

2017 Round 1 Cultural STAR Interview Schedule : March 27th , 2017

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	Organization Name	Proposal Title	Summary
8:30 AM	Alchemy LLC	LightHotel	<p>60% of Minnesotans live in the Twin Cities and half of their energy use is consumed by buildings. The LightHotel personalizes and celebrates a more sustainable future in housing. Alchemy moves the efficient and luxe LightHotel around the city - to places both celebrated and ignored - using urban ecotourism as a fun, tangible experience in sustainable living.</p> <p>An engaging online dashboard will map the LightHotel location and itinerary and encourage guests to chronicle their experiences. By connecting this dashboard via social media, guests participate in a community conversation that enlightens and educates about conservation and sustainability.</p> <p>Cultural STAR funding would be used for programming, transportation, and online connectivity.</p>
8:37 AM	American Composers Forum	Landmark to Lowertown Lunchtime Concert Series	<p>ACF's Landmark to Lowertown Lunchtime Series happens in public spaces in downtown St. Paul, meeting an unmet cultural need in St. Paul for more free and accessible workday cultural experiences targeting the downtown workforce and population. Cultural STAR funds would be used to compensate composers and performers. Project objectives include: infuse noontime/daytime downtown St. Paul's unlikely places with new music; make music accessible to St. Paul artists, workers, students, and residents by intersecting with other cultural happenings and/or high pedestrian traffic zones; and increase awareness of the importance of cultural vitality in St. Paul.</p>
8:45 AM	Artspace Projects, Inc.	Artspace Lowertown Artist Space Needs	<p>Artspace is proposing a consulting scope of work to evaluate the Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) building in the Lowertown neighborhood to inform possible development for this site as a mixed-use art space that could include artist studios, work space, and commercial and retail space for the arts and culture sector.</p>
8:52 AM	Asian Economic Development Association	2017 Little Mekong Night Market	<p>The Little Mekong Night Market is an annual outdoor, all-ages summer street festival celebrating Minnesota's Southeast Asian communities. Multidisciplinary special arts projects are offered to entertain festival goers from all walks of life and income levels. The event draws thousands of people to enjoy positive cross-cultural social interactions, multi-ethnic food offerings, performances, visual art, video, craft, and fun hands-on art making projects. Underrepresented artists with ties to the Frogtown and Summit-University (Rondo) neighborhoods use the Night Market as a venue to build audiences, present culturally-relevant art to diversify the city's arts offerings, and make Little Mekong a more socially and economically vibrant area.</p>
9:00 AM	Asian Media Access	Underpass TechPlus	<p>AMA seeks \$45,000 to support this total \$90,000 Creative Place Making Project - Underpass TechPlus. The project includes a series of workshops and 2-day multimedia installation and community engagement through Technology at the underpass tunnels at East 2nd Street and Jackson, connecting to the Shepard Rd.</p> <p>Artists will host a series of 4-6 workshops throughout St Paul focusing on immigration and refugee experience through visual story collection to be stylized further, and assemble these community creations with young artists, to create a series of animations as Digital Murals, and project them at the Underpass which symbolizes an unspeakable passage that now can be illustrated, and lead out to the communities for a brighter future.</p>
9:07 AM	Black Dog Cafe	Black Dog Music Program	<p>This grant would be used to pay professional musicians to play at the Black Dog Cafe in Lowertown, St Paul. The Black Dog hosts live music 6 nights a week. We would like to be able to offer all musicians a guarantee fee to play at the Black Dog. We recognize that artists are to be paid for their work and contributions to society. We are striving to create a model that works for the Black Dog as well as the Artist.</p>
9:15 AM	Capital City Properties	Wabasha Center Art Installation	<p>The first art installation will be a mural 50' high x 300' wide to grace the ramp on Cedar and 6th St. Its theme will be the face of today's youth hockey community in Minnesota. This mural has been designed and an artist has been commissioned. It will be complete and installed by end of year 2017. An exhibit demonstrating the concept is attached.</p> <p>The second art installation will be at street level on 6th St, with the theme of Native American culture. Its intent is to improve the pedestrian experience, and invite another cultural representation into the building's theme. We intend to partner with the building sponsor and the public art community to identify an artist and appropriate theme.</p> <p>We are requesting STAR funding for the mural.</p>

