

# Garrison Art Center

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### GARRISON ART CENTER AWARDED \$49,500 BY THE NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

*Mara Baldwin, 2026 Visiting Artist receives \$10,000 grant*

**DECEMBER 9, 2025, GARRISON, NY** – Garrison Art Center (GAC) announced today a grant award totaling \$49,500 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 Mara Baldwin, Garrison Art Center's Visiting Artist for 2026. Through New York State's continued investment in arts and culture, NYSCA has awarded \$80.9 million in FY 2026 to arts and culture nonprofits across all 10 regions and a historic number of artists.

"New York's arts and culture sector is a cornerstone of the state's identity, and we're making bold investments to ensure it remains strong," **Governor Hochul said**. "These grants will lift up artists and organizations in every region, fueling local economies and expanding access to the arts. Congratulations to all the grantees – your talent and dedication help power New York's future."

**New York State Council on the Arts Executive Director Erika Mallin said**, "During these challenging times, the New York State Council on the Arts has been a stalwart and innovative funder. These grants will serve artists and organizations in every region and county, fueling our economy and serving our communities. We know this support isn't just an investment in the arts; it's an investment in New York's future. Congratulations to Garrison Art Center and thank you for your perseverance, your creativity, and your tireless service to New York State."

**New York State Council on the Arts Chair Patrick Willingham said**, "With the unwavering support of Governor Hochul and our Legislature, the Council is proud to congratulate this year's grantees, whose collective efforts strengthen and benefit us all. I also want to recognize the work of NYSCA's panelists, staff, and the entire Council, whose dedication has ensured that this critical support will reach every corner of New York State."

**Garrison Art Center Executive Director Catherine Graham said**, "We are grateful to NYSCA for this support. This grant strengthens our mission to inspire artists of all ages and promote inclusivity in the arts. It enables us to expand outreach in local schools, host exhibitions and events that engage thousands across the lower Hudson Valley, and provide programs and financial support for artists at every level. We are especially excited to receive the Support for Artists grant for our 2026 visiting artist, Mara Baldwin. Her solo exhibition, *Rover* (May 16 – June 21), will explore themes of individuality and community connection, and she will also lead hands-on workshops with young artists."

Selected for her work's wide appeal to youth and adults and its alignment with GAC's mission of creativity and community, Mara Baldwin will create new multimedia pieces exploring the 'Rover' from a Girl Scout song—examining the balance between individuality and connection. Alongside the exhibition, she will lead community workshops and an artist talk, giving participants hands-on insight into her creative process.

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

**MARA BALDWIN** | Rover

May 16 - June 21, 2026

Opening Reception: Saturday, May 16, 2026, 5 - 7 pm

Artist Talk and Gallery Tour: Date and time to be determined

Visiting Artist Workshops for Family and Adults: Date and time to be determined

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**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** For information about exhibitions, classes, and other programs at Garrison Art Center, please visit [garrisonartcenter.org](http://garrisonartcenter.org) or call 845.424.3960. Join the conversation via Instagram @GarrisonArtCenter.

**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 over \$161 million in FY 2026, serving organizations and artists across all 10 state 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 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 [arts.ny.gov](https://arts.ny.gov), and follow NYSCA's Facebook page, on X @NYSCArts and Instagram @NYSCouncilontheArts.



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