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Grants Recognise Artistic And Creative Promise

The new school year will see an artist taking up residence at Kaiapoi High School.

Professional weaver, Simon Rutherford, is going back to school for four weeks during Term Two to host a series of workshops for students, parents and caregivers..

They'll not only be able to watch the artist at work but also participate in creating a whariki for a wall hanging for the school environment.

The project is one of twelve to receive funding support under the Creative Communities Grants Scheme designed to foster creativity in the community

The successful applicants will share just under \$15,000 thousand dollars in grants.

The money will go towards offsetting, amongst other things, the production costs for the North Canterbury Musical Society's April production of "Les Miserables", lighting costs for the Combined Creative Arts Exhibition, performers fees for a series of concerts by the Waimakariri Community Arts Council, and restoring historical photographs held by the Rangiora Photographic Society.

Local Fund Chair and Deputy Mayor, Dan Gordon, says prioritising funding was especially difficult this round because of the extremely high quality of the applications.

"It is clear from the applications there is a wealth of talent in our District."

He regrets it was not possible to fully meet the requests of the applicants, who in total sought in excess of \$28 thousand dollars.

But he is confident the community will appreciate and enjoy what the projects to receive funding have to offer ensuring the aim of fostering creativity is achieved.

"The creative arts compliment the increasingly diverse range of artistic interests obvious in our community.

It is particularly rewarding for me, and the rest of the Committee, to be able to help foster and support so many exciting initiatives."

Its not the first time the Creative Communities Scheme has supported an artist in residence, locally.

Last year Kaiapoi North School also received money for a sculptor to work with students to provide an artwork for the entry courtyard to the school.

Other projects to historically benefit from the Creative Communities Scheme include a stone symposium in Victoria Park.

A number of the artworks gifted back to the community remain on display around the town, including one outside the Library and another outside the main entrance to the Council Chambers.

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The Creative Communities Scheme receives \$2.5 million in funding which supports thousands of projects in communities throughout New Zealand.

It is administered by the Waimakariri District Council on behalf of Creative New Zealand.

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Full list of grants from November funding round

Applicant Name	Granted
Rangiora Players (Rangiora Dramatic Society)	\$500 guarantee against losses for May 2008 production "Noises off"
North Canterbury Musical Society Inc	\$3,000 for production costs for "Les Miserables" April 2008
Waikuku Song Club	\$300 for hall hire and heating
Kaiapoi Borough School	\$500 contribution to the construction of art work in the community hall
Oxford Community Trust	\$333.60 for production costs for artwork, by children at holiday programme
The Combined Creative Arts Exhibition	\$875.82 for lighting costs for exhibition in May 2008
L.I.N.K Programme Presbyterian Support	\$2,050 for Artists' workshops with clients 2008
Rga Districts Early Records Society	\$1,200 for restoring and preserving old photos
Kaiapoi High School	\$2,800 for artist in residence and art materials for wall hanging
Waimakariri Community Arts Cncl	\$1,000 guarantee against loss for its 2008 concert programme
Waimakariri Community Arts Cncl	\$900 towards performers fees for Jazz in the Park 2008.
Waimakariri Community Arts Cncl	\$900 towards performers expenses for Sunday Music 2008
Total Requested	\$28,049.68
Total Granted	\$14,359.42



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