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Arts Council announces CARES grants to NH cultural organizations

The N.H. State Council on the Arts has announced that 68 cultural organizations throughout the state, from West Stewartstown to Sullivan to Portsmouth, have been awarded grants through the Council's N.H. CARES grant program.

Funding for the grants comes from the National Endowment for the Arts through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

These grants are designated for salary and facilities costs for non-profit cultural organizations impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

The following nonprofit cultural organizations, each of which received Public Value Partnership funding from the Arts Council in the past four years, were each awarded $7,500 N.H. CARES grants:

- Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music, East Sullivan
- Andy's Summer Playhouse, Wilton
- Arts Alive, Keene
- The Barnstormers Theatre, Tamworth
- The Children's Museum of New Hampshire, Dover

- Friends of the Frost Place, Franconia
- Bethlehem Redevelopment Association/Colonial Theatre, Bethlehem
- Capitol Center for the Arts, Concord
- Colonial Theatre, Keene
- Community Gallery, Inc./AVA Gallery, Lebanon
- Concord Community Music School, Concord
- Friends of the Music Hall, Portsmouth
- Haverhill Heritage/Court Street Arts, Haverhill
- Lebanon Opera House, Lebanon
- Manchester Community Music School, Manchester
- Monadnock Music, Peterborough
- MOCO Arts/Moving Company Dance Center, Keene
- Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, Warner
- Mountain Top Music Center, Conway
- New Hampshire Film Expo, Portsmouth
- New London Barn Playhouse, New London
- North Country Center for the Arts, Lincoln
- North Country Chamber Players, Franconia
- Opera North, Lebanon
- Peterborough Players, Peterborough
- Palace Theatre Trust, Manchester
- Portsmouth Music and Arts Center, Portsmouth
- Prescott Park Arts Festival, Portsmouth
- Revels North, Hanover
- Rochester Opera House, Rochester
- Saint Anselm College, Manchester
- Saint Kieran Community Center for the Arts, Berlin
- Symphony NH, Nashua
- Strawbery Banke Museum, Portsmouth
- University of New Hampshire Museum of Art, Durham
- Weathervane Theatre Players, Whitefield
- The Winnipesaukee Playhouse, Meredith

N.H. CARES grants of $3,000 each were awarded to the following nonprofit cultural organizations, each of which received project grant funding from the Arts Council in the past four years:

- 3S Artspace, Portsmouth
- Advice to the Players, Center Sandwich
- The Alchemists, Henniker
- Arts Council of Tamworth, Tamworth

- Arts in Reach: Encouraging Growth through the Arts, Portsmouth
- Arts Rochester, Somersworth
- Canterbury Shaker Village, Canterbury
- Claremont Opera House, Claremont
- Electric Earth Concerts, Peterborough
- Franklin Opera House, Franklin
- Monadnock Chorus, Peterborough
- Music on Norway Pond, Hancock
- N.H. Business Committee for the Arts, Manchester
- Portsmouth Historical Society, Portsmouth
- Portsmouth Symphony Orchestra, Portsmouth
- Raylynmor Opera, Jaffrey
- Upper Valley Music Center, Lebanon
- West Claremont Center for Music and the Arts, Claremont

N.H. CARES grants of $1,000 each were awarded to the following nonprofit cultural organizations, none of which received funding from the Arts Council in the past four years:

- Center for Advanced Musical Studies, Hanover
- Children's Stage Adventures, Sullivan
- Community Players of Concord, Concord
- Concord Chorale, Concord
- Connecticut River Artisan Group, West Stewartstown
- Flying Gravity Circus, Wilton
- Majestic Theatre, Manchester
- Manchester Choral Society, Manchester
- Monadnock Arts in Education, Keene
- The Park Theatre, Jaffrey
- Nashua Community School, Nashua
- Souhegan Valley Chorus, Amherst
- Tillotson Center, Colebrook

As one portion of the more than $2 trillion dollar federal coronavirus relief bill, these funds recognize that cultural organizations are an important sector of the economy, that additional financial support is currently necessary to keep their operations functioning, and that these organizations add creative life to communities.

The New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, a division of the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, enhances the quality of life in New Hampshire by stimulating economic growth through the arts, investing in the creativity of students, making the arts

accessible to underserved populations and preserving heritage arts. Learn more about the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts at nh.gov/nharts.

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