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9:22 AM	Oratorio Society of Minnesota	Better is Peace, The Music of Karl Jenkins	Oratorio Society of MN will present 'Better is Peace, The Music of Karl Jenkins' on Friday, Nov 10th, 2017 at the Ordway Concert Hall. This Veterans Day inspired programming seeks to honor the sacrifices of many through appeals for peace. The message conveyed is that the desire for peace is shared by all peoples. The Peacemakers- the opening selection features the word 'peace' in 21 languages. Additional selections include texts from world-famous peacemakers, including Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Gandhi, Rumi, Dalai Lama, and others. The Armed Man & Requiem- a Twin Cities premier. Our concert will include a high school choir from Rosemount. Funding will help cover the cost of The Ordway/staff, promotion activities, and organ rental
9:30 AM	BREAK		
9:37 AM	Celtic Junction Arts Center	CJAC Cultural Programming Jumpstart	<p>The project is designed to develop key staff, revamp our concert production apparatus, expand the scope of our programming and promote our new library.</p> <p>Funds will support our two key staff positions, Executive Director and Library Director, to allow them time to strategize and more systematically manage programming. Funds will support performer guarantees and contractor costs increasing show quality and turnout for a series of 6 curated concerts. Funds will support 6 new Irish arts community history exhibitions online and onsite that will establish this new format and promote our library.</p> <p>Project work will run from 5/17 to 10/18. Programming will take place at our building and on the CJAC website from 11/17 to 10/18.</p>
9:45 AM	Center for Hmong Arts and Talent	CHATFest	<p>The Center for Hmong Arts and Talent has organized 13 Hmong music/arts festivals with great success and we want to re-brand our concept as CHATFest.</p> <p>CHATFest will be a family friendly and culturally friendly event where we stress celebration of Hmong culture, arts, music and inclusion of other cultures and communities.</p> <p>We want to organize it at Phalen Lake on 8/13/2017. We will include family zones, booths to share Hmong folkart/modern art, Hmong music, foods, vendors selling Hmong products.</p>
9:52 AM	CRASH	Sight of Hand with The Saints	Baseball and art? The St. Paul Saints stadium is located smack-dab in the middle of the Lowertown arts district. Leave it to percussion group CRASH to find the musicality IN baseball. With "Sight of Hand," performers turn baseball coaching signals into percussive rhythms, clapping games and hamboning. This project comprises (1) a live performance at the Saints game between innings, resulting in (2) a high-energy music-video, filmed entirely at CHS Field. Using an actual Saints game as a backdrop, the video intercuts virtuosic percussion performance (rhythmic baseball signals) with real-life baseball signals from Saints coaches, real baseball plays and a live crowd cheering them on. We request funding only for the game-day event.
10:00 AM	Danger Boat Productions LLC	The Theater of Public Policy	<p>The Theater of Public Policy unpacks big issues and ideas using improv comedy. Every performance features an onstage conversation with a leading policy expert. At the conclusion of the conversation a cast of improvisers unpack the ideas onstage using the tools of improv. The result is a 75 minute show that is entertaining, informative, and thought provoking. We will present a season of five shows in St. Paul highlighting local issues.</p> <p>We are currently in conversation with several theaters in St. Paul, but have not finalized one that best fits our needs. Our production timeline will in part be decided on the dates available on the calendar of the theater we finalize. We start booking guests and rehearsing two months out.</p>

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10:07 AM	Dayton's Bluff District Four Community Council	7th Street Arts Corridor	Launching the E. 7th Arts Corridor begins by establishing a shared gallery, practice and making place for a collaborative of local artists. Together with DBCC, they will infuse the community with a cultural experience unmatched in the metro area. We will create safe, welcoming spaces for intergenerational community members to reconnect, practice, preserve and promote their cultural heritage through the arts. Up and down 7th Street murals and performances tell stories, sounds of traditional music with a modern fusion entertain and unite small crowds. Arts and cultures will be at the forefront, honoring the stories of elders, guiding and empowering youth who will lead the next generations and creating unity among diverse communities.
