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**BEMIDJI AREA ARTS ENDOWMENT
GRANTS OUT MORE THAN \$23,000**

JULY 3, 2023 (Bemidji, MN) –The Bemidji Area Arts Endowment Fund, a component fund of the Northwest Minnesota Foundation, has granted out more than \$23,000 to support the arts in the Bemidji area.

Approved grants include:

- Boys & Girls Club of Bemidji Area – Fine Arts Program & Exhibit
- Watermark Art Center – Watermark Arts Festival
- Bemidji Symphony Orchestra – Return of the Snowman
- Bemidji Area Arts Collaborative, Inc. – Emerging Arts Workshop
- Belle Thalia Creative Arts Space – Community Concert in the Garden
- Watermark Arts Center – Artist Exhibits
- Bemidji Community Theatre – Alice In Wonderland Costumes
- Headwaters Music and Arts – Bemidji Sings – Vocal Competition
- Watermark Art Center – Poetry Slam
- Bemidji Area Arts Collaborative, Inc. – Storytelling with Oopsy Annie
- Watermark Art Center – Story Slam
- Northern Exposure Lifelong Learning – Speaker Presentations
- Watermark Art Center – Education and Studio Art Supplies
- Bemidji Community Theatre – Literacy

Also included are three grants awarded by funds within the Bemidji Area Arts Endowment (BAAE) family of funds:

- The Frederick Marshall Fund supported Headwaters Music & Arts – Pottery Wheel
- The Northstar Fund supported Headwaters Music & Arts – Unified Arts
- The John Rabel Memorial Music Fund supported Headwaters Music & Arts – String Music Lessons

To learn more about BAAE, contact Terri Darco at terrid@nwmf.org. To donate, visit www.nwmf.org, hover over “Ways to Give” and click on “Funds by County”.

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