SCANDINAVIAN FOLK ARTS AND CULTURAL TRADITIONS IN THE UPPER MIDWEST
PUBLIC PROGRAMS & COMMUNITY PROJECTS
2017/2018

Cris Anderson Productions, Minneapolis, MN
In support of an independent public television documentary about 83 year-old Danish-American master fiddler and button accordion player.

Folklore Village, Dodgeville, WI
In support of a series of summer hands-on workshops that highlight Scandinavian traditional arts at the Folk School at Folklore Village.

Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum, Decorah, IA
In support of creating a Scandinavian Handcraft Club for Kids that will teach the basics of rosemaling and weaving based upon the success of the model established by Vesterheim’s Whitling Klubb.

The Cedar Cultural Center, Inc., Minneapolis, MN
In support of the participation of Swedish folk rockers Høven Drøven at The Cedar’s three-day 10th Annual Global Roots Festival. Høven Drøven will also lead at least one educational activity, workshop, or discussion in the local Somali community each day during the festival.

2017/2018 Award total: 4 Awards

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Arts Midwest, Minneapolis, MN
In support of the participation of Norwegian musician Unni Boksasp and her ensemble at the 2019 Arts Midwest World Fest. The ensemble will conduct week-long residencies in Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin; Dubuque, Iowa; Red Wing, Minnesota; Pierre, South Dakota; and Dickinson, North Dakota.

Dawson-Boyd Arts Association, Dawson, MN
In support of artists’ fees and travel expenses for Scandinavian Folk Music Infusion!, a series of workshops and performances of Scandinavian and Scandinavian-American traditional folk music for elementary and high school music students as well as for adults and senior residents in rural western Minnesota.
Finlandia University Finnish & Nordic Studies Program, Hancock, MI
In support of Pelkie: A Century of Finnishness in the American Northwoods, a documentary film project detailing the folklife and history of Pelkie, a Finnish-American farming and logging community in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.

Museum of Danish America, Decorah, IA
In support of Nordic-American Culinary Arts: Documentation and Video Project, which will document traditional Nordic culinary arts within the Nordic-American communities of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The documentation will be available in Nordic archives in the region and will also be incorporated into a traveling exhibition.

Nisswa Stämman, Brainerd, MN
In support of Nisswa Stämman 20th Anniversary Nordic Folk Artist’s Workshops, a series of workshops celebrating, augmenting, and preserving Nordic traditional music and dance in which nine tradition-bearers from the Nordic countries and four U.S. masters will teach two two-hour workshops.

Wisconsin Teachers of Local Culture c/o Folklore Village, Madison, WI
In support of Scandinavian Folk Arts in the K-12 Classroom, a one-day professional development workshop that will introduce educators to Scandinavian-American traditional artists, offering insights on the cultural life of their communities and providing tools for identifying and integrating local culture resources into their curricula.

2018/2019 Award total: 6 Awards