SMAC Gallery features pottery by Jedd Peters

The Southwest Minnesota Arts Council Gallery will feature the pottery of Jedd Peters of Spicer from July 9 through August 28, 2015.

Peters says, “I see myself as a master of all the aspects of making pottery, and have dedicated my life to the art. I continue to experiment with texture and surface decorations with color and patterns. I feel it is very important to push myself to make new forms on the wheel and not settle with reproducing popular items. I continue to share my pottery with the public through art fairs and galleries throughout the United States.”

At age sixteen, Peters had his first high school pottery class and was hooked. Two years later he began a four year apprenticeship at Linden Hills Pottery, a small porcelain pottery shop in Minneapolis. After college he worked as a production potter at several pottery shops in Minnesota and Wisconsin where he honed his clay skills. Peters continued, “In the last several years I have developed of my own body of work and displayed my art through the Midwest. I have had my work displayed in solo shows and have shown my work at many juried art shows including the Edina Art Fair, Uptown Art Fair, Excelsior Art on the Lake, Duluth Bay Front Art Fair, Stillwater Fall Art Fair, Willmar Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee! Sioux Falls Art Fair, and Willmar Area Studio Hop. I have been invited and am showing at galleries such as the Tamarack Gallery, Stillwater, MN; Brickyard Pottery and Glassworks, Shell Lake, WI; and Higher Fire Clay Gallery, Madison, WI.”

Peters is the owner of Mill Pond Clay Works in Spicer, MN and has been the recipient Individual Artist grants from the Southwest Minnesota Arts Council. He attended Augsburg College and the University of Minnesota focusing on pottery.

The public is invited to visit the SMAC art gallery for a reception from 5:00 - 7:00 pm on Thursday, July 9, 2015. Enjoy live music by Marshall trombonist John Ginocchio during the reception. Regular Gallery hours are Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to noon and 1:00 to 4:30 pm.

Ginocchio performs at SMAC Gallery

Trombonist John Ginocchio of Marshall will perform at the SMAC Gallery in Marshall on Thursday, July 9 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, during Jedd Peters’ exhibit reception.

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UPCOMING SMAC GRANT DEADLINES

SMAC grants must be applied for online. Go to www.swmnarts.org for program guidelines, application tutorial, and the link to the online grant system.

July 27, 2015:
Art Projects & Art Legacy Projects, Round I
Earliest project start date: September 15, 2015

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Equipment & Facilities Improvement, Round I
Earliest project start date: September 15, 2015

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September 8, 2015:
Pre-submission of CDP report for Operating Support grants

September 15, 2015:
Individual Artists, Round I
Earliest project start date: November 15, 2015

October 1, 2015:
Monthly Grants: Arts Organization Development, Art Legacy Project Planning, & Arts Org Start-Up*

October 14, 2015:
Legacy Equipment & Facilities Improvement
Earliest project start date: December 15, 2015

October 14, 2015:
Operating Support
Earliest project start date: January 1, 2016

October 14, 2015:
Arts in the Schools, Round I
Earliest project start date: December 15, 2015

*Earliest project start date for monthly deadlines is the 1st of the following month

SEE INSERT FOR ALL 2015-2016 GRANT PROGRAMS

GRANTWRITING WORKSHOPS. Plan on attending one of the following freeworkshops to learn more about the programs for this year and the application process. Contact the SMAC office at 800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org to register.