10:15 AM	Lyra	Lyra Baroque Orchestra Season Concerts, Family Concerts, and Outreach	A STAR grant will provide support for musician fees, travel, and administration for 1) three Lyra Baroque Orchestra Season concerts at Sundin Hall in St. Paul 2) three Lyra Baroque Orchestra Family Concerts at The Baroque Room in Lowertown; 3) three master classes at The Baroque Room in Lowertown; 4) Early Music Day, a collaboration with the St. Paul Conservatory of Music, Flying Forms and The Baroque Room, spring, 2018; and 5) marketing, administrative and staff time to support these programs. All concerts and educational activities will feature the highest caliber local, national, and international baroque experts as guest soloists, orchestra members, and instructors.
10:22 AM	Dayton's Bluff Neighborhood Housing Services (DBNHS)	East Side Works Rivoli Teen Concerts	A high quality summer/fall outdoor concert series curated by East Side teens and young adults. Mentored by Twin Cities professional concert and event promoters. Featuring hot and promising local talent. Designed for and by East Side residents. Welcoming destination audiences to get to know the neighborhood. Furthering racial, cultural and individual equity. Promoting social vibrancy, environmental sustainability and economic vitality. Hosted in the new Village on Rivoli public orchard. Supporting and building an East Side Works identity campaign to connect the proud traditions of East Side Saint Paul residents past, present and future.
10:30 AM	BREAK		
10:37 AM	District 2 Community Council	White Bear Avenue Parade	The District 2 Community Council is requesting funds from the Cultural STAR Grant Program to help subsidize band and musical unit participation in the Annual White Bear Avenue Parade on July 12, 2017. District 2 partners with the White Bear Avenue Business Association and Ramsey County Fair to produce the annual event in effort to promote a positive image of the Northeast neighborhoods and entire East Side of Saint Paul.
10:45 AM	District 6 Planning Council	Rice Street and Marydale Festivals	District 6 Planning Council is taking the lead on organizing the Rice Street Festival, the last weekend in July, which has existed over 100 years. Rice Street Festival has relied solely upon sponsorships, donations and fundraisers. Funding avenues have been decreasing while costs increase. District 6 is requesting Cultural STAR funds in the amount of \$6,000 to subsidize general costs related to the Rice Street Festival parade and Family Day. In 2016 District 6 Planning Council began hosting Marydale Festival the fourth Saturday in September. Marydale Festival is a local art fair which includes children's arts activities. Both Festivals promote a positive image and engage our local community.
10:52 AM	FLYING FOOT FORUM	CELEBRATING IN ST. PAUL: FLYING FOOT FORUM'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT	On June 11, 2018, Joe Chvala and the Flying Foot Forum will premiere their 25th Anniversary Concert at Park Square Theatre in downtown St. Paul. Playing thru July 8, 2018, the production celebrates the first fully Chvala-choreographed concert that brought FFF to the forefront of Twin Cities dance in 1993. The concert will play to 2000+ patrons, and reflect the wide and diverse palette of work that Chvala has generated over the company's 25 year history. His creative range has been described as "somewhere between Sammy Davis, Jr. and Samuel Beckett," and has earned him such titles as "Fred Astaire on acid" and "the Agnes DeMille of tap." STAR funding would be used to support artist fees for the project.

