FOLK ARTS APPRENTICESHIP APPLICATION WORKSHOPS Application Deadline: April 9, 2014

(To attend workshop, registration is required, please contact Kim Nguyen)

February 7, 2014 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Perkins Center for the Arts 395 Kings Highway Moorestown, NJ 08057 Alan Willoughby 856. 235.6488 x304 www.perkinscenter.org awilloughby@perkinscenter.org

February 8, 2014 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Kennedy Dancers Professional Repertory Company 79 Central Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07306 Diane Dragone 291.659.2190 www.kennedydancers.org

February 18, 2014 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

New Jersey State Council on the Arts 225 West State Street, 4th Flr. Trenton, NJ 08625 Kim Nguyen 609.292.4495 www.artscouncil.nj.gov kim.nguyen@sos.state.nj.us

February 28, 2014 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Down Jersey Folklife Center Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center 1501 Glasstown Rd. Millville, NJ 08332 Iveta Pirgova 856.825.6800 X2787 www.wheatonvillage.org ipirgova@wheatonarts.org

March 2, 2014 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Jersey Shore Folklife Center Tuckerton Seaport 120 Main St. Tuckerton, NJ 08087 Jaclyn Stewart 609.296.8868 X116 www.tuckertonseaport.org jaclyns@tuckertonseaport.org

March 22, 2014 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.

East Jersey Olde Towne 1050 River Road Piscataway, NJ 08855 Eva Walters 732.745.4489 www.co.middlesex.nj.us eva.walters@co.middlesex.nj.us

On-going individualized workshops in your community - Please call for an appointment at 609.292.4495

The Council gratefully acknowledges the above organizations for hosting these workshops. All workshop sites are accessible to persons with disabilities. Applicants in need of an assistive listening device or any other assistance in regard to the workshops should contact Don Ehman at donald.ehman@sos.state.nj.us no later than two weeks prior to the workshop date.

This application is available in Large Print. If you are in need of any special accommodation in filing a NJSCA Folk Arts Apprenticeship Grant application, please contact the **Programs and Services Office at** 609.292.6130 (voice); 609.633.1186 (TTY)

Callers with hearing or speech impairments can also use the NJ Relay Service to reach any party in the state by dialing **711**

This application can be downloaded to read, print for your use, or complete on screen from the Council's Website: www.artscouncil.nj.gov The application cannot be submitted on-line.



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FOLK ARTS SUPPORT

The New Jersey State Council on the Arts recognizes that diversity is one of New Jersey's most significant and valuable characteristics. The state's many geographic and demographic settings -- from mountains to coastal plains, from farms to city neighborhoods -- are interwoven with communities whose traditional folk arts and crafts are valued ways of expressing identity and strengthening group ties. Support for these traditional arts and artists contribute to social stability and harmony at the same time that it increases the dynamic array of artistic resources of the state.

The folk arts and crafts are those that are traditionally learned as part of the lifestyle of a community whose members share identity based upon ethnic origin, religion, occupation, or geographical region. Highly varied, these traditions are shaped by the aesthetics and values of the community and are *passed from generation to generation*.

Some are fleeting -- the decorative *mehendi* painted on a Rajastani Indian bride's hands before her wedding; the Karpathian Greek mandinathes, composed and sung for the funeral of a friend. Others are enduring -- a finely crafted *cuatro*, the ten-stringed guitar that is the hallmark of Puerto Rican *jibaro* music; a Seabright skiff used by Monmouth County lifeguards. Some are part of festival -- West African-derived Trinidadian stilt dances performed for Carnival. Others are for daily life -- the strip quilts made by African American women; the brightly-colored grape baskets woven by Palestinian women. Some are endangered arts and art forms that help preserve endangered languages such as the Native American courting flute or the distinct dialect spoken by Khmer Krom (Cambodian-Vietnamese). All of these and many, many others are practiced in New Jersey.

Through its **Folk Arts Program**, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts provides support tailored to the needs of communities and their traditional folk artists and folk arts activities. Grants to organizations support community based folk arts activities, as well as events and projects that bring them to other audiences. •••

FOLK ARTS APPRENTICESHIP GRANTS

Folk Arts Apprenticeship Grants encourage communities to continue passing on their valued traditions in traditional settings, by providing stipends so that master folk artists and craftsmen can help apprentices develop greater skill. Since 1995, these grants have supported apprenticeships in many different cultural communities, reflecting the rich array of traditional arts in our state. A list of art forms that have been supported in the past is presented on page 5.