Operating Support

July 20, 2015
5:00 – 6:00 pm
Meinders Public Library
1401 7th St SW, Pipestone

July 22, 2015
5:30 – 6:30 pm
SW MN Arts Council
114 N 3rd St, Marshall

Individual Artists

August 4, 2015
5:00 – 7:00 pm
SW MN Arts Council
114 N 3rd St, Marshall

August 5, 2015
5:00 – 7:00 pm
Venue TBD
Worthington

August 6, 2015
5:00 – 7:00 pm
Venue TBD
Canby

Legacy Equipment & Facilities Improvement

September 1, 2015
5:00 – 7:00 pm
SW MN Arts Council
114 N 3rd St, Marshall

Arts in the Schools

September 15, 2015
5:00 – 7:00 pm
SW MN Arts Council
114 N 3rd St, Marshall

September 16, 2015
5:00 – 7:00 pm
Venue TBD
Canby

Southwest Minnesota Council’s programs, grant awards, & workshops are made possible by the voters of Minnesota thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund, by an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State’s general fund, by a grant from the McKnight Foundation, and regional contributions.
Gorter joins SMAC Board

Reggie Gorter of Pipestone has been appointed as the new Pipestone County board representative for SMAC. Gorter has a private music and dance studio and also serves on the Calumet Players Board of Directors. She is often the music director or choreographer for Calumet Players musicals, as well.

Having recently completed a Masters of Music Education program, Gorter says, “I was able to study and develop my own personal arts philosophy and adopt a new understanding of public funding of the arts,” which helped to spark her interest in serving on the SMAC Board.

The SMAC Board currently has vacancies for Chippewa and Renville County board representative positions. Contact the SMAC at 507-537-1471 or info@swmnarts.org if you or someone you know may be interested in one of these open positions.

Fungus Amongus Players’ The Romancers moves on to national festival

Fungus Amongus Players/Dassel-Cokato Community Theatre’s production of The Romancers won both the Minnesota Association of Community Theatres (MACT) Festival (Cokato, MN, March 2015) and the Region V American Association of Community Theatres (AACT) Festival (Newton, IA, April 2015), and will now be going on to the national AACT Festival in Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 23-28, 2015.

The Romancers also won regional awards for Excellence in Directing (David Metcalf), Outstanding Ensemble, Excellence in Scenic Design (David Metcalf), Excellence in Costume Design (Linda Metcalf), Excellence in Acting (Tom Langemo & Amanda Byrne) and Excellence in Fight Choreography (David Metcalf).

The national festival will showcase twelve community theatre productions from across the United States and the U.S. Military Overseas. These winners of state and regional festivals represent the best community theatre in America.

Dassel-Cokato Community Theatre received a SMAC grant in Fall 2014 to put on The Romancers.

National recognition for Bergh & Nordin’s Traveling Museum

The Traveling Museum, a mobile exhibition venue for contemporary art and ideas created by Lisa Bergh and Andrew Nordin of the Rural Aesthetic Initiative in New London, has been nationally recognized.

Americans for the Arts honored 31 outstanding public arts projects created in 2014 through the Public Art Network (PAN) Year in Review program, the only national program that specifically recognizes the most compelling public art. The works were chosen from more than 300 entries across the country and recognized at Americans for the Arts’ 2015 Annual Convention in Chicago.

Learn more about The Traveling Museum at www.thetravelingmuseum.com. To see the other public art works selected, go to the Public Art Network Year In Review Database online.
Grant review panelists needed for 2015-2016

Are you interested in . . .

* learning about the arts activities taking place in Southwest Minnesota?
* discussing art and its impact on individuals & communities in our region?
* networking with other regional artists and arts volunteers?
* weighing in on SMAC’s grant application process?
* receiving free tickets to evaluate SMAC-funded arts activities?
* being a part of bringing about arts funding in our communities?

If so, we’d love for you to consider being a grant review panelist for SMAC.

Panelists log in to SMAC’s online grant system to read grant applications and do preliminary scoring based on the criteria for the particular grant program. Then they meet on a Saturday (panel meetings generally run from 9:00 am through mid-afternoon) to discuss the applications, finalize their scores, and make a funding recommendation to the SMAC Board of Directors. Meals and mileage reimbursement for the day are provided by SMAC. Panelists may serve on a panel for one or more grant programs, depending on expertise, interest, and availability.