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11:00 AM	Germanic American Institute of Minnesota (GAI)	Deutsche Tage: Celebrating the Integration of German and Turkish Culture	The Germanic American Institute (GAI) requests \$7,500 to present Deutsche Tage (German Days) June 10-11, 2017 at GAI's historic location on Summit Avenue in St. Paul to an expected audience of 4,000. Deutsche Tage celebrates German arts and culture. This year, GAI will feature Turkish music, dance, and a master class as representative of today's multi-ethnic Germany where Turkish Germans are the largest ethnic minority. In partnership with the Turkish American Association of Minnesota (TAAM), GAI will showcase Makam Baklava, a band of world-class musicians performing Turkish music. TAAM community dancers will also perform and a master class on the Baglama will take place at the event. Deutsche Tage 2017 is free and open to the public
11:07 AM	Highland Business Association	Highland Fest Poetry Contest and Slam	The Highland Fest Poetry Contest Slam is a competition at which poets read or recite original work. The performances are then judged by a panel typically of five judges, often selected from the audience, or sometimes judged by audience response. The judges usually give each poem a score on a scale of 0-10 (zero being the worst, ten being the best). The highest and lowest scores are dropped and the middle three are kept. The highest score one can receive is a 30 and the lowest is a zero. We will can find dignitaries be judges and we will have the winner perform at the Highland Business Association annual meeting.
11:15 AM	Independent Filmmaker Project Minnesota	Tia-Simone Gardner Residency and Exhibiton at IFP Minnesota	IFP MN respectfully requests a Special Projects grant to support an artist residency for visual artist Tia-Simone Gardner. Gardner will create a new media-based installation to be exhibited in the Marsden/Gustafson Gallery at IFP MN. Gardner will build on her past work, utilizing still photos to deconstruct films and recasting familiar stories through the artist's perspective. The exhibition addresses the representation and erasure of Black bodies in culture, especially women, and will include a sculptural video installation with mirrored panels and a found sound element. Gardner will also teach in IFP MN's Youth Media program, sharing her insights as a professional media artist and mentoring youth as they work on their own media projects.
11:22 AM	India Association of Minnesota	IndiaFest 2017	India Association of Minnesota (IAM) requests \$25,000 to present IndiaFest 2017 on the State Capitol grounds in St. Paul August 19 to an expected audience of 25,000. This year's theme is "Music, Movement, and Mudras". Mudras are intricate hand gestures in Asian Indian classical dance. IndiaFest promotes the arts and cultural vitality of St. Paul with a broad range of Asian Indian arts (classical traditions to contemporary and popular genres) and cultural offerings. IndiaFest 2017 will feature
11:30 AM	BREAK		
11:37 AM	Irish Music & Dance Association	2018 St. Patrick's Day & Day of Irish Dance Celebrations	The IMDA will be offering two full days of Irish cultural activities at the Landmark Center on March 17/18, 2018, which will include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Local Irish music on each of the two days, on four stages. -Traditional Irish dancers from area dance schools and adult groups, performing high-spirited exhibition style Irish dance. -The Celtic Marketplace, featuring authentic Irish merchants, artisans and informational resources. -Informal, low-key, traditional Irish music along with tea and scones in our Irish Tea Room. -Children's crafts with an Irish theme, offered free of charge. -Children's Stage with special entertainment just for the "wee ones." -Seminars on Irish topics, including Irish music, language, history and literature.
11:45 AM	James J. Hill Reference Library (JJHC)	The Mysterious Old Radio Listening Society	JJHC in association with Ghoulish Delights and the Mysterious Old Time Radio Listening Society is hosting a series of Sunday afternoon performances to revisit the great horror and suspense shows of the golden age of radio drama. The afternoon performances will consist of two unique episodes, performed live on stage with five actors playing multiple roles and producing all of the sound effects with various objects, instruments and fun original gadgets. Each performance will be bookended with 1930s jazz by The Kings of Cole. The STAR cultural grant will directly fund the talented actors and musicians who will curate and perform the top notch content for each show.

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11:52 AM	JazzMN inc	JazzMN Orchestra at the Ordway	The JazzMN Orchestra is seeking Cultural Star support to once again hold a performance at the Ordway Concert Hall on October 20th, 2017. Specifically, support will be used for national and local musician fees along with production costs. JazzMN Orchestra, the Twin Cities' premier professional jazz orchestra, performs a broad range of jazz repertoire spanning classic and contemporary styles, showcasing outstanding Minnesota jazz musicians and featuring world-class guest artists. Now in its 19th season, the JazzMN Orchestra has featured national jazz artists such as Terence Blanchard, Nicholas Payton, Paquito D'Rivera and James Moody. Concerts will be in partnership with the Ordway with Knight support.
