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Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC) Announces new Humanities Grant Recipients

Sites across Minnesota receive funds to support humanities-based work

July 13, 2018 – Saint Paul, Minn. – The Minnesota Humanities Center (MHC) is pleased to announce the recipients of a new slate of minigrants designed to support and amplify existing humanities-based work around the state.

These 26 grantees will collectively receive \$180,042 in funds to continue good work on existing projects to amplify stories and identities in Minnesota that have been silenced, left out, marginalized, or otherwise absented from our education and public awareness. Grantees represent a diversity of projects and organizations from around the state – with many metro-based projects also having a Greater Minnesota focus and/or component.

Grantees include:

- Ananya Dance Theatre – Minneapolis, MN
- Anne Sullivan Community School – Minneapolis, MN
- Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) MN Film Collective – Savage, MN
- Art to Change the World (ACW) – Minneapolis, MN
- BlackTableArts – Minneapolis, MN
- Children’s Theater Company (CTC) – Minneapolis, MN
- County Seat Theater of Carlton – Cloquet, MN
- Equity Alliance MN – Woodbury, MN
- Good Samaritan Society Luverne – Luverne, MN
- Great River Educational Arts Theatre – Waite Park, MN
- Gustavus Adolphus College – Saint Peter, MN
- Jamie Ratliff – Duluth, MN
- MIGIZI Communications – Minneapolis, MN
- Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board – Minneapolis, MN
- Minneapolis Public Schools – Minneapolis, MN
- Minnesota Community Action Association Resource Fund – Saint Paul, MN
- Minnesota Prison Writing Project – Minneapolis, MN
- Old School Arts Center – Sandstone, MN
- Pillsbury Arts Theatre – Minneapolis, MN
- Poetry for People – Minneapolis, MN
- Project for Pride in Living, Inc. – Minneapolis, MN
- Regents of the University of Minnesota – Minneapolis, MN
- Somali Museum of Minnesota – Minneapolis, MN
- St. James Public Schools – Saint James, MN
- Telling Queer History – Minneapolis, MN
- Thomas-Dale District 7 Planning Council – Saint Paul, MN

“Our role at MHC is to bring the humanities into the lives of all Minnesotans,” says Minnesota Humanities Center President & CEO, David O’Fallon. “Part of that is supporting the exemplary humanities work around the state that is working toward our mission to build a more thoughtful, literate, and engaged society. We are honored to be able to support the work of these 26 organizations to help bring people together using the power of the humanities.”

Projects supported by MHC’s minigrants include: two cross-disciplinary community dialogues about the role of artists of color as unseen members of the avant garde; a 10-session critical literacy residency in three elementary classrooms using theatre arts, oral storytelling, and creative writing to question and re-imagine stories; an interactive rural writing workshop about the notion of home for seniors living in housing with services and assisted living; a print anthology of students’ writing that amplifies the voices of incarcerated Minnesotans; and much more.

“We applied for this grant to create an opportunity for incarcerated men and women to contribute to a print anthology edited by their peers,” says Mike Alberti of the Minnesota Prison Writing Project. “We see this project as a part of our mission to bridge the gap between the literary communities that are thriving inside and outside of Minnesota’s state prisons. We’re grateful to the Minnesota Humanities Center for partnering with us in this important work.”

For additional information about these minigrants, source funding, project details, and more, visit www.mnhum.org.

About the Minnesota Humanities Center

Founded in 1971, the Minnesota Humanities Center is a statewide nonprofit organization and full service event center located in Saint Paul, Minnesota. The Humanities Center offers a new way to think about our future, grounded in the humanities, and collaborates with organizations and individuals to develop programs that facilitate and frame conversations and strengthen connections. The Humanities Center works to bring into public life the authentic voices of all people, especially those that have been absent or marginalized. The Humanities Center is a resource for the state of Minnesota and is affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The mission of the Minnesota Humanities Center is to build a thoughtful, literate, and engaged society. More information available at: mnhum.org or on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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