Grant review panel dates for 2015-2016:

**Art Projects / Art Legacy Projects**
August 15, 2015 • January 9, 2016 • April 2, 2016

**Legacy Equipment & Facilities Improvement**
October 31, 2015

**Operating Support**
Tuesday, November 3, 2015

**Arts in the Schools**
November 14, 2015 • February 6, 2016

**Art Study Opportunity for Youth**
April 16, 2016

**Individual Artists**
October 10, 2015 • March 12, 2015* • June 11, 2016*
*if funds remain

Panelists are appointed by the Board of Directors and serve a one-year term. To apply, go to [http://swmnarts.org/about/become-a-grant-panelist/](http://swmnarts.org/about/become-a-grant-panelist/) for a panelist application form and our conflict of interest policy. Return both, along with your resume, to info@swmnarts.org or PO Box 55, Marshall, MN 56258.

Many thanks to all of SMAC’s 2014-2015 Grant Review Panelists!

Bobbie Alsgaard-Lien, Rushmore
Ross Anderson, Marshall
Cheryl Avenel-Navara, Worthington
Kate Aydin, Hendricks
Cheri Buzzeo, Willmar
Cindy Demers, Madison
Bob Dorlac, Marshall
Mary Kay Frisvold, Garvin
Peg Furshong, Sacred Heart
John Ginocchio, Marshall
Reggie Gorter, Pipestone
Beth Habicht, Worthington
John Larson, Milan
Jane Link, Milan
Pete Lothringer, Marshall
Susan Marco, Dassel
Mary Jane Mardesen, Rushmore
Sydney Massee, Appleton
Joyce Meyer, Canby
Kelly Muldoon, Slayton
Paula Nemes, Marshall
Janet Olney, Willmar
Emily Olson, Pipestone
Christa Otteson, New London
Saara Raappana, Marshall
Cindy Reverts, Luverne
Tom Rice, Appleton
Vonnie Saquilan, Granite Falls
Kathy Schaefer, Ghent
Marilee Strom, Windom
Scott Tedrick, Granite Falls
Mark Thode, Pipestone
John Voit, Ghent
Scott Wallace, Hendricks
Jesse White, Currie
John White, Ortonville
Judy Wilson, Arco
Tom Wirt, Hutchinson

The SMAC office will be closed on Friday, July 3.
SMAC ANNUAL CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2015

Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee! Arts Festival
Downtown Willmar

Annual Celebration Happy Hour/Dinner/Awards
Little Crow Country Club near New London

Collaborative Public Art Sculpture Firing
Downtown New London

“Spirit of the Region” raffle tickets available in July!

JULY CALENDAR

*Indicates the project was funded in part with a grant from SMAC with funds provided by the McKnight Foundation, the voters of Minnesota thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund, or by an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State’s general fund.

*July 1 Music at Central Park Market: Quarter to 4:30, 5:00-6:00 pm, CW Reishus Park, Cottonwood.

*July 7 Wendinger Band, 7:00 pm, Riverview Park, Appleton. Part of the Appleton ’52 Wing Restoration Committee's Summer Concert Series.

*July 8 Music at Central Park Market: Jerry Ostensoe, 5:00-6:00 pm, CW Reishus Park, Cottonwood.

*July 9 SMAC Gallery Reception: Jedd Peters, 5:00-7:00 pm, SMAC Art Gallery, 114 N Third St, Marshall. Live music by trombonist John Ginocchio from 5:30-6:30 pm.

July 10-11 Rhythm of the River, Ashley Park, Jackson. Friday 5:00-11:00 pm, Saturday 2:00-11:00 pm. Music festival schedule and more info at www.rhythmoftheriver.org.

*July 10-11 Worthington International Festival, Nobles County Government Center, Worthington. Friday 5:00-9:00 pm, Saturday 11:00 am-9:00 pm. The Festival includes culturally diverse performers, food vendors, artisan booths, educational booths and children activities, and features a local talent showcase. More information and event schedule at www.worthingtoninternationalfestival.org.