12:00 PM	LUNCH		
12:30 AM	Jeffrey W Bartlett	Luminous Landmark 2018	Luminous Landmark 2018 - year two of an anticipated annual lighting display - will animate and enliven the graceful and elegant Landmark Center during Winter Carnival (and Super Bowl) 2018. In what I call a dynamic architectural light painting, I will again create an animated display of light, color, texture and winter-themed imagery - a dialogue between light and architecture - to enhance the Rice Park environment and serve as a delightful and eye-catching backdrop to the many activities of Winter Carnival.
12:37 PM	McNally Smith College of Music Foundation	Lowertown Guitar Festival 2017	The fifth annual Lowertown Guitar Festival is a free one-day event occurring in Mears Park on Saturday, August 5, 2017. This mid-summer festival was created in 2013 to celebrate America's most popular musical instrument and the great artists who play it. There will be a main stage, with headliners the caliber of Robben Ford, Bo Ramsey, Greg Koch, Rosie Flores and Marc Ribot, a second stage featuring regional acts, and a series of free artist clinics, instrumental workshops, and product demonstrations at McNally Smith College of Music. This festival is in partnership with the MN Guitar Society, Godin Guitars, Fender Musical Instruments, Martin Guitars, Capitol Guitars, Premier Guitar, Willie's American Guitars and Lowertown Future Fund.
12:45 PM	MICAH	Unify University	Holding the 8th Annual Unify University parade on University Avenue. The parade works to bring together the Black, Hmong, and White communities (at a minimum) along University Avenue, and tie together the Rondo and Frogtown neighborhoods. It is a celebration of community power and pride. This year we are rebuilding the committee, with commitments from Asian Economic Development Association and the Metropolitan Interfaith Coalition for Affordable Housing. This cultural event will include organizing funding, materials, and artistic stipends.
12:52 AM	Minnesota Asian Peace Officers Association	2017 NAPOA Conference	The Minnesota Asian Peace Officers Association (MNAPOA), a local non-profit, will be hosting The National Asian Peace Officers Association Conference in St. Paul. This National level conference will be attended by several hundred leaders and administrators from law enforcement agencies and departments from across United States. The event will be held at the Intercontinental Riverfront Hotel and other locations in St Paul. It will allow our association and partners the opportunity to highlight our achievements in helping bridge the cultural gap between the Asian communities and law enforcement. We will showcase our city, its diverse neighborhoods and will promote our Asian cultures through artistic musical performances and site visits.
1:00 PM	Minnesota Chinese Dance Theater (MCDT)	Spring Flowers Autumn Fruits	The project will be MCDT's 21st "Rainbow Dance Series" concert themed "Spring Flowers Autumn Fruits", celebrating our 25th Anniversary. We plan to hold it at Fitzgerald Theater in October 28, 2017. It is a two-hour program consisting of dances (two thirds performed by MCDT) and music (one third performed by guest artists from China). The dances are selected from our previous concerts highlighting either the audience-favorite or unique ones that cover four Chinese dance genres: Classic - Stamping Song, Dunhuang Drum, Manchurian Courtyard Ladies Folk - Home is Peking (collaborated by MCDT and soprano Wu Bixia) Ethnic - Ma Yi La (collaborated by MCDT and local soprano Qian Xu), fashion show Contemporary - Goodbye to My Youth, Legend

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1:07 PM	Minnesota Public Radio	50th Anniversary Street Party	MPR requests a grant of \$40,000 to support a free, public event in downtown St. Paul on October 7, 2017, as part of MPR's 50th Anniversary. The event, billed as the City of St. Paul hosting MPR's 50th birthday party, will include a live performance and broadcast of the season opener of A Prairie Home Companion from The Palace Theater, followed by an outdoor festival around the Wabasha Street historic-theater corridor. The outdoor festival will include Chris Thile, the Prairie Home band, and the week's special guests as well as performances by Minnesota musicians from across the state, vendor booths, and food trucks. A Cultural STAR grant will support this large-scale public event expected to draw 5,000-10,000 people to downtown St. Paul.
