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# Community Arts Celebration scheduled for May 14 at Saratoga Arts



The mission of Saratoga Arts, located in downtown Saratoga Springs, is to enrich the region by cultivating a vibrant arts community and by ensuring that the arts are accessible to all. (Lauren Halligan – Medianews Group)

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Nearly 50 grants totaling \$148,496.96 have been awarded to support community-based arts events taking place in 2022.

“We are thrilled to be setting a record this year not only in the amount of funding distributed but also with the number of projects we will be able to fund,” said Charlie Owens, Saratoga Arts grants and community relations manager, in a press release. “After years of isolation, it is thrilling to know these funded projects can continue to create art in our communities and, perhaps more importantly, build community through the arts.”

With funding awarded from the New York State Council on the Arts, the Saratoga Arts Community Arts Regrant Program supports artists, non-profit organizations and government departments in Saratoga, Fulton and Montgomery counties, in partnership with qualifying organizations and artists, to present arts and cultural programs of high artistic merit in local communities.

This year’s recipients and their funded projects offer their communities year-round opportunities to experience a wide array of free or low-cost artistic events highlighting talented local and regional artists. An estimated 25,000 community members, 5,500 youth and 1,500 artists will directly participate in these grant-funded events occurring throughout 2022.

Saratoga County recipients include Adirondack Center Stage, Inc., Ballston Spa Community Band, C.R.E.A.T.E. Community Studios sponsored by Saratoga Springs Public Library, Dance Flurry Organization, Allyson DeRusso, Friends of the Saratoga Springs Public Library, Jonathan Greene sponsored by Senior Citizens Center of Saratoga Springs, Inc., Rumara Jewett, Quintocracy sponsored by Saratoga Springs Public Library, Saratoga Shakespeare Company, Saratoga Springs Arts District, Inc., Schuylerville Public Library, Senior Citizens Center of Saratoga Springs, Inc., Southern Saratoga Art Society, Inc., The Marshall House, Inc., The Town of Ballston Library, Town of Malta Parks and Recreation Department, Village of Ballston Spa and Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park.

All 2022 grant recipients will be recognized at an annual Community Arts Celebration from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 14 at Saratoga Arts, located at 320 Broadway in Saratoga Springs. The public is invited to attend this free event to learn more about funded projects taking place in their communities and to enjoy light fare, beverages and a music performance by grant awardee

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