

## LRAC Awards \$42,500 to Support Ten Arts Organizations in the LRAC Region

The Lake Region Arts Council, Fergus Fall, MN announces the recipients of the LRAC 2017 Operating Support Grant. All arts organizations in the LRAC nine county region with annual operating expenses less than \$166,000 were invited to apply and were eligible to receive up to 10% of their previous year's budget with a \$6,000 capital request.

### **Art of the Lakes Gallery** - \$6,000, Otter Tail County

The grant will engage the services of Architect Mark E. Nelson to work with AOTL on plans to remodel the current gallery at 108 south Lake Avenue in downtown Battle Lake and add a program education space by building an addition. In addition, it will partially fund the wages of a part-time administration employee. This is a continuation of the work started in 2016 with the goal of launching a capital improvement campaign in 2017 as they celebrate their 50th anniversary. Happy 50th Anniversary.



### **Central Square** - \$6,000, Pope County

The grant will cover a portion of the rental dues paid to the Central Square Condo Association each month. Central Square is located in a portion of the renovated Glenwood high school building. Central Square provides a number of artistic events including performances, concerts, artistic exhibits, workshops, and classes.



### **FM Choral Artists**, \$4,710 Clay County

The grant will cover basic operating expenses for the coming year including sheet music for singers, instrumentalists for collaborative concerts, programs and other promotional materials (season brochures, posters, and postcards), and radio advertising. Under the leadership of Michael Culloton, Artistic Director, the FMCA was named the 2016 Arts Organization of the Year by The Arts Partnership.



### **Gooseberry Park Players**, \$6,000 Clay County

The grant will cover the rental expenses for the off site scene shop and the performance stage at MSU Moorhead Theatre. This season's production will be "Joseph and the Technicolored Dream Coat". The set will be built at an off sight location and assembled on stage for the annual production. GPP provides opportunities for FM area youth and their families to gain hands on theatre experience participating in all parts of the production.



### **Henning Landmark Center**- \$4,280, Otter Tail County

The grant will cover a portion of the expenses for the utility bills in the coming year. In addition, the grant will provide administration support for the Director's salary for a portion of the year. The Center continues to expand their monthly programming and seasonal activities reaching new audiences and introducing new art forms to the community.



### **Lakes Chamber Music Society** - \$1,450, Douglas County

The grant will offset a portion of the Lakes Chamber Music Society operational expenses such as rent, phone, office supplies, chamber of commerce membership, and bank fees. The LCMS is celebrating their 25th anniversary season this year and they have expanded the number of concerts in August to 7 performances. There will be both new works along with returning favorites in the repertoire this year. Happy 25th Anniversary.



**Prairie Wind Players Community Theatre** - \$3,820, Grant County

The grant will cover the expenses to install a new intercom system in the building to connect the sound/light control booth, the backstage area, and the dressing room area. In addition it will cover a portion of the Directors and Officers insurance policy for the PWP Board members. PWP is expanding their seasonal program in 2017, bringing back the big summer musical and the “Harvest Moon” festival along with other productions.



**Red Willow Arts Coalition** - \$2,500, Douglas County

The grant will pay for a portion of the program director’s salary for the 2017 season. This will be the ninth season of outdoor concerts at the Douglas County Courthouse lawn . The 15 concerts will vary in musical style from country to big band to pop, every Thursday evening from June to September.



**Rourke Gallery Art Museum**, \$6,000, Clay County

The grant will pay for a portion of the insurance policies required to run the Rourke in the 2017, including liability, commercial property, workmen’s compensation, and indemnity coverage. The Rourke continues to offer a wide range of educational exhibitions and workshops for all ages in the FM region.



**Terrace Mill Foundation** - \$2,400, Pope County

The grant will pay a portion of the utilities and annual insurance premium for their 2017 season. Terrace Mill features a number of art events during the summer season, including three gallery exhibits, two children’s theatre workshops and performance, and their annual Fiddlers Contest, along with other special artistic events.



The 2018 LRAC Operating Support Grant Round will be open in the fall of 2017 with a free grant writing workshop on Tuesday, November 28, 2017. This program accepts grant applications from all non-profit arts organizations in the LRAC nine county region, which have art as their primary focus.

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*LRAC is a nonprofit art organization that provides grants, resources, and services to the nine county region; Becker, Clay, Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse and Wilkin Counties. Their mission is to encourage and support the arts in West Central Minnesota.*