Picasso Point* will provide hands-on arts activities led by a local artist and visual arts teacher.

LAKE AGASSIZ CONCERT BAND - \$1,000 toward support of the LACB's free October 2016 concert, which will introduce new director Dr. Monte Gris  to the public.

MOORHEAD PARKS AND RECREATION – CELTIC FESTIVAL - \$1,200 toward support of the Celtic Festival, a one-day, free admission festival celebrating the arts and culture of the seven Celtic Nations, featuring live music and performance, informational booths, food and hands-on activities.

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MOORHEAD CHERYL NELSON LOSSETT PERFORMING ARTS SERIES - \$1,350 toward support of the 2016-2017 Series, which will offer four events featuring nationally and internationally known musicians and performers; in addition to performing, the visiting artists usually lead a master class, offer a demo-lecture or otherwise engage in educational activities with area students and community members.

NDSU MEMORIAL UNION GALLERY - \$900 toward an exhibition of works from the Memorial Union Gallery's vault, allowing the Metro community access to works from the Gallery's permanent collection of significant contemporary art through a wide-reaching exhibition, educational outreach and visitor engagement.

NORDIC CULTURE CLUBS - \$1,200 to support costs associated with bringing a musician who performs in the Nordic Tradition to the 40th Annual Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival (2017); the festival features musical performances, cultural presenters, artisans and craftspeople.

PLAINS ART MUSEUM - \$4,750 toward the Museum's mission to connect art, artists and audiences to foster creative, resilient and welcoming communities.

PRAIRIE PUBLIC BROADCASTING - \$1,400 toward *Share A Story*, a free, all-day family event held in June 2017; its mission is to spark creativity, curiosity and literacy in children while engagement parents in their children's early learning. The event includes hands-on art projects, multi-cultural stage performers, parenting resources and learning tips.

ROURKE ART MUSEUM - \$3,000 toward the Museum's mission to educate and inspire our community through the collection, presentation and preservation of the region's and the world's artistic heritage.

SPIRIT ROOM - \$3,000 toward its mission to enrich people's lives through the development and practice of the contemplative, creative and healing arts.

THE LEARNING BANK - \$3,000 toward costs associated with the Learning Bank's *Fine Arts Series*, which provides every child in Grades 1-6 in the three school districts with access to experiences with the visual and performing arts.

THE LISTENING ROOM - \$500 to support costs associated with bringing quality singer-songwriters to The Listening Room, a studio/gallery that caters to performing songwriters and storytellers.

THE MASTER CHORALE - \$1,500 to support its two annual concerts; The Master Chorale is a community chorus that includes 70 voices.

THEATRE B - \$5,000 toward its mission to engage regional audiences through innovative productions that are culturally and artistically invigorating, intimately connecting the community through transformative stories.

TIN ROOF THEATRE - \$650 toward costs associated with commissioning original scores from a local musician for the two productions Tin Roof Theatre will present in their 2016-2017 season.

TROLLWOOD PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL - \$5,750 toward TPAS' mission to inspire those they serve through the arts to realize their full potential and be a positive influence in the global community.

WEST FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS/SUMMER ARTS INTENSIVE - \$2,750 to support the 2016 season for this program that provides opportunities for young artists to stretch their personal and creative talents while gaining an understanding of theatre production and performance.

2016 SANFORD ARTS PARTNERSHIP MERIT AWARDS - \$13,750

The Sanford Arts Partnership Merit Awards recognize grantee organizations that have exhibited strong vision, exemplify artistic excellence and/or have made great strides as an organization.

FARGO THEATRE - \$1,625 in recognition of the success of technological upgrades to digitize projection and also to install cinema support equipment for those with hearing and visual impairments, thus allowing audience members with disabilities the opportunity to enjoy the complete movie-going experience.

FM CHORAL ARTISTS - \$1,500 in recognition of its organizational growth and fiscal management in the past four years, which has allowed them to grow the organization's memberships and audiences.

