

## Senator Mannion announces \$769,260 to support 12 arts and cultural organizations across the 50th Senate District

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SYRACUSE, NY— Senator John W. Mannion today announced fourteen arts and cultural organizations in the 50th Senate District are receiving a combined \$769,260 in grants from the New York Council on the Arts.

Senator Mannion strongly supports the arts, including the legislature's investment of \$140 million with \$100 million in multi-year capital funding, which affirms the importance of the arts sector to the economy, vitality, and health of the state.

Senator John W. Mannion, SD-50, said, "The arts are an essential part of our economy, vitality, and health, and I am proud that the New York State Legislature has made such a significant investment in the arts this year. I am especially pleased to see 12 organizations and artists in my district receiving grant awards from the New York State Council on the Arts. These grants will help to support and promote the arts in our community, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have on our region."

| Grantee                             | Award     |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| ARISE Child and Family Service Inc. | \$49,500  |
| Auburn Public Theater, Inc          | \$344,760 |
| Building Company Theater            | \$25,000  |
| Cayuga Museum of History and Art    | \$50,000  |
| Kaleidoscope Dance Theatre Inc.     | \$40,000  |

| Merry-Go-Round Playhouse Inc.    | \$30,000 |
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| Nine Mile Art Corp               | \$25,000 |
| Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center | \$50,000 |
| Seward House Museum              | \$30,000 |
| SYRACUSE CITY BALLET, INC.       | \$45,000 |
| The Salvation Army               | \$30,000 |
| The Skaneateles Festival. Inc.   | \$50,000 |

In 2020, NYSCA overhauled and streamlined its grantmaking process, which has resulted in funding four times as many artists over the last two years and awarding 83% of first-time applicants this year. The new, more inclusive and responsive funding plan has helped to mitigate the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the arts and culture sector.

In addition to the grants awarded this year, the \$150 million Capital Projects opportunity will be awarded in March 2023. These grants will focus on sustainable construction and address environmental concerns while prioritizing accessibility, placemaking, and community building.

While the arts have been one of the hardest hit industries during the pandemic, they have also shown great resilience and continue to inspire New Yorkers. Senator Mannion looks forward to continuing to support, and invest in, the arts and culture sector.

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