1:15 PM	Mississippi Park Connection	River City Revue	The mission of River City Revue is to connect Twin Cities residents to the Mississippi River through history, art, culture and science. River City Revue is a series of on-river events on Padelford Riverboats that feature eclectic programs and interactive presentations by artists. In 2017, we are partnering with Fearless Comedy Productions to commission an original play and host two interactive performances aboard the Jonathan Padelford Riverboat. The murder mystery play will be Mississippi-river themed and highly interactive for participants. The play will be performed twice and serve 300 people.
1:22 PM	MNKINO	MNKINO Film Score Fest	We're planning the fourth annual MNKINO Film Score Fest, an event that brings filmmakers, composers, and musicians together to create new short films with original scores that are performed live at the screening. This event will take place at The Science Museum of Minnesota in St. Paul, MN, August 2017. An open call to filmmakers and composers will be posted, and those who sign up will be partnered to create new short films. The novel part of this challenge is that the scores are performed live by an 18-musician orchestra during the film screening. Our past three fests have been major artistic and community successes, with dozens of new films screened, audiences of 175 (2014), 230 (2015), and 260 (2016), and local media coverage.
1:30 PM	BREAK		
1:37 PM	Northeast Neighborhoods Development Corporation	Cohen Memorial Project	The Cohen Memorial Project will commission and install a public art project on the southeast corner of the City Hall/Courthouse Building on Kellogg Blvd. The artwork will commemorate the life and work of Larry Cohen, who was St. Paul Mayor, chair of the Ramsey County Board, and chief judge of the Ramsey County District court, being the only person to lead the executive, legislative and judicial branches here. The artwork will have a theme of diversity and inclusion, which Larry Cohen championed in his work.
1:45 PM	CapitolRiver Council/B Horst Productions, LLC	A Summer of Outdoor Arts and Entertainment	B Horst Productions (BHP) is bringing 3 evenings weekly of live outdoor music, theater, dance and film. 12 weeks of Music in Mears established in 2003, is the original live summer concert series that started it all, featuring a mix of Minnesota musicians from mixed genres. 12 weeks of Rhythm in Rice this series seeks to introduce and educate the public on all of the various ethnic groups we have in the Twin Cities through the programming of global beats. We use music to honor and unite the multi-cultural communities! 8 weeks of Performances in Pedro will feature live theater, dance and films hosted in Pedro Park in partnership with Actors Theater of MN. STAR funds would be dedicated to artists compensations at each of the shows
1:52 PM	People Incorporated	Artability Workshops, Show & Sale	Artability provides workshops and exhibition opportunities free of charge to individuals with mental illness, encouraging mental health through visual and written artistic expression. The annual Artability Show & Sale, where artists exhibit and sell visual pieces and an anthology of written works, takes place at the Great Hall in downtown St. Paul in October. Funds help cover event costs such as location rental, art supplies and equipment for the exhibit. Artability Workshops, Show & Sale are open to the public, with hundreds of attendees annually. Artists selling their work receive 80% of art sales with 20% retained for the program.
2:00 PM	Rondo Avenue, Inc.	2017 Rondo Days Celebration	The concept and design behind the Rondo Days 2017 Celebration will be to provide insights into the fabric of the historically unique Rondo Community through several artistic disciplines, including but not limited to, music, dance, poetry/spoken word, displays of creative arts & crafts, professional story telling, etc. (INCLUDE DETAIL AROUND THE DANCE TEAM COMPETITION). The festival is on Saturday, July 15th at the Rondo Education Center Field & Parking lot. STAR dollars will be used for the payment of artist performance fees, stage/sound equipment, venue costs, permits, supplies, promotion & marketing materials

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2:07 PM	Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra	Liquid Music 2017.18 Season	The Liquid Music Series develops innovative new projects with iconoclastic artists in unique presentation formats, inviting adventurous audiences to discover the new and fascinating within the flourishing landscape of contemporary chamber music. With 10 projects overall and 6 taking place at Saint Paul venues including Amsterdam Bar & Hall, the Ordway's Concert Hall, the Palace Theater, and Saint Paul Academy and Summit School, the 2017.18 season promises to generate new interest in Saint Paul as a culturally vibrant place to live, work, and visit. A grant of \$50,000 from the Cultural STAR program would allow the series to expand on the past five seasons' success to explore new artistic collaborations and attract new and diverse audiences.
