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HYDE PARK, NY – Senator Sue Serino today congratulated local art programs that will benefit directly from $867,800 in New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) Grants.

"The arts play a critical role in making the Hudson Valley such a special place to live and work, and we have a duty to do all we can to ensure this sector has the resources it needs not just to survive the pandemic, but to thrive again," **said Senator Serino.** *"These grants will fund a wide array of projects in Dutchess and Putnam counties, and we thank the Council on the Arts for recognizing the role these local organizations play in engaging residents and visitors alike. We congratulate all of these amazing grantees, and look forward to seeing how these grants are put to use to help revitalize such an important part of our community, and our economy."*

According to correspondence from NYSCA, with a historic investment of over $100 million made by the state, in June of 2021, the Council launched a streamlined grantmaking process that aimed to reduce red tape for applicants of all sizes, expand eligibility to diverse artistic disciplines and emphasize the flexibility of grant funding to ensure organizations could meet unique needs brought on by the pandemic.

 "While the arts were particularly hard hit by the pandemic, it is also our artists who have helped us reimagine what it looks like to rebuild in its wake," **Serino continued.** *"The arts community has demonstrated immense resilience, and we are*

confident that this industry will come back better than ever in the months ahead."

Senator Serino serves as the Ranking Member of the State Senate's Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation. For a full list of 41st Senate District grantees, [click here](#).

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