July 10-11 Two-Day Photography Workshop, 30667 County Road 2, Redwood Falls. Have fun with your photography and learn how to take better pictures. Taught by Molly Schweinfurter. Information at www.mojophotographyworkshops.com, cedigomo@gmail.com, or 507-828-3282.

*July 11 Walnut Grove Arts & Music Festival, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm, City Park, Walnut Grove. Music, art demonstrations, family activities, re-enactments, food, and an arts and crafts sale.

*July 12 Artist Reception: Glenn Horky, 2:00-4:00 pm, Marshall Area Fine Arts Council, 109 N 3rd St, Marshall.

*July 12 Music in the Park: New London-Spicer Community Band, 4:00 pm, City Park, Spicer. Concessions are served by a non-profit organization. Bring your own chairs or blankets.

July 13 Music on Mondays: Neon Gypsy, 7:00 pm, Central Park, Canby. Food available starting at 6:00 pm. Organized by Canby Arts Council.

*July 14 Blue Ox Jazz Babies, 7:00 pm, Riverview Park, Appleton. Part of the Appleton ’52 Wing Restoration Committee’s Summer Concert Series.

*July 15 Music at Central Park Market: Pete & Ross, 5:00-6:00 pm, CW Reishus Park, Cottonwood.

*July 16 Front Porch Music Series: Jerry Ostensoe, 7:00 pm, Dinehart Holt Historic House Museum, 2812 Linden Ave, Slayton. Murray County Historical Society presents its Front Porch Music Series. Bad weather location: 4-H Hall on the County Fairgrounds.

*July 17-18 RiverSong Music Festival, Masonic West River Park, Hutchinson. Friday 5:00-11:00 pm, Saturday 11:00-5:00 pm. Schedule and more information at www.riversongfestival.org.

*July 18 Walnut Grove Arts & Music Festival, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm, City Park, Walnut Grove. Music, art demonstrations, family activities, re-enactments, food, and an arts and crafts sale.

*July 18 Music in the Park, 7:00 pm, Mill Reserve Park, Winsted. Performances by local musicians.

*July 19 Music in the Park: 1060 West Addison Blues, 4:00 pm, City Park, Spicer. Concessions are served by a non-profit organization. Bring your own chairs or blankets.

*July 20 SMAC Grantwriting Workshop: Operating Support, 5:00-6:00 pm, Meinders Community Library, 1401 7th St SW, Pipestone. Contact SMAC at 800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org to register.
*July 21 Swift County Concert Band*, 7:00 pm, Riverview Park, **Appleton**. Part of the Appleton '52 Wing Restoration Committee's Summer Concert Series.

*July 22 Music at Central Park Market: Jerry Ostenson*, 5:00-6:00 pm, CW Reishus Park, **Cottonwood**.

*July 22 SMAC Grantwriting Workshop: Operating Support*, 5:30-6:30 pm, SW MN Arts Council, 114 N 3rd St, **Marshall**. Contact SMAC at 800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org to register.

*July 22 A Little Night Music: Southwest Minnesota Orchestra*, 7:00 pm, Liberty Park Band Shell, **Marshall**. Part of Marshall Area Fine Arts Council's A Little Night Music free summer concert series.

*July 23 Front Porch Music Series: Jazz with Ross & Pete*, 7:00 pm, Dinehart Holt Historic House Museum, 2812 Linden Ave, **Slayton**. Murray County Historical Society presents its Front Porch Music Series. Bad weather location: 4-H Hall on the County Fairgrounds.

*July 23-26 & July 29-August 2 "Fiddler on the Roof", Lake Benton Opera House, 118 E Benton St, **Lake Benton**. 7:30 pm: July 23-25, 29-August 1. 2:00 pm: July 26, August 1-2. Tevye, the father of five daughters, attempts to maintain his family and Jewish religious traditions while outside influences encroach upon their lives. Information at [http://lakebentonoperahouse.org/](http://lakebentonoperahouse.org/) or 507-368-4620.