2:15 PM	Saint Paul Public Library	Saint Paul Public Library Collection Materials	The Saint Paul Public Library will use Cultural Star funds to purchase and provide patrons across the City of Saint Paul with access to a wide range of materials that will allow for information and exposure to culture and arts. We will purchase materials in multiple formats and appropriate for a variety of age groups including books, CDs, DVDs, databases and online access. With the Library's new Library Go initiative that gives every Saint Paul Public School student and teachers access to library resources and the on-line self registration option more St. Paul residents will have access to culture and arts material than ever.
2:22 PM	Scotty Reynolds, DBA Mixed Precipitation	Mixed Precipitation's 2017 Picnic Operetta	Returning for it's 9th season, Mixed Precipitation presents the Picnic Operetta, a late-summer harvest celebration performed in community gardens, urban farms and green spaces. This season they present a new adaptation of Haydn's rarely performed opera Philemon and Baucis, mashed-up with the music of Queen, all served with a tasty menu of edible bites within the story, connecting audiences to the garden, and St. Paul's agricultural and environmental assets. Every production is fun for all ages and performed for a suggested donation, with no one turned away for lack of funds. Two 2017 performances take place on St. Paul's East Side, with a concert appearance at the St. Paul Farmers Market.
2:30 PM	BREAK		
2:37 PM	Selby Ave JazzFest	2017 Selby Ave JazzFest	Since 2002 on the second Saturday in September, the intersection of Selby and Milton has played host to the Selby Ave JazzFest--a grass roots community celebration that features a FREE full-day of quality live jazz, tasty food, artist demonstrations, family activities and more. Attracting as many as 15K guests, The Fest has earned a reputation as one of the Twin Cities most inclusive and welcoming community events.
2:45 PM	St. Catherine University	O'Shaughnessy on the Town	The O'Shaughnessy, located on the St. Catherine University campus in St. Paul, brings a wide range of artists for dance, theater and music performances. While these events are successful in attracting significant audiences to our venue, we seek ways to expand artists' presence in, and deepen our connection to, our St Paul community. Cultural STAR support would enable us to create outreach opportunities with our touring Women of Substance artists in downtown St Paul, with the help of a consultant who will expand our capacity to build long-lasting relationships and outreach systems. This project will create audience engagement opportunities with workshops and panel discussions, while building mechanisms to continue this work into the future.
2:52 PM	TaikoArts Midwest	Taiko Tuesdays	As part of its "Taiko Tuesdays" concert series, TaikoArts Midwest will produce 6 concerts at various locations in the St. Paul STAR Cultural district during Sep 17-Aug 18. Each concert will be unique, free and open to the public, and feature the best of local & guest taiko artists. Our goals are to increase the accessibility, awareness, and appreciation of taiko as an art form, while building and engaging community. Every dollar will be matched by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. We are working with the Ordway, Park Square Theater, Landmark Center, and St. Paul Park & Rec as venues/partners in this project. Star funds will be primarily used to pay artists fees and Ordway rental fees.

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3:00 PM	The Celtic Collective	The Boy Patrick (The true story of a boy who became a saint. In words and music.)	This project balances out the typical high jinx of St Patrick's Day with a musical education project that serves to simultaneously educate and entertain while representing authentic Irish culture- a spoken narrative with musical accompaniment recounting the factual tales and adventures of young Patrick: his capture into slavery through to his daring escape and beyond - his return to Ireland ,and his love of the Irish people. The finished project will consist of a professionally recorded and packaged CD audiobook of the spoken narrative with musical accompaniment recorded by members of hit shows Riverdance and Celtic Woman plus local MN artists and educators, plus a printed and illustrated book. Release date for the project is Mar 17 2018
3:07 PM	The Rose Ensemble	Expanding Early Vocal Music Offerings in the Cultural District	During the 2017-2018 season, The Rose Ensemble (TRE) will present in the heart of St. Paul's Cultural District a series of early music vocal ensemble programs designed to attract diverse audiences, increase access to the arts, enhance appreciation for different cultures, and stimulate economic activity. The project includes two ticketed concerts (performed in October at the Ordway and May at the Landmark Center); two free concerts (in January at the Central Library and April at the Landmark Center); and three free, interactive music and culture programs presented in October, December and March through The Friends of the St. Paul Public Library. TRE seeks Cultural STAR support for artistic fees and Ordway production costs.
