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**CAPONI ART PARK**  
**LEARNING CENTER**

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## **Caponi Art Park and Learning Center Receives \$40,390 in Legacy Funding for Programming and History Projects**

Eagan, Minn. – Feb. 22, 2011– Caponi Art Park and Learning Center in Eagan has received four grants totaling \$40,390 made possible by the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment approved by Minnesota voters in 2008. The Amendment created an arts and cultural fund dedicated to the arts, arts education, arts access and preserving the state’s history and cultural heritage.

**The individual grants received by the Art Park are as follows:**

\$10,000 Arts Learning Grant from the Minnesota Regional Arts Council (MRAC)

\$10,000 Arts Activities Grant from MRAC

\$13,400 from the Minnesota States Arts Board

\$6,990 from the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS)

The grants will help support the costs associated with the Art Park’s free-to-the-public admission and 2011 activities including Family Fun Tuesdays events for children, the Summer Performance Series at the park’s Theatre in the Woods amphitheater, as well as a new program serving low-income youth who have limited access to cultural activities. Additionally, the MHS grant enables the Art Park to contract with the Dakota County Historical Society and the Midwest Art Conservation Center to begin organizing the materials that document the history of the Art Park and the legacy of its founder, Anthony Caponi.

“Caponi Art Park is a unique cultural resource that serves as a welcoming and distinctive setting for art performances and art education programming,” said Craig Harris, President of the Art Park Board of Directors. “Last year, a record-breaking 15,000 people of all ages and

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backgrounds visited the Park. Thanks to Legacy funding, the Art Park and its multicultural programs are financially accessible to all members of our community.”

Caponi Art Park and Learning Center is a nonprofit organization located at 1220 Diffley Road in Eagan encompassing 60 acres of rolling woodlands. For more information, please visit us at [www.caponiartpark.org](http://www.caponiartpark.org).

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