*July 25 Walnut Grove Arts & Music Festival*, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm, City Park, **Walnut Grove**. Music, art demonstrations, family activities, re-enactments, food, and an arts and crafts sale.

*July 25-26 Minnesota Pottery Festival*, Clay Coyote Pottery, 17614 240th St, **Hutchinson**. Sat. 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Sunday 12:00-4:00 pm. Demonstrations, Potter's Olympics, a kids' tent, food, and 1000s of pots to choose from by over 20 potters from all over the US. Information at [www.mnpotteryfestival.com](http://www.mnpotteryfestival.com).

*July 26 South Dakota Old Time Fiddlers*, 3:00 pm, Pipestone Performing Arts Center, 104 E Main St, **Pipestone**. Info at 507-825-2020 or pipestoneminnesota.com/artscenter/index.htm.

*July 26 Music in the Park: Mill Pond Jazz Quartet*, 4:00 pm, City Park, **Spicer**. Concessions are served by a non-profit organization. Bring your own chairs or blankets.

*July 27 SMAC Grant Application Deadline: Art Projects & Art Legacy Projects*. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

*July 27 Crow River Area Youth Orchestra*, 7:00 pm, Christ the King Lutheran Church, **Hutchinson**.

*July 27 Music on Mondays: Scooter D -- Trippin' on the Strings*, 7:00 pm, Central Park, **Canby**. Food available starting at 6:00 pm. Organized by Canby Arts Council.

*July 28 SMAC Grantwriting Workshop: Operating Support*, 5:30-6:30 pm, Willmar Area Arts Council, 321 4th St SW, **Willmar**. Contact SMAC at 800-622-5284 or info@swmnarts.org to register.

*July 28 Route 68 Big Band*, 7:00 pm, Riverview Park, **Appleton**. Part of the Appleton '52 Wing Restoration Committee's Summer Concert Series.

*July 29 Music at Central Park Market: DJ Cal Teske/Prairie Arts Chorale*, 5:00-6:00 pm, CW Reishus Park, **Cottonwood**.

*July 22 A Little Night Music: Kimmel & Granger*, 7:00 pm, Liberty Park Band Shell, **Marshall**. Dick Kimmel & Adam Granger perform bluegrass music as part of Marshall Area Fine Arts Council's A Little Night Music free summer concert series.

*July 29-August 2 "Fiddler on the Roof", Lake Benton Opera House, 118 E Benton St, **Lake Benton**. 7:30 pm: 29-August 1. 2:00 pm: August 1-2. Information at [http://lakebentonoperahouse.org/](http://lakebentonoperahouse.org/) or 507-368-4620.

*July 30 Front Porch Music Series, 7:00 pm*, Dinehart Holt Historic House Museum, 2812 Linden Ave, **Slayton**. Bad weather location: 4-H Hall on the County Fairgrounds.

*July 31 SMAC Grant Application Deadline: Equipment & Facilities <5,000*. Applications must be submitted by 4:30 pm.

**GALLERIES**

*Gallery*. 114 N 3rd St, Marshall. July 9-August 28: Jedd Peters, pottery. Reception July 9, 5:00-7:00 pm. Live music by trombonist John Ginocchio from 5:30-6:30 pm. Visit the gallery Monday through Friday from 8:00 am -noon and 1:00 - 4:30 pm.

Carnegie Cultural Center. 205 N Freeman, Luverne. Hours are Tues – Fri, 12 - 5 PM and Sat 1-4 PM. For more info, email cahrc@outlook.com or call 507-283-8294.

Clay Coyote Pottery. 17614 240th St, Hutchinson. Hours are Mon - Sat 10 - 5 PM; Sunday Noon - 4 PM, or, call ahead for an appointment, 320-587-2599. Check out www.claycoyote.com or email Betsy & Tom at claypot@hutchtel.net.

