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Garrison Art Center

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GARRISON ART CENTER AWARDED \$30,000 BY THE NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

December 15, 2022, Garrison, NY – Garrison Art Center (GAC) announced today a grant award totaling \$30,000 from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to support the recovery of the nonprofit arts and culture sector. Following New York State's historic investment for the arts, NYSCA has awarded \$90 million since Spring 2022 to a record number of artists and organizations across the state.

Governor Kathy Hochul said, "As a cultural capital of the world, New York State is strengthened by our expansive coverage of the arts across all 62 counties. This year's historic commitment to the arts sector will spur our continuing recovery from the pandemic and set the course for a stronger future."

NYSCA Executive Director Mara Manus said, "We are immensely grateful to Governor Hochul and the Legislature for their unprecedented investment of \$240 million to support arts organizations across the state. New York State arts organizations such as Garrison Art Center are the cornerstone of our vibrant arts economy. As crucial drivers of our health and vitality, we are grateful to the unwavering dedication of arts workers across the state."

NYSCA Chair Katherine Nicholls said, "On behalf of the entire Council, I congratulate Garrison Art Center on this grant award. Their creative work provides the benefits of the arts to both their community and all of New York. Arts organizations are essential, leading our tourism economy and fueling sectors such as hospitality, transit, and Main Streets across our state."

Garrison Art Center Executive Director Catherine Graham said, "We thank NYSCA for this award. With this funding, Garrison Art Center can continue to have a powerful impact on the community. Our goal is to make art accessible to all through our education, exhibitions, and community programming. Garrison Art Center looks to the future with confidence in its potential to evolve and thrive as an arts institution."

Our three-to-five-year strategic priorities are to:

- Foster excellence in art through diverse and fully integrated programming
- Work towards becoming an arts destination in the region that is open and inclusive to all
- Develop organizational structure and communications in order to significantly expand our audience
- Expand development and business practices to ensure sustainability for the future

About The Garrison Art Center

The Garrison Art Center (GAC), located in Garrison, NY, is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit arts and education organization founded in 1964. GAC is committed to making a difference by providing access to the visual arts to a diverse audience of learners, professional artists, community members, collectors, families, and friends from varied ethnic, cultural, geographic and economic backgrounds.

For information about exhibitions, classes, and other programs at the Garrison Art Center, please visit garrisonartcenter.org or call 845.424.3960. Join the conversation via Instagram @GarrisonArtCenter.

About the New York State Council on the Arts

NYSCA preserves and advances the arts and culture that make New York State an exceptional place to live, work and visit. NYSCA upholds the right of all New Yorkers to experience the vital contributions the arts make to our communities, education, economic development, and quality of life. To support the ongoing recovery of the arts across New York State, NYSCA will award record funding in FY 2023, providing support across the full breadth of the arts.

NYSCA further advances New York's creative culture by convening leaders in the field and providing organizational and professional development opportunities and informational resources. Created by Governor Nelson Rockefeller in 1960 and continued with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature, NYSCA is an agency that is part of the Executive Branch. For more information on NYSCA, please visit <http://www.arts.ny.gov>, and follow NYSCA's Facebook page, Twitter @NYSCArts and Instagram @NYSCouncilontheArts.



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