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### **Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo Announces 2015 Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Minigrant Awards**

The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo (ACGK) announces the 2015 Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) minigrant awards. Twenty-four applications were submitted, requesting \$67,177 in funds, and of those, fifteen were selected to receive funding totaling \$33,700, the maximum funding available.

MCACA coordinates grants to arts and culture organizations, cities and municipalities, and other nonprofit organizations to encourage, develop and facilitate an enriched environment of artistic, creative and cultural activity in Michigan. The MCACA Regional Regranting Program funds local organizations with project minigrants of up to \$4,000 and professional development grants of up to \$1,500. ACGK serves as one of ten regional regranting agencies for MCACA. The region served (Region 8) includes the following seven counties: Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren.

<b>Grant Recipient</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Award</b>
Bloomington Elementary School	Van Buren	\$3,600.00
Carnegie Center Council for the Arts, Inc.	St. Joseph	\$1,000.00
Center Stage Theatre, Inc.	Kalamazoo	\$4,000.00
Children's Music Workshop	Berrien	\$4,000.00
Colon Elementary School	St. Joseph	\$900.00
Coury, Sarah	Kalamazoo	\$1,100.00
Friends of the Bohm Theatre	Calhoun	\$1,100.00
Kalamazoo Children's Chorus	Kalamazoo	\$1,500.00
Kalamazoo County Juvenile Home Schools ILC	Kalamazoo	\$3,900.00
The Kalamazoo Singers	Kalamazoo	\$1,000.00
Kids 'N' Stuff Children's Museum	Calhoun	\$1,500.00
Leila Arboretum Society, Inc.	Calhoun	\$3,600.00
Miller Auditorium	Kalamazoo	\$1,500.00
New Buffalo Fine Arts Council	Berrien	\$1,000.00
Swingin' at the Shell	Calhoun	\$4,000.00

For more information on the funded projects or questions regarding re-granting programs of the Arts Council, contact Sara Jean Kwapien, Assistant Director of Administration at [sjkwapien@kalamazooarts.org](mailto:sjkwapien@kalamazooarts.org) or 269-492-1780.  
*The Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo is a nonprofit organization established in 1966, whose mission is to support, promote and fund the arts.*