*Hutchinson Center for the Arts. 15 Franklin St SW, Hutchinson. July 6-August 6: David Hamlow, “Speculative Equivalent”. Reception July 8, 5:30-7:30 pm. Gallery Hours: Mon –Thurs 10:00 am—5:00 pm. Info at 320-587-7278 or www.hutchinsonarts.org.

*KK Berge Gallery (Granite Area Arts Council). 807 Prentice Street, Granite Falls. July 1-August 14: David Pates, “Reflections”, photography. Reception & Artist Talk July 16, 7:00 pm. Gallery hours Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Info at 320-564-4240 or www.facebook.com/GraniteAreaArtsCouncil.

*Marshall Area Fine Arts Council (MAFAC). 109 N 3rd St, Marshall. June 30-August 7: Glenn Horky, wood & stone carvings. Reception: July 12, 2:00-4:00 pm. Gallery Hours: Tues - Fri Noon - 5:30 pm, Sat 11:00 am—3:00 pm. Info at 507-532-5463 or www.mafac.net.


Nobles County Art Center. 407 12th St, Worthington. July: Bobbie Ailsgaard-Lien, paintings. Hours: M-F 2:00-4:30 pm. Information at 507-372-8245 or on Facebook: Nobles County Art Center.


Ridgewater College Gallery—Hutchinson. Adjacent to Commons, 2 Century Avenue SE, Hutchinson. Info at www.ridgewater.edu or 320-234-8518.


Robert Remick Gallery/Cottonwood County Historical Society. 812 Fourth Avenue, Windom. May 3—September 5: “Wood and Wool: A Sampson Family Odyssey”. Gallery Hours: Mon - Fri 8 - 4 PM & Sat 10 - 4 PM. For more info, call 507-831-1134 or email cchs@windomnet.com.

Tokheim Pottery. 2057 361st Ave, Dawson. Visit www.tokheim-stoneware.com for more info about the gallery or call 320-769-2142 or email info@tokheim-stoneware.com.


*Willmar Education and Arts Center (WEAC). 611 5th St SW, Willmar. Info at 320-235-8560 or willmarareaartscouncil.org.

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Grants For Arts Organizations:

**Art Project Grants (3 rounds of funding):** Provides organizations in the SMAC region with up to $5,000 in matching funds to stimulate and encourage the creation, performance and appreciation of the arts (pre-packaged theatre residencies limited to $750). 20% cash match required.
- Round I deadline: July 27, 2015 (earliest start date: Sept 15, 2015)
- Round II deadline: December 14, 2015 (earliest start date: Feb. 15, 2016)
- Round III deadline: March 11, 2016 (earliest start date: May 15, 2016)

**Art Legacy Project Grants (3 rounds of funding):** Provides organizations in the SMAC region with up to $20,000 in matching funds to stimulate and encourage the creation, performance and appreciation of the arts through large-scale projects that will leave an arts legacy in southwest Minnesota. 20% cash match required.
- Round I deadline: July 27, 2015 (earliest start date: September 15, 2015)
- Round II deadline: December 14, 2015 (earliest start date: February 15, 2016)
- Round III deadline: March 11, 2016 (earliest start date: May 15, 2016)

**Art Legacy Project Planning Grants (monthly):** Provides organizations with up to $2,000 to finalize the plans for a specific large-scale project or activity that will create or advance a strong arts legacy in Minnesota. 20% cash match required.
- First-come, first-served monthly deadline until all funds have been expended; deadline is 1st of each month, 4:30 pm - August 2015 through November 2015 and January 2016 through April 2016

**Arts Organization Development (monthly):** Provides community-based arts organizations in the SMAC region with up to $5,000 in matching funds to increase their long-term stability and capacity through organizational development and management projects. 20% cash match required.
- First-come, first-served monthly deadline until all funds have been expended; deadline is 1st of each month, 4:30 pm - August 2015 through November 2015 and January 2016 through April 2016