FARGO-MOORHEAD VISUAL ARTISTS - \$1,000 in recognition of the work done by FMVA during Studio Crawl to remove barriers – perceived and actual, economic and physical – for those interested in exploring and learning more about the visual arts.

GOOSEBERRY PARK PLAYERS - \$1,750 in recognition of the organization's success in transitioning to a new venue, attracting new co-artistic directors for the 2016 season and maintaining its robust volunteer program.

PLAINS ART MUSEUM - \$1,625 in recognition of the Museum's establishment of a Native American program, a major initiative that includes exhibitions, programs and professional opportunities for Native American artists.

THE LEARNING BANK - \$2,500 in recognition of The Learning Bank's focus on delivering new and innovative approaches and quality arts experiences for all elementary students in the Metro area.

THEATRE B - \$1,750 in commendation of its strategic program improvements and its clear plan to find solutions for performance space while seeking a new physical home after 10 years in the same venue.

WEST FARGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS/SUMMER ARTS INTENSIVE - \$2,000 in commendation for its strategic growth since its 2011 inception; that growth has allowed expansion to include middle-school and high-school programs, as well as the incorporation of college-age mentors to the program.

FALL 2015 INDIVIDUAL ARTS PARTNERSHIP GRANTS - \$11,175

KEN ANDERSEN - \$750 toward costs associated with creating photographic prints from large format camera negatives that demonstrate historical/alternative photographic processes and that are as historically accurate as possible.

GRACE CLARK - \$375 toward costs associated with preparing for her exhibition *Cultural Landscapes*, a body of work consisting of observations of human interaction and influence throughout the US that focuses on visual and cultural humor, ironies and oddities.

CHAR-MARIE FLOOD - \$750 toward completion of a new body of work entitled *Dakotaland*, which uses a giclee process with 300-year archival inks to print photographs on large canvases.

ZHIMIN GUAN - \$2,000 toward creation of a new body of 10 large abstract landscape paintings based on North Dakota scenes.

VICKI KESSLER - \$500 toward a contemporary fiber art installation project at West Acres Mall that includes a public engagement process that includes a "reveal" of a deconstruction project and an opportunity for people to engage in deconstruction of various items.

WARREN KESSLER - \$500 toward purchase of photographic equipment necessary to successfully photograph and edit images of his paintings for archival and sales purposes. *Erin Koffler Memorial Grant*

ASHLEY KUNZ - \$500 toward an "art drop" of 4-6 paintings; this art scavenger hunt will use social media to post a picture of a painting with the hashtag #FMArtDrop; whoever finds the painting gets to keep it. *Moorhead P.E.O. Grant*

ETHAN SMITH - \$1,500 to continue a project of interviewing and photographing former employees and patients of the Fergus Falls State Hospital, as well as the buildings at the hospital campus.

JON SOLINGER - \$500 toward the design phase of *Working Land*, a book of the artist's photographs about rural work and identity.

EMILY WILLIAMS-WHEELER - \$2,300 toward costs to attend an encaustic workshop in Massachusetts in May 2016; generally, there are no experts in encaustics in the region.

LAURA YOUNGBIRD - \$1,500 toward costs associated with preparing new and existing artwork for an exhibit entitled *Manifestation*, mounted at the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County.

FALL 2015 JADE PRESENTS ARTS PARTNERSHIP GRANTS - \$4,500

BUNYAN LAND BEACH BAND - \$1,000 toward purchase of portable sound equipment to better accommodate small performance spaces and/or short performances for this 4-man band specializing in vocal harmonies.

MATTHEW JOHNSON - \$1,000 toward the costs of mixing and mastering a third full-length album for the band O'Fosho.

JILLIAN LADAGE - \$2,500 toward costs associated with attending the annual Silk Road Global Musician Workshop; founded by cellist Yo-Yo Ma, the weeklong workshop culminates in a public performance.