



# Arts Midwest Invests \$95,135 in North Dakota

Arts Midwest’s visiting international musical ensembles reached nearly 5,000 school students in North Dakota through workshops and concerts in communities like Devils Lake and Dickinson. Photo by Shigeyo Henriquez.

In partnership with the **North Dakota Council on the Arts**, Arts Midwest provides audiences across **North Dakota** with enriching cultural experiences.

The North Dakota Council on the Arts and Arts Midwest have partnered for more than 30 years to bring high-quality creative experiences to North Dakotans. Our partnership fosters and supports vibrant and diverse communities throughout the state.

In FY18, Arts Midwest’s artistic programming served 5,388 youth and 2,035 adults from 19 communities across the State of North Dakota.

Arts Midwest’s professional development activities served 15 individuals from 8 cultural organizations across the State of North Dakota.

In total, Arts Midwest leveraged \$14,912 in state dues to provide \$95,135 in programs and services between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018, resulting in a **638% return on investment** to the state of North Dakota for the 2017–2018 programming cycle.



## 2018 NORTH DAKOTA OVERVIEW

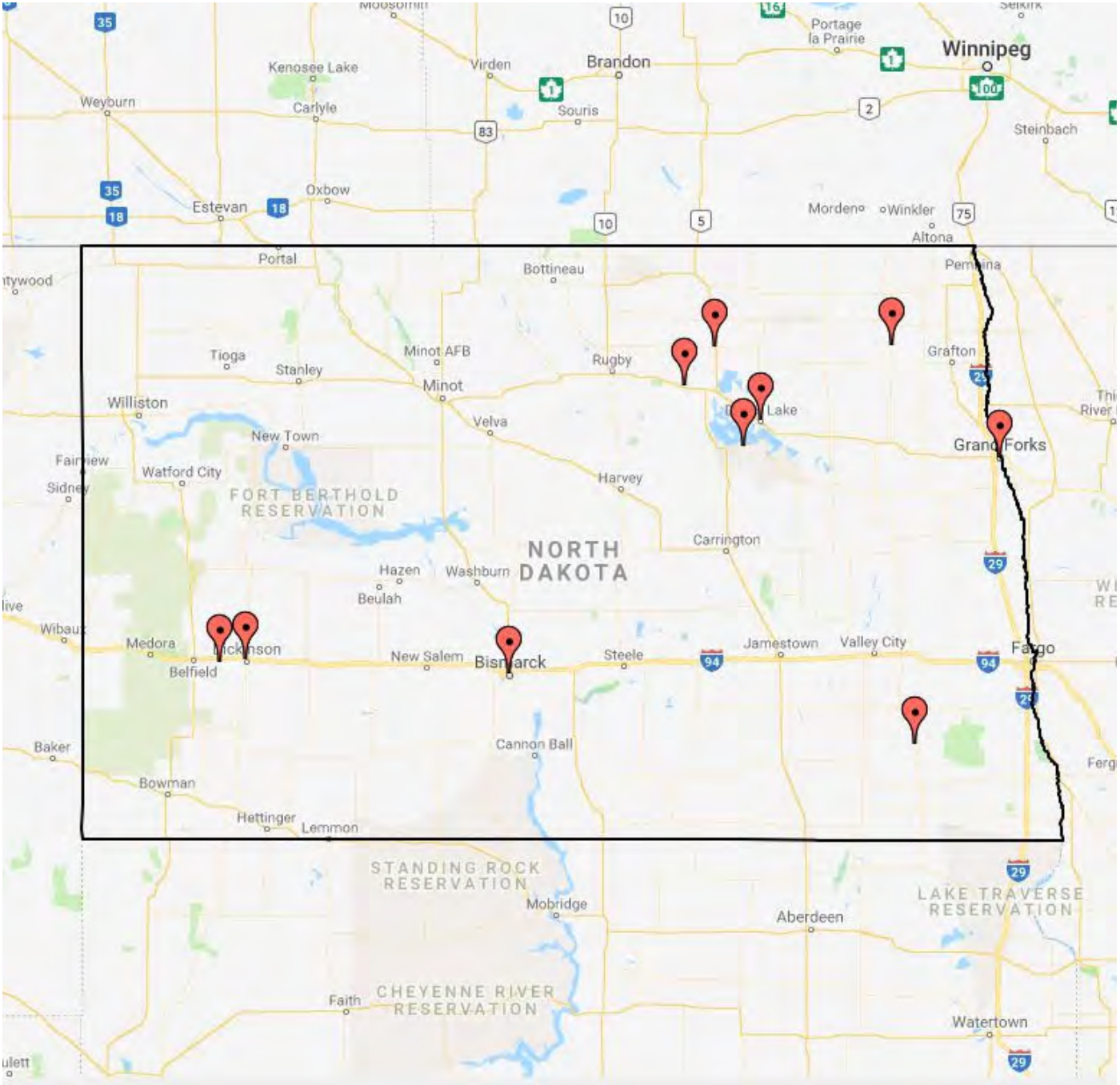
FY18 Arts Midwest Artistic Programming Serving North Dakota Residents					
Page	Program	Youth	Adults	Cities	Value
4	<b>Arts Midwest Touring Fund</b> Grants awarded to performing arts organizations in the state.	568	523	13	\$9,135
6	<b>Arts Midwest World Fest</b> First year of a \$100,000 two-year investment in international artist residencies.	2,585	865	2	\$50,000
8	<b>Arts Midwest Folkefest</b> First year of a \$50,000 two-year investment in residencies with artists from Nordic countries.	2,235	647	4	\$25,000
<b>Totals</b>		<b>5,388</b>	<b>2,035</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>\$84,135</b>

