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NYSCA AWARDS \$490,000 IN CARES ACT FUNDING TO 49 ARTS ORGANIZATIONS IN 9 NYS REGIONS AND 23 COUNTIES

*NYSCA NEA CARES grants of \$10,000 Support Community-Based
Arts Organizations, Prioritizing Underserved Communities*

In its ongoing support of New York State arts organizations and artists facing unprecedented challenges as a result of the COVID-19 crisis, The New York State Council on the Arts will award \$490,000 in NEA CARES Act funds to 49 organizations in nine regions of the state.

NYSCA NEA CARES Grants of \$10,000 each will be awarded to community-based arts organizations that have a proven track record of essential contributions to their communities. Supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, these grants will be used to support staff salaries, fees for artists or contractual personnel, and facilities costs.

“The arts and culture are critical to the health of our communities, our state, and our country, and will be vital to our recovery,” **said Mara Manus, Executive Director, New York State Council on the Arts.**

“Throughout the unprecedented challenges of the past months, our State’s cultural sector has shown incredible ingenuity and resilience. As we begin to navigate reopening, NYSCA is committed to supporting New York’s vibrant arts community that provides important educational, civic, and economic opportunities across the state.”

NYSCA’s awards will support a broad constituency across New York, including a wide range of organizations that reach primarily underserved areas, including communities with ethnically diverse and immigrant populations, those that are geographically remote, and those with limited economic resources.

NYSCA NEA CARES grantees represent 23 New York State counties and a wide variety of arts disciplines and include:

- Youth FX (<https://protect2.fireeye.com/v1/url?k=041a80ce-5aaadfcc-041879fb-ac1f6b44fec6-029ad70984035604&q=1&e=17634b48-1e7c-44ce-b759-546e9307adab&u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.youthfx.org%2F>), Albany, which provides digital film and media training to youth from underserved communities
- Prattsville Arts Center (<https://protect2.fireeye.com/v1/url?k=a9d8601f-f7683f1d-a9da992a-ac1f6b44fec6-d8da32ca9e0eccb8&q=1&e=17634b48-1e7c-44ce-b759-546e9307adab&u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.prattsvilleartcenter.org%2F>), Prattsville, a community arts and social services center with a pivotal role in its rural community’s flood recovery plan
- Rehabilitation through the Arts (<https://protect2.fireeye.com/v1/url?k=9afadac7-c44a85c5-9af823f2-ac1f6b44fec6-946af670eae0aa24&q=1&e=17634b48-1e7c-44ce-b759-546e9307adab&u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.rta-arts.org%2F>), Katonah, whose arts instruction improves outcomes for the justice-involved; participants’ recidivism rate is 12 times below the national average
- National Black Theatre (<https://protect2.fireeye.com/v1/url?k=1188e68b-4f38b989-118a1fbe-ac1f6b44fec6-36f75e0744ba3c7e&q=1&e=17634b48-1e7c-44ce-b759-546e9307adab&u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nationalblacktheatre.org%2F>), Harlem, a pioneer in Black theatre productions created to uplift, strengthen, and heal Black communities; over 300 works have been produced and toured internationally
- Ganondagan (<https://protect2.fireeye.com/v1/url?k=3a63f8c7-64d3a7c5-3a6101f2-ac1f6b44fec6-7c7bad88bb2fd7f6&q=1&e=17634b48-1e7c-44ce-b759-546e9307adab&u=https%3A%2F%2Fganondagan.org%2F>), Victor, a

Finger Lakes destination for Native American arts and culture; a National Historic Landmark, and the only NYS historic site devoted to Indigenous Americans

- [Pendragon Theatre](https://protect2.fireeye.com/v1/url?k=3d107aad-63a025af-3d128398-ac1f6b44fec6-65b1ff5b1877bec5&q=1&e=17634b48-1e7c-44ce-b759-546e9307adab&u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.pendragontheatre.org%2F) (<https://protect2.fireeye.com/v1/url?k=3d107aad-63a025af-3d128398-ac1f6b44fec6-65b1ff5b1877bec5&q=1&e=17634b48-1e7c-44ce-b759-546e9307adab&u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.pendragontheatre.org%2F>), Saranac Lake, a North Country theatre central to its city's Downtown Revitalization Initiative plan, providing year-round performance, arts education, workforce training, and opportunities for young playwrights

A complete list is available below.

Of NYSCA NEA CARES grant recipients all had annual budgets of \$1.5 million or below; 80% had budgets under \$1 million, and 53% had budgets below \$500,000. Grantees are based in the Capital Region, Central New York, Finger Lakes, Long Island, Mid-Hudson, New York City, North Country, Southern Tier and Western New York.

In addition to NYSCA NEA CARES support, NYSCA is providing a diverse set of [resources](https://arts.ny.gov/resources/COVID-19-Resources) (<https://arts.ny.gov/resources/COVID-19-Resources>) to aid in arts organizations' recovery including the [NYSCA PRESENTS](https://arts.ny.gov/resources/NYSCA-PRESENTS) (<https://arts.ny.gov/resources/NYSCA-PRESENTS>) webinar series, guidelines and best practices for [reopening and recovery](https://arts.ny.gov/resources/reopening) (<https://arts.ny.gov/resources/reopening>), guidance on [creating digital programs](https://arts.ny.gov/resources/digital) (<https://arts.ny.gov/resources/digital>), and listings of [relief funds](https://arts.ny.gov/resources/relief) (<https://arts.ny.gov/resources/relief>) open to New York State arts organizations and artists.

