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GLTArchitects Announces 2007-2008 Architects for the Arts Grants

St. Cloud, Minn., February 6, 2008 — Grooters Leapaldt Tideman Architects awarded six Architects for the Arts grants to area schools and arts organizations pursuing arts education for K-12 students in the geographic area served by St. Cloud, Sartell-St. Stephen, Sauk Rapids-Rice, and Rocori school districts. Award recipients received grant dollars at the annual award ceremony to support their artistic efforts. They include the following:

District 742 – St. Cloud Schools

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - \$500.00

Grant submitted by: Dan Anderson, Principal

- Support for Artist in Residence Program in partnership with the Central Minnesota Arts Academy of the St. Cloud Symphony Orchestra. Students and teachers in grades 3-5 will work with artists from the areas of Theater, Visual Arts, Music and Dance for 3, 3-week sessions in each grade level.

District 47 – Sauk Rapids-Rice Schools

RICE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - \$500.00

Grant submitted by: Donna Buckner, Teacher

- 57 third grade students will hand-build 2-3 ceramic bowls using slab, coil, and drop mold techniques. Students will work with clay in all stages, and they will be fired at the school and at the artist's studio. Each child will keep one bowl and the remaining bowls will be donated to the Empty Bowls fundraising project, which will be held in St. Cloud on March 30, 2008.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL, SARTELL - \$500.00

Grant submitted by: Linda Wilfahrt, Principal

- Minnesota children's poet, Bruce Lansky will visit the school to broaden students' experience of the arts. Prior to the poet's visit, students read books by the author and draw illustrations for a book. When the author visits, students are knowledgeable about the author's work and are prepared to benefit from the experience.

District 748 – Sartell-St. Stephen Schools

OAK RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - \$500.00

Grant submitted by: Kim Killmer, Teacher

- Prairie Fire Children's Theatre, from Barrett, MN, will provide a week-long experience in drama for 75 students in grades 3-4 in a production of *A Mid-Summer Night's Dream*. Workshops will teach "creative dramatic" skills to 90 additional students in grades 2-4.

ST. CLOUD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - \$500.00

Grant submitted by: Laura Knutson, Art teacher

- Artist, Mary Lou Ellison, will plan, advise and assist secondary students in painting a mural on a classroom wall. The mural will be a world map that looks 3-D and has artistic images interspersed.

ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL/ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL ELEMENTARY - \$500.00

Grant submitted by: Juliana Elchert, Media Specialist

- All students will learn American folk dances, which express our heritage. A pizza night and a community dance/hoedown will be open to all families and to the public. Area folk musicians and student musicians from Cathedral High School/John XXIII will be invited to participate.

The goal of the Architects for the Arts program is to support fine arts education for young people in Central Minnesota and to encourage business support of the arts. The program awards a total of \$3,000 in grants each year to area organizations that provide arts education to K-12 students. A total of \$30,000 in grants has been awarded in the program since its inception 10 years ago.

GLTArchitects' "Architects for the Arts" provides annual awards through an application process. For more information or a copy of the grant application, contact GLTArchitects at (320) 252-3740 or visit our firm's web site at www.gltarchitects.com.

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