FY18 Arts Midwest Professional Development Activities Serving North Dakota Organizations				
Page	Activity	Individuals	Organizations	Value
10	<b>Arts Midwest Conference</b> Provided professional development and critical business and networking opportunities.	1	1	-
11	<b>ArtsLab</b> Provided intensive organizational development and leadership training to participants.	11	6	\$11,000
12	<b>SAA Leadership Development</b> Arts Midwest provided SAA leadership with retreats, professional development, networking opportunities, monthly meetings, and attendance at national conferences.	3	1	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$11,000</b>

## 2018 IMPACT ACROSS NORTH DAKOTA

Arts Midwest grants and partnerships with North Dakota communities provided programming that touched the lives of thousands of individuals of all ages in both urban and rural communities.

This map details the communities reached by Arts Midwest programs in FY18.



## ARTS MIDWEST TOURING FUND



**New York Kammermusiker performance with the Grand Forks County Historical Society. Photo courtesy of Grand Forks County Historical Society.**

The Arts Midwest Touring Fund provides financial support to arts organizations in the Midwest to present work by touring artists.

Arts Midwest Touring Fund engages people in meaningful experiences with the fine arts of dance, music, theater or musical theater, and other performing arts forms. When we share creative experiences, we build powerful connections with the people we are closest to, with our community and the world around us, and with ourselves.

Grants of up to \$4,000 are awarded to performing arts organizations to bring professional performances to their community. Engagements feature a public performance and community activity and reach an audience with limited access to the arts fostering exchange between artist and community.



**Cabaret workshop with Santino Fontana at Central High School. Photo courtesy of Empire Arts Center in Grand Forks, ND.**

## 2018 ARTS MIDWEST RETURN ON INVESTMENT REPORT: NORTH DAKOTA

In FY18, North Dakota audiences experienced vibrant performances—from intricate orchestral music to energetic dance—and participated in community-driven activities. In the 2017–2018 performance season, **Arts Midwest awarded \$9,135 to 4 performing arts organizations in North Dakota.** These activities reached 2 communities through 6 public performances and 5 engagement events.

FY18 Arts Midwest Touring Fund Grants – North Dakota					
Congressional District	Grantee	City	Grant	Artist	
At large	North Dakota Museum of Art	Grand Forks	\$3,000	Telegraph Quartet	
At large	Empire Arts Center	Grand Forks	\$2,550	Santino Fontana	
At large	Grand Forks County Historical Society	Grand Forks	\$2,100	New York Kammermusiker	
At large	Sheyenne Fine Arts Association	Lisbon	\$1,485	Derik Nelson & Family	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$9,135</b>		

## ARTS MIDWEST WORLD FEST



Japanese ensemble Ondekoza reached 1,435 students in North Dakota through Taiko drumming concerts and workshops like this one in Dickinson, North Dakota. Photo by Shigeyo Henriquez.

Arts Midwest World Fest connects small and mid-sized Midwestern communities to world cultures through week-long residencies with international musicians.

Arts Midwest World Fest’s goal is to foster an understanding of and appreciation for global uniqueness and differences. Over a two-year cycle, four global musical ensembles engage with communities across the Midwest through activities that include public concerts, K-12 school workshops, and community outreach activities such as family and senior citizen workshops and master classes.

Committed to reaching communities that have limited access to high-quality international arts and education programming, Arts Midwest invests approximately \$100,000 to bring this program to North Dakota for the two-year cycle. Communities are responsible only for local costs like lodging, busing, concert venue expense, local administration/marketing, and modest hospitality requirements.

Over the 2017–2019 Arts Midwest World Fest cycle, Dickinson, North Dakota, is hosting 4 engaging educational and performance residencies featuring **Manhu** (China); **Ondekoza** (Japan); **Sofi & the Baladis** (Israel); and **Unni Boksasp Ensemble** (Norway). Since the program’s inception in 2003, we have toured 28 international ensembles to the Midwest. We have brought tours to 8 partner communities (and multiple neighboring towns) in North Dakota.