3:15 PM	The St. Paul Snowblower Ballet	The St. Paul Snowblower Ballet	The St. Paul Snowblower Ballet will be a free outdoor public arts performance planned on St. Paul's Harriet Island Jan. 28, 2018 involving ballet dancers, snowblowers and snow shovels. Think Busby Berkely or Bollywood spectacle, only with more flying snow. This family-friendly, only-in-Minnesota event is planned to be a part of the St. Paul Winter Carnival and thus will be part of the Great Northern Festival, positioned to attract the attention of the national media in town in the Twin Cities the week that Super Bowl LII will be played in Minneapolis. Cultural STAR funding will pay for professional dancers from the St. Paul Ballet, live music from the Metropolitan Symphony, video, audio, venue space fees, costumes and equipment rentals.
3:22 PM	VocalEssence	VocalEssence ¡Cantaré! 2017	The VocalEssence ¡Cantaré! Community Concert is a bilingual celebration of the music and culture of Mexico held at The Ordway Concert Hall in St. Paul on May 2, 2017. The concert will feature performances of new Spanish language songs composed by two composers from Mexico, performed by more than 500 local elementary and high school students who worked in cross-cultural residencies with the composers over the course of the school year. A diverse group of more than 1,000 people will visit Saint Paul to attend the concert, including members of the Latino community, VocalEssence audiences, and families from communities throughout the Twin Cities metro.
3:30 PM	BREAK		
3:37 PM	Walker West Music Academy	Music Lives Here: Exterior revitalization at 760 Selby	Walker West will transform the exterior of its new facility at 760 Selby Avenue with the installation of a new permanent art installation designed by Ta-coumba Aiken, with resurfacing, lighting, signage and branding elements designed by Cuningham Group Architecture and installed by Welsh Construction. The project is scheduled for the completion in the summer of 2017 and Walker West has secured \$207,000 of the \$368,399 project to date.
3:45 PM	Zorongo Flamenco, Inc	CAFÉ FLAMENCO Performances and TORO (A Children's Flamenco Puppet Show)	Zorongo Flamenco requests Cultural STAR funding to support the presentation of two performances of CAFE FLAMENCO and one of TRA TI TI TRAN TRAN TORO (TORO), at Park Square Theatre in St. Paul on November 18 & 19, 2017. CAFE FLAMENCO will feature traditional flamenco dance, music, and singing just as it might be offered in a cafe setting in its country of origin, Spain. Local and internationally known flamenco artists will perform. TORO is a multimedia puppet show for all ages that introduces the basic elements of flamenco dance, rhythm, and song and tells a story of immigration through three delightful puppets.Puppet shows are highly unique in the flamenco world - TORO was conceived and written by Zorongo's Artistic Director, Susana di Palma.
3:52 PM	Zeitgeist	Crocus Hill Ghost Story	Zeitgeist requests support for CROCUS HILL: A GHOST STORY (CHGS), a new work for chamber ensemble plus narrator by composer Julie Johnson and writer Cheri Johnson. At the center of CHGS is a Twin Cities mansion with a disreputable past and unwelcome spirits. This macabre tale of a house possessed is accompanied by an evocative and colorful score performed by Zeitgeist and Johnson. 6 performances will take place in Oct 2017 at Studio Z, transformed for the event into a haunted mansion through set pieces plus video and still projections. Audience members will share ghost stories after performances, and a lobby exhibit will feature the history of Crocus and Ramsey Hill. STAR funding will support personnel, marketing, and production costs.
4:00 PM	END		