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### **LowellArts announces an additional \$11,800 in PROJECTS funding in MCACA Minigrants for Fiscal Year 2021**

LOWELL, MI – Through the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) Minigrant Program, LowellArts awarded an additional **\$11,800** for **ARTS PROJECTS** to six organizations for projects beginning after March 1, 2021 and completing by September 30, 2021.

Organizations could request up to \$4,000 for locally developed, high quality arts and cultural projects, which are special opportunities to address local arts and cultural needs and increase public access to arts and culture. These grants support a broad range of artistic expression from all cultures through projects which preserve, produce or present traditional or contemporary arts and culture and arts education. The grants provide support for the production, presentation and creation of excellent arts and culture programs that promote public engagement, diversity, lifelong learning and help to enhance the livability of communities.

#### **The following six organizations received ARTS PROJECTS awards:**

| <b>ORGANIZATION</b>                   | <b>COUNTY</b> | <b>GRANT AWARD</b> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| City of Ewart DDA                     | Osceola       | \$1,175            |
| City of Greenville                    | Montcalm      | \$2,310            |
| City of Hastings                      | Barry         | \$2,315            |
| Earful of Fiddle Music and Dance Camp | Mecosta       | \$2,000            |
| Lake County Historical Society        | Lake          | \$2,000            |
| The Diatribe                          | Kent          | \$2,000            |

LowellArts serves as one of the regional regranteeing agencies for the MCACA for eight counties in Region 4B: of Barry, Ionia, Kent, Lake, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo and Osceola. The Minigrant applications are reviewed by a panel of artists and organizational leaders from the region using criteria set by the MCACA.

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LowellArts Mission: Connecting Artists and Audiences through the Visual and Performing Arts.

LowellArts stated purpose is: to encourage the understanding, appreciation, and importance of the arts in the schools and communities we serve, and to provide expression and enjoyment of the arts to all segments of these communities.

LowellArts is a 501(c)3 designated nonprofit organization. The purpose of a nonprofit is to provide programs and services identified by its community and defined by the nonprofit's mission. LowellArts believes that the arts are an integral part of our quality of life.

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