“This has been an amazing week (despite the snow!) with several workshops reaching over 1600 students and families throughout the community. Having been at all the workshops, let me just say that you are in for a real treat with this concert! The five-member ensemble features the delicate and soulful sounds of the shakuhachi and the sheer power of the taiko drums.”

—Jeremy Wohletz, Assistant Professor of Music, Dickinson State University

2018 ARTS MIDWEST RETURN ON INVESTMENT REPORT: NORTH DAKOTA

<b>Sofi &amp; the Baladis (Israel): Fall 2017 activities – North Dakota</b>				
Location	City	Description	Adults	Youth
Ramada Grand Dakota Lodge	Dickinson	Meet and Greet Reception	20	0
Dickinson Middle School	Dickinson	Workshop with 7th and 8th grade music students	10	200
Dickinson Middle School	Dickinson	Workshop with entire 6th grade	10	300
Dickinson State University	Dickinson	Workshop for 5th graders from Dickinson Public School	5	200
Trinity High School	Dickinson	Workshop for jr. and sr. high students	15	200
Dickinson State University	Dickinson	Global Table discussion for college students	50	0
Dickinson State University	Dickinson	Workshop for 4th graders of Dickinson Public Schools	5	225
Dickinson State University	Dickinson	Workshop open to the Dickinson Community	15	5
Dickinson State University	Dickinson	Workshop for DSU music students	12	0
Dickinson State University	Dickinson	Performance - open to the community	110	20
<b>Totals</b>			<b>252</b>	<b>1,150</b>

<b>Ondekoza (Japan): Spring 2018 activities – North Dakota</b>				
Location	City	Description	Adults	Youth
Trinity High School	Dickinson	Workshop with junior/senior high students at Trinity	10	250
Roosevelt Elementary	Dickinson	Workshop for Roosevelt and Heart River elementary schools	15	300
Dickinson State University	Dickinson	Workshop/Discussion at DSU Global Table	60	0
Dickinson State University	Dickinson	Workshop for Lincoln, Jefferson, and Prairie Rose elementary schools	10	300
Dickinson State University	Dickinson	Performance	400	200
South Heart public school	South Heart	Workshop at South Heart school district	15	350
Dickinson State University	Dickinson	Speak with DSU music students	10	0
Dickinson Public Library	Dickinson	Community workshop	75	35
Ramada Inn	Dickinson	Welcome Reception	18	-
<b>Totals</b>			<b>613</b>	<b>1,435</b>

## ARTS MIDWEST FOLKEFEST



Performances by Finnish musical ensemble Kardemimmit were front page news in Devils Lake, North Dakota during last year’s Arts Midwest World Fest. Photo by Kardemimmit.

### Bringing traditional Nordic music to rural communities in the Upper Midwest

Arts Midwest Folkefest deepens awareness of the Scandinavian traditions, heritage, and history of the Upper Midwest through week-long residencies with traditional Nordic musical ensembles.

Beginning in fall 2017, Arts Midwest Folkefest is presenting residencies in small communities in six Midwestern states that experienced a significant influx of Scandinavian immigrants during the 1800s and 1900s and bear signs of this heritage today.

Over the 2017–2019 Arts Midwest Folkefest cycle, Devils Lake, North Dakota, is hosting two engaging educational and performance residencies that feature **Kardemimmit** (Finland) and **Emilia Amper Band** (Sweden).

Through the generosity of our funders, Arts Midwest invests approximately \$50,000 to bring this program to North Dakota for the two-year cycle.

“The reaction from the elementary schools was priceless. Kardemimmit actually received a standing ovation from the Middle School students, this never happens.”

—Kim Hatten, Executive Secretary at Arts Council of the Lake Region



2018 ARTS MIDWEST RETURN ON INVESTMENT REPORT: NORTH DAKOTA

<b>Kardemimmit (Finland): Spring 2018 activities – North Dakota</b>				
<b>Location</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Youth</b>
St. Joseph Catholic School	Devils Lake	Workshop for Elementary School students	14	125
Devils Lake Middle School	Devils Lake	Workshop for Middle School students grades 5 - 8	75	500
Sweetwater Elementary School	Devils Lake	Workshop for Elementary School students grades 1 - 4	32	260
Bethel Evangelical Free Church	Devils Lake	Public Performance	250	10
Devils Lake High School	Devils Lake	Workshop for High School students grades 9 -12	85	470
Leeds Public School	Leeds	Workshop for school students,staff & community grades K - 12	30	150
Minnie H Elementary School	Devils Lake	Workshop for kindergarten center, only kindergarten students	26	150
Prairie View School Elementary School	Devils Lake	Workshop for Elementary School students grades 1-4	42	290
RadioWorks Radio Station	Devils Lake	Record a radio spot to air the day before the concert	4	0
Corry & Dr Kristen Kenner	Devils Lake	Welcome reception for the group	9	0
North Star Public School	Cando	Workshop for school, students, staff &	40	280
TottenTrail Historic Inn Bed & Breakfast	Ft Totten	Traditional Ugandan Supper presented for Kardimmit and the ND Council on Arts quarterly meeting held in Devils Lake. Presented by Drs Rich & Rita Nalubaga-Johnson	40	0
<b>Totals</b>			<b>647</b>	<b>2,235</b>

## ARTS MIDWEST CONFERENCE



Attendees visited the 2017 Arts Midwest Conference from across the globe. Photo by Terry Gilliam.

