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## ***ESSENTIAL ARTS NEWS***

*January, 2018*

If you ever need to see ECRAC's calendar go to  
[ECRAC Calendar](#)  
and, if you use google calendar, you can add it to your calendar too!

### **FEBRUARY 1 GRANT DEADLINES!**

The East Central Regional Arts Council (ECRAC) wishes to announce to all local artists, organizations providing arts programming, and schools within Region 7E (the Minnesota Counties of Pine, Isanti, Chisago, Kanabec, and Mille Lacs) that there are five February 1, 2018 art grant deadlines!

**Art in Our Schools Grants:** School districts may apply for special arts project related funding up to \$3,000.

Recent grantees have been: Braham Area Schools for the Summer Youth Musical Theater Camp; Cambridge-Isanti Community Education for a Nick Videen residency and performance; Princeton Public Schools One Community/One Read program; and Pine City Schools Art Club Field Trip.

**Small/Art Project Grants:** Nonprofit organizations, art groups, school districts, and local units of government may apply for arts funding ranging from \$500-\$5,000.

Recent grantees have been: the City of Cambridge for Painting in the Park; Chisago Lakes Community Education for a Black Box Theater experience; East Central Minnesota Pride Festival; Franconia Sculpture Park for the 2017 Art and Artists Celebration, Kids Make Sculpture and the Valentine's Hot Metal Pour Program; In His Steps Ballet & Performing Arts Company of Cambridge for production of Our Volitant Province; Onamia Community Education for Art is FUNdamental classes; Pine Center for the Arts for Summer Arts 2017, Pine City Arts Council 40th Anniversary Concerts and Art on the Road, and Wyoming Area Creative Arts Community for the In Art Show and Kids Can Be Artists, Too.

**Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants for Organizations:** Nonprofit organizations, art groups, school districts, and local units of government may apply for arts funding ranging from \$5,000-\$15,000.

Recent grantees have been: City of Cambridge Arts in the Park Summer Series; Ecumen Parmley Lifepoints' Promoting Lifelong Access to Art; Chisago Lakes Community Education for Future Chisago Lakes Artists and Take Time to Create, Franconia Sculpture Park for the 2017 Music Concert Series and the Community Collaboration Hot Metal Pour; City of Hinckley Sweet Summer Sounds; City of Mora's Music in the Park; Mora Public Schools THEATERical Science Integration and THEATERical Literacy Neighborhood Bridges Project; Mille Lacs County Fair's Bringing the Arts to the Fair; Onamia Public Schools Community Education for the Lake Wobegon Brass Band residency and performance; Pine County Fair Performances; Princeton Schools Copper Street Brass residency and performance: and Vasaloppet Inc for the Many Faces of Vasaloppet project.

**Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants for Individuals:** Individual artists may apply for arts project funding up to \$2,500. Eligible applicants must be permanent residents in Region 7E and must have an open to the public component to their project.

Recent grantees have been: Shirl Chouinard of Cambridge for a Wool Fiber Art Mentorship; Keith Raivo of Brook Park for a Sculptural Bench Project; Kelli Rae Tubbs of Chisago City for a Study of Trap Drummers; and Zosha Warpeha of Milaca for a Hardanger Fiddle Project.

**-Individual Artist Grants:** Individual artists may apply for arts project funding up to \$1,000. Eligible applicants must be permanent residents in Region 7E.

Recent grantees have been Steve Weihsman of North Branch for an artistic mentorship project; Chad Filley of Cambridge for a Storytelling Mentorship with Kevin Kling; Michael Anderson of Mora for an Art Glass Project; Jake Callahan of Princeton for Photography Workshops; Jessica Miller of Braham for a Ceramic Lighting Project; and Sarah Howes of Mora to attend the Source Song Festival.

- The link to all of these online application processes can be found at the ECRAC website: [www.ecrac.org/grants](http://www.ecrac.org/grants).
- The online grant application process is open now.
- For further information, please call 320-396-2337 extension 2 or email: [grantinfo@ecrac.org](mailto:grantinfo@ecrac.org)

## GRANT INFO SESSIONS

East Central Regional Arts Council (ECRAC) has scheduled upcoming grant information sessions for all artists, organizations, schools, community organizations, and non-profit organizations in the Region 7E area for art project grants. These sessions will include basic information about all ECRAC arts-related grant programs, as well as recent changes to the grant application processes. Individual appointments with staff are available immediately after the group sessions. These sessions will be held at the East Central Regional Arts Council office located at 112 Main Avenue South in Braham,

MN.

If you have already attended a grant information session in the past, a refresher is always a good idea to keep you up-to-date with any new grant requirements and recent changes to the application processes.

- **Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 9:00 am**

30 minute individual meetings are available after the above sessions at 10:30 am, 11:00 am and 11:30 am upon request.

- **Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 1:00 pm**

30 minutes individual meetings are available after the above session at 2:30 pm, 3:00 pm and 3:30 pm

Advance registration is required. To register, please call the East Central Regional Arts Council office at (320) 396-2337, or email [info@ecrac.org](mailto:info@ecrac.org).



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