The [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares) (<https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares>) provides economic assistance for American workers, families, and small businesses, and preserves jobs for our American industries, including the arts sector. Through the CARES Act, the [National Endowment for the Arts](https://protect2.fireeye.com/v1/url?k=3489c7dd-68afffe3-348b3ee8-000babda0031-6c64e1417b56de37&q=1&e=d0407dab-cdcd-4135-985b-baa8ae1d6d25&u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.arts.gov%2Fnews%2F2020%2Fnational-endowment-arts-announces-cares-act-funding-support-arts-jobs-and-help-sustain) (<https://protect2.fireeye.com/v1/url?k=3489c7dd-68afffe3-348b3ee8-000babda0031-6c64e1417b56de37&q=1&e=d0407dab-cdcd-4135-985b-baa8ae1d6d25&u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.arts.gov%2Fnews%2F2020%2Fnational-endowment-arts-announces-cares-act-funding-support-arts-jobs-and-help-sustain>) is distributing \$75 million to help save jobs in the arts sector and keep the doors open to the thousands of organizations that add value to America's economy and the creative life of our communities. Forty percent of this funding has been distributed through state arts agencies, including NYSCA.

The arts and culture play an essential role in New York State's economy, contributing \$120 billion annually and accounting for 460,000 jobs. CARES funding, provided both through NYSCA and through direct NEA grants, will help support

those jobs and nonprofit organizations during this time of great need so that arts and culture will persevere as a significant contributor to the state economy.

NYS CA NEA CARES Grantees

Organization	County	Region
Adirondack Center for Writing	Franklin	North Country
African Film Festival	New York	New York City
Akwesasne Cultural Center	Franklin	North Country
Buffalo Arts Studio	Erie	Western New York
Borinquen Dance Theatre	Monroe	Finger Lakes
Brooklyn Arts Exchange	Kings	New York City
Center for Traditional Music and Dance	New York	New York City
Community Arts Partnership of Tompkins County	Tompkins	Southern Tier
Community Design Center Rochester	Monroe	Finger Lakes
Dyckman Farmhouse Museum	New York	New York City
Bristol Valley Theater	Ontario	Finger Lakes
Ganondagan	Ontario	Finger Lakes
Girls Write Now	New York	New York City

Herstory Writers Workshop	Suffolk	Long Island
Kitchen Theatre Company	Tompkins	Southern Tier
Lake George Music Festival	Warren	Capital Region
Locust Street Art	Erie	Western New York
Los Pleneros de la 21	New York	New York City
Ma-Yi Theater Company	New York	New York City
The Art Effect	Dutchess	Mid-Hudson
MONO NO AWARE	Kings	New York City
National Black Theatre	New York	New York City
Nesin Cultural Arts	Sullivan	Mid-Hudson
New York Chinese Cultural Center	New York	New York City
New York Deaf Theatre	Kings	New York City
New York Folklore	Schenectady	Capital Region
North American Cultural Laboratory	Sullivan	Mid-Hudson
Pendragon Theatre	Franklin	North Country
People's Theatre Project	New York	New York City
Prattsville Art Center	Greene	Capital Region
Rehabilitation Through the Arts	Westchester	Mid-Hudson

PUSH Physical Theatre	Monroe	Finger Lakes
Quintet of the Americas	Queens	New York City
Rhizome	New York	New York City
Schweinfurth Art Center	Cayuga	Central New York
Cinemapolis	Tompkins	Southern Tier
Shakespeare in Delaware Park	Erie	Western New York
Springville Center for the Arts	Erie	Western New York
Society for New Music	Onondaga	Central New York
The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes	Steuben	Southern Tier
The Center for Photography at Woodstock	Ulster	Mid-Hudson
The Depot Theatre	Essex	North Country
The Rosendale Theatre Collective	Ulster	Mid-Hudson
The Whaling Museum and Education Center	Suffolk	Long Island
Traditional Arts In Upstate New York	St Lawrence	North Country
West Kortright Centre	Delaware	Southern Tier
Writers & Books	Monroe	Finger Lakes
Young Audiences of Western New York	Erie	Western New York
Youth FX	Albany	Capital Region

About the New York State Council on the Arts

The New York State Council on the Arts 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. Through its core grantmaking activity, NYSCA awarded \$43.8M in FY2020 to 2,500 organizations statewide through direct grants and regrants in our 15 programs, the Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) initiative and the Mid-Size Capital Project Fund. NYSCA funding supports the visual, literary, media and performing arts and includes dedicated support for arts education and underserved communities. 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 and expanded to the present day with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature, NYSCA is an agency of the Executive Branch of the New York State Government. For more information on NYSCA, please visit www.arts.ny.gov, and follow NYSCA's [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/newYorkStateCouncilontheArts/) (<https://www.facebook.com/newYorkStateCouncilontheArts/>), Twitter [@NYSCArts](https://twitter.com/NYSCArts) (<https://twitter.com/NYSCArts>) and Instagram [@NYSCouncilontheArts](https://www.instagram.com/nyscouncilonthearts) (<https://www.instagram.com/nyscouncilonthearts>).

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