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# **Garrison Art Center**

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## **GARRISON ART CENTER AWARDED \$40,000 BY THE NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS**

*Jeremy Dennis, 2025 Visiting Artist at GAC receives \$10,000 grant*

**DECEMBER 4, 2024, GARRISON, NY** – Garrison Art Center (GAC) announced today a grant award totaling \$40,000 from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to support the nonprofit arts and culture sector. Along with this general support grant, Garrison Art Center has also been awarded an additional \$10,000 to support Artist Jeremy Dennis, Garrison Art Center's Visiting Artist for 2025. Through New York State's continued investment in arts and culture, NYSCA has awarded \$82 million this year to 509 artists and 1,497 organizations across the state.

"As the unparalleled leader of arts and culture, New York's creativity and innovation inspires the world," Governor Hochul said. "Our continued investment in our dynamic creative sector will further boost tourism, strengthen our local economies, and continue New York's success as a rich and vibrant place to live, work and visit."

Executive Director of NYSCA Erika Mallin said, "On behalf of the Council and staff, I am so proud that we are supporting the critical work of so many nonprofit organizations all across the state, including Garrison Art Center. New York State's art and culture nonprofits make us a global leader, strengthening our connections to each other and the larger world. I thank you for your dedication and service and look forward to all your work in the coming year."

"We thank NYSCA for this award," said Garrison Art Center Executive Director Catherine Graham. "As we celebrate 60 years of growth, this grant strengthens our mission to inspire artists of all ages and foster inclusivity in the arts. We are committed to expanding outreach in local schools, hosting events and exhibitions that draw thousands in the lower Hudson Valley, and providing financial assistance and programs for artists of all skill levels. We are especially grateful for the Support for Artists grant for our 2025 visiting artist Jeremy Dennis, whose solo exhibition, May 17–June 22, 2025, will highlight contemporary native art and photography, deepening appreciation for inclusive cultural narratives."

Artist, Jeremy Dennis a resident of the Shinnecock Indian Nation in Southampton, New York, proposes an immersive art installation that showcases a selection of photographs from the "Rise" Project. "Rise" is a collaborative endeavor that involves a series of self-portraiture digital photographs, complemented by the participation of various volunteers spanning a diverse spectrum of artists, Hamptons residents, and individuals sympathetic to the overarching concept of "Rise."

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Dennis intends to leverage the NYSCA Support for Artists grant funds to develop new artworks for the "Rise" series that will be showcased in a comprehensive exhibition at the Garrison Art Center, May 17 - June 22, 2025. Alongside the exhibition, Dennis will conduct workshops, artist talks, and educational programming aimed at fostering dialogue and understanding around the themes explored in "Rise." By actively engaging with diverse audiences, Dennis seeks to provoke critical reflection on the legacy of colonization and the ongoing challenges faced by indigenous communities. Through its innovative approach and commitment to public engagement, the project promises to ignite conversations, challenge perceptions, and inspire meaningful change within both artistic and societal realms.

## **VISITING ARTIST EVENTS AND PROGRAMS:**

**Jeremy Dennis** | Rise

May 17 - June 22, 2025

**Opening Reception:** Saturday, May 17, 2025, 5 - 7 pm

**Artist Talk and Gallery Tour with Jeremy Dennis:** Proposed Date and Time, May 23, 2025, 3 - 5 pm

**Outdoor Photo Walk with Jeremy Dennis:** Proposed Date and Time, May 24, 2025, 1 - 3 pm

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**ABOUT GARRISON ART CENTER:** 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.

**ABOUT THE NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS:** The mission of the New York State Council on the Arts is to foster and advance the full breadth of New York State's arts, culture and creativity for all. To support the ongoing recovery of the arts across New York State, the Council on the Arts will award \$162 million in FY2025, serving organizations and artists across all 10 of the state's regions. The Council on the Arts 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 Hochul and the New York State Legislature, the Council is an agency that is part of the Executive Branch. For more information on NYSCA, please visit [arts.ny.gov](https://arts.ny.gov), and follow NYSCA's Facebook page, on X @NYSCArts and Instagram @NYSCouncilontheArts.



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