

Garrison Art Center

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GARRISON ART CENTER AWARDED \$25,000 BY THE NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

December 8, 2023, Garrison, NY – Garrison Art Center (GAC) announced today a grant award totaling \$25,000 from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to support the nonprofit arts and culture sector. Through New York State's continued investment in arts and culture, NYSCA has awarded over \$80 million since Spring 2023 to over 1,500 artists and organizations across the state.

"Research confirms what we've always known here in New York: arts and culture are a powerhouse, with a staggering return on investment for our economy and our communities," Governor Hochul said. "Nonprofit arts and culture organizations and their audiences generated \$151.7 billion in economic activity nationwide in 2022 and New York's unparalleled arts and culture sector is leading the way to benefit our residents, our students, and our visitors every day. I commend these grantees on their achievements and look forward to their contributions in the coming year."

NYSCA Chair Katherine Nicholls added, "Thanks to the unwavering support of Governor Hochul and our Legislature, NYSCA is so proud to support the work of organizations and artists from all across New York. Spanning the entire breadth of the arts and culture sector – from world-renowned performers to after-school programs, from long established museums to community arts collectives – these organizations and artists together are a powerful driver of health, tourism, economy and education for our residents and visitors. On behalf of Council and staff, congratulations to Garrison Art Center and thank you for your perseverance, your creativity and your tireless service to New York State."

"We thank NYSCA for this award," said Garrison Art Center Executive Director Catherine Graham. "In 2024, we celebrate our 60th anniversary and the evolution of our art center, from being founded by a local group of parents supporting their children's artistic expression to hosting events and exhibitions attended by thousands in the lower Hudson Valley. We take pride in our roots as an education center and our educational programming that serves artists of all ages and skill levels. Since the pandemic's close, we have expanded our programming, outreach at local schools, and financial assistance as we work towards becoming an arts destination in the region that is open and inclusive to all."

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

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 \$127 million in FY 2024. 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 Kathy 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 www.arts.ny.gov, and follow NYSCA's [Facebook](#) page, Twitter [@NYSCArts](#) and Instagram [@NYSCouncilontheArts](#).



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