**Start Up Grants (monthly):** Provides newly formed art organizations up to $2,000 to develop articles of incorporation, by-laws, and apply for their 501(c)(3) status. NO cash match required.
- First-come, first-served monthly deadline until all funds have been expended; deadline is 1st of each month, 4:30 pm - August 2015 through November 2015 and January 2016 through April 2016

**Equipment/Facilities Grant (2 rounds of funding):** Provides community-based arts organizations with up to $5,000 in matching funds for the purchase of equipment items and facilities improvement that will improve the organization’s capacity to serve the arts needs of the SMAC region. 20% cash match required.
- Round I deadline: July 31, 2015 (earliest start date: September 15, 2015)
- Round II deadline: February 1, 2016 (earliest start date: March 15, 2016)

**Art Legacy Equipment/Facilities Grants:** Provides community-based arts organizations with $5,001 up to $15,000 in matching funds to art organizations for large-scale equipment & facilities improvements that will leave an arts legacy in Minnesota. 20% cash match required.
- Deadline: October 14, 2015 (earliest start date: December 15, 2015)

**Arts Organization Operating Support Grants:** Two year grants for arts organizations that have been designated by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) for a minimum of three years.
- Deadline: October 14, 2015 (Grants go into effect January 1, 2016)
Grants for Artists:

**Individual Artist - Developing Artist Grants (2 rounds of funding):** Provides up to $1,500 to aid emerging artists at an early stage of their career development. No match requirements.
- Round I deadline: September 15, 2015 (earliest start date: November 15, 2015)
- Round II deadline (*Tentative only if funds available*): February 19, 2016 (earliest start date: April 15, 2016)

**Individual Artist - Established Career Artist Grants (2 rounds of funding):** Provides up to $5,000 to aid established career artists in the advanced stage of their career development with projects that will advance their career. No match requirements.
- Round I deadline: September 15, 2015 (earliest start date: November 15, 2015)
- Round II deadline (*Tentative only if funds available*): February 19, 2016 (earliest start date: April 15, 2016)

**Individual Artist - Established Career Grants with a Legacy-level project (2 rounds of funding):** Provides up to $7,000 to aid established career artists in the advanced stage of their career development with projects that leave an arts legacy in Minnesota. No match requirements.
- Round I deadline: September 15, 2015 (earliest start date: November 15, 2015)
- Round II deadline (*Tentative only if funds available*): February 19, 2016 (earliest start date: April 15, 2016)

**Art Study Opportunity for Youth Grants:** Up to $500 to aid in the development of young artists in grades 5 – 12 for an enrichment camp or specialty study. Standard weekly lessons are allowed only for those students who qualify for the federal free or reduced lunch program. No match requirements.
- Deadline: March 31, 2016 (earliest start date: May 15, 2016)

Grants for Schools:

**Arts in the Schools Grant (2 rounds of funding):** Grants to schools for artist residencies or arts-related field trips that include educator training and community involvement. Up to $2000 (field trips), or $4,000 (residencies). No cash match required.
- Round I deadline: October 22, 2015 (earliest start date: December 15, 2015)
- Round II deadline: January 15, 2016 (earliest start date: March 15, 2016)

Special Awards:

**2016 Prairie Star Award:** This award ($5,000) was established to provide awareness and recognition every other year of one artist from southwest Minnesota whose body of work best exemplifies the highest quality of art in the SMAC region. SMAC is accepting nominations in 2016.
- Nomination Deadline: April 15, 2016

**2016 Prairie Disciple Award (Educators Only):** This award ($500) acknowledges one person who has been instrumental in promoting the arts in the 18-county area of southwestern Minnesota. In 2016, SMAC is accepting nominations of teachers/educators only.
- Nomination Deadline: April 15, 2016