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## Senator Cooney Honors Nannette Nocon, Geva Honorary Trustee, with NYS Award

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(Rochester, NY) - Today, Senator Jeremy Cooney (D-Rochester) honored Nannette Nocon, Honorary Trustee for the Geva Theatre, with a New York State Senate Commendation Award.

Nanette Nocon has been a passionate supporter of the Rochester arts community for several decades. She has served on the Board of Directors for the George Eastman Museum and WXXI, Geva Theatre Center Arts and Culture, Rochester Area Community Foundation, Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Little Theatre. Geva Theatre has previously honored Nanette with their Legacy Award.

Nanette's passion for mentorship has made a significant impact in our community. She has invested in young people across our region, assisting them as they pursue their educational goals and build their careers.

Senator Cooney honored Nanette during National Arts and Humanities Month for her continued support and investment in the Rochester arts community, and its young people.

Nanette moved to the United States from the Philippines at age 14 with her mother and siblings. She has more than three decades of experience as a financial advisor, currently operating Nocon & Associates, a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC.

The Senate Commendation Award recognizes exceptional people throughout the state who have made a lasting contribution to their community. Awardees serve as leaders in the community who enrich the social, health, and educational well-being of their fellow citizens.

**Senator Jeremy Cooney**

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*Nannette Nocon has been a leader in our community for years, especially in the arts. She recognizes that Rochester's arts community is one of our region's greatest assets, and has diligently worked to support and expand access so all can enjoy our cultural attractions. We are fortunate to have her as a member of our Rochester family, and it is my honor to recognize her lifetime of service to our city and its residents."*

**Nannette Nocon, recipient of the New York State Commendation**

"It is a humbling honor and a total surprise to receive a New York State 2021 Commendation Award presented by Senator Jeremy Cooney. Nocon & Associates, a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC, my husband Karl Wessendorf and I feel that we have been blessed by the community. Supporting the arts in our community is our way of giving back. While we prefer to stay in the background, we'd also like to encourage others to join us in keeping the arts vibrant in Rochester, especially for the children."

**Christopher Mannelli, Executive Director, Geva Theatre Center**

"Nannette has been, and will continue to be one of Rochester's greatest patrons for the arts. She has invested in organizations and our young people in countless ways and her legacy is already of immeasurable impact. We are thrilled to see Nannette receive this well deserved recognition, and extend our thanks and appreciation along with hundreds of other grateful Rochestarians."

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