### The Midwest’s preeminent performing arts booking and education conference.

The only meeting of its kind in the Midwest, our Conference is committed to connecting arts administrators, strengthening the Midwest’s performing arts industry, and promoting the vibrant local arts scene in the Conference city. To those ends, in 2017, Arts Midwest welcomed a record number of attendees to our 30<sup>th</sup> annual Conference, totaling 1,104 individuals. Arts

professionals convened in Columbus, Ohio, from August 28–31<sup>st</sup> to network, conduct business, access in-depth professional development sessions, experience live performances, and gain new insights into the world of performing arts touring and presenting. **One individual attended from North Dakota.**

#### 2017 Arts Midwest Conference Attendees – North Dakota

Organization	City
North Dakota Council on the Arts	Bismarck

## ARTSLAB



**ArtsLab provides professional development and networking opportunities in order to build long-term capacity for Midwestern arts organizations. Photo courtesy of the Iowa Arts Council.**

ArtsLab strengthens the impact of arts organizations in urban and rural communities through leadership and strategy development.

ArtsLab seeks to nurture a vibrant regional arts ecosystem that ensures our cultural leaders have the skills, ideas, and mindset of adaptability and resiliency needed to thrive in a world of continuous change. Through in-depth training and peer-to-peer learning, ArtsLab cultivates a more effective and viable arts sector poised for community engagement.

To those ends, Arts Midwest invested \$11,000 in North Dakota ArtsLab programming benefitting **eight North Dakota organizations who participated in FY18 in the following cohort.**

### **Prairie States: Building Resiliency, Adapting to Change**

In FY2018, ArtsLab concluded the Prairie States cohort, which convened arts organizations from North Dakota, South Dakota, and Iowa to explore sustainable business models. Through this cohort, organizational teams explored relevancy within community, leadership development, financial and resource development, and organizational infrastructure. Participants received a toolkit for use in continuing learning within their local communities, developed a strategy roadmap, and crafted a compelling story of their vision, values, and identity. Over the course of the seven month program, participants attended two 2.5 day retreats, as well as monthly webinar workshops.

<b>Prairie States: Building Resiliency, Adapting to Change – North Dakota</b>			
Organization	City	Organization	City
Bismarck Art and Galleries Association	Bismarck	Empire Arts Center, Grand Forks	Grand Forks
Lake Region Heritage Center	Devils Lake	Greater Grand Forks Community Theatre	Grand Forks
The Arts Partnership	Fargo	Northern Valley Youth Orchestras	Grand Forks
Fargo Moorhead Symphony Orchestra	Fargo	Three Rivers Arts Council	Wahpeton

## LEADERSHIP

Arts Midwest draws on the insight, skills, and expertise of the Midwest arts community to inform and shape our programs and to ensure that our services nurture leadership among arts organizations.

Each year Arts Midwest convenes a summit of the state arts agency executive directors representing Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. In 2018, Arts Midwest expanded this summit to include a half-day training on accessibility and inclusion in the arts, creating an opportunity for accessibility coordinators and executive directors to delve into this important topic together.

Additionally, Arts Midwest hosts six bi-monthly phone calls each year for the leadership of the nine state art agencies in the region.

Through this effort, Kim Konikow, executive director of the North Dakota Council on the Arts, along with key staff members participate in leadership development and knowledge sharing with key professionals in the public art sector.

Leadership Activities – North Dakota		
Date	Activity	SAA Attendees Supported by Arts Midwest
August 28 – 31, 2017	Arts Midwest Conference	Amy Schmidt
October 11-13, 2017	National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA)	Amy Schmidt
January 25, 2018	Arts Midwest SAA Directors Summit	Kim Konikow
January 25, 2018	Accessibility Training	Kim Konikow, Amy Schmidt
January 26, 2018	Accessibility Coordinator Meeting	Amy Schmidt

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Arts Midwest is pleased to offer these programs and services to North Dakota. For additional information on Arts Midwest programs and services beyond those opportunities listed in this report, please contact Chelsea Brown at 612-341-0755 or [chelsea@artsmidwest.org](mailto:chelsea@artsmidwest.org).