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Margaret Frans Brady Fund Arts Scholarships 2018

The Juneau Community Foundation and the Brady family of Skagway announce that the Margaret Frans Brady Fund has awarded nearly \$7,500 in scholarship funding in 2018 for these seven qualifying area residents who are pursuing artistic excellence:

- Mikah Lahrman, Skagway – Mikah, a graduating senior at Skagway High School, is a talented artist and photographer with great aspirations for improving her abilities and becoming successful in the art business. She will be attending Ivy Tech in Indiana in the fall. \$2,000.
- Sinead Scholl, Juneau – Sinead is a determined junior at Loyola University Chicago, where she is pursuing a degree in multimedia journalism, which she views as a wonderful opportunity for raising global awareness of under-reported topics in areas that lack adequate news coverage. “As a journalist I will have endless opportunities to contribute to the common good.” \$1,500.
- Sydney Truitt, Juneau – Sydney, a graduating senior in the Distance Education of Alaska program, has been dancing since she was a little girl and displaying her talents with the Juneau Dance Theatre. She was recently accepted into the dance program at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, where she will attend next fall. \$1,500.
- Anouk Otsea, Juneau – Anouk, a sophomore in pursuit of a Bachelor in Fine Arts degree at the Alonzo King LINES Ballet at Dominican University in California, has taken various classes in ballet, modern dance, and improvisation, and is beginning to explore her choreographic mind. \$1,000.
- Mina Yee, Skagway – Mina, an 8-year-old elementary student at Skagway School, has been turning heads and ears with her violin playing at folk festivals in Skagway. She will be continuing her lessons in the Suzuki method this summer in Whitehorse (through Skagway Arts Council). \$500.

- Kyle Farley-Robinson, Juneau – Kyle, a junior at Juneau-Douglas High School, is already an accomplished pianist and a frequent guest artist playing with the Juneau Symphony. He will be attending a piano camp with Dr. Alexander Tutunov this summer. \$500

- Mandy Ramsey, Haines – Mandy is an emerging poet and photographic artist who will be honing her craft at the North Words Writers Symposium in Skagway at the end of May. \$375

“It’s an honor for us to be able to grant scholarships large and small to these artists from our region,” said Jeff Brady, chair of the MFB Scholarship Committee. “Supporting emerging artists on the home front is something we believe strongly in, especially at a time when the arts seem to be under siege at the federal level.”

The Margaret Frans Brady Fund was established in 2012 at the Juneau Community Foundation to support arts and education projects and programs in Skagway and northern Southeast Alaska. A separate MFB Scholarship Fund was established a year later to assist students and artists in our area with scholarships to help them improve their creative abilities. Including this year’s awards, a total of \$38,825 has been awarded to 50 area students of the arts since the scholarship was started in 2013.