AWARDS

◆ Apprenticeship awards will vary with the proposed work plan, but will not exceed \$3,000. At least 80% of the award must be used to compensate the master for his or her time, with the remainder used for travel, materials, or supplies.

WHEN THE APPRENTICESHIP CAN TAKE PLACE

◆ The grant period for the Apprenticeship Program is July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

WHO MAY APPLY

- ◆ A master folk artist is someone who has learned a traditional art as part of community life and has attained a high level of excellence in the eyes of other community members. An apprentice is someone from the same cultural group who has demonstrated ability and commitment to learning and practicing the traditional art of the master.
- ◆ Apprentices must be at least eighteen years of age at the time of this grant application deadline and must be residents of New Jersey. Students enrolled in out-of-state educational institutions are eligible as long

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as they retain their NJ resident status. Verification of residency will be required. Apprentices are encouraged to work with master folk artists who are also residents of New Jersey whenever possible.

- ◆ Master and apprentice should be members of the same cultural group that share identity based on religion, occupation, ethnicity, language, or location and have learned the art or craft in traditional community settings rather than formal public institutions.
- ◆ Apprenticeships are eligible for funding for a second year. Second-year applicants must include a description and support materials that demonstrate the progress made during the first year of the apprenticeship.
- Apprentices who have received two consecutive years of Council Apprenticeship funds <u>may not</u> reapply to the program for the next three consecutive years.
- Grant funds may not be used for foreign travel, hospitality costs, capital improvements, the purchase of permanent equipment or to support on-going, schoolbased classes.
- One application per apprentice per year may be submitted.
- ♠ A master artist may be proposed by no more than two apprentice applicants in a single grant cycle. It is the responsibility of the applying apprentice and the master to comply with this requirement. If two apprenticeships that include the same master are funded, the training must still be conducted one-on-one and not in a group or class setting.

REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Lessons should be one-on-one unless the art form can only be performed with another person. This program does not fund group classes
- ◆ The master and the apprentice must develop the work plan together. The work plan should set out clear goals and a structure to achieve them including the content and sequence of the sessions.

- ◆ The application must be submitted in English, preferably using the computer generated form, but it may be typewritten, or legibly handwritten.
- ◆ The master and the apprentice each complete their designated section of the application and submit support materials that demonstrate their levels of skill.
- ◆ The apprentice is financially and legally responsible for the grant. He or she receives the funds, pays the master, and provides the final report.
- ◆ Apprenticeships are carried out any time between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015.
- ◆ The apprentice and master both file final reports with the NJSCA after completing the apprenticeship. Forms will be provided by Council staff.
- Public access to folk arts is an important vehicle for increased appreciation and understanding of other cultures. The NJSCA will endeavor to develop public program opportunities and will encourage masters and apprentices to participate.

HOW APPLICATIONS ARE EVALUATED

The panel of folk arts specialists will review each application on the following criteria:

- Excellence of the master artist, as demonstrated in support materials
- Preparation and commitment of the apprentice, as demonstrated in support materials and indicated in application
- ◆ Shared cultural heritage of master and apprentice
- ◆ **Traditionality** of the art form within the shared community of the master and apprentice
- ◆ Adequacy and appropriateness of the work plan and budget

PRIORITIES

The Council will place a higher priority for support for applications that represent:

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- ◆ Endangered arts and arts that help preserve endangered languages that are disappearing due to the lack of master artists, materials, marketable means to attract the general public or the community's youth population.
- ◆ Community based that are valuable to communities, but not likely involved in professional individual networks or taught in a formal or institutional process.
- ◆ The broad diversity of communities and art forms of the state that have not previously been supported through the Apprenticeship program.

SUPPORT MATERIALS

A complete application includes support materials from both the master and the apprentice. These materials are the most important means for assessing the artistry and achievement of the applicants. It is to the advantage of the applicant to provide audiovisual materials of the best quality and to follow instructions carefully. Materials should be relevant to and focus on the traditional art form. Work samples should demonstrate both the community content of the art form and the virtuosity of the master and apprentice. Be sure to identify the master and master's work and apprentice and apprentice's work on work samples.

Applicants should take care in the selection of support materials, and please know that panelists will be directed to review your website and/or other internet sources *(such as YouTube) to better assess artistic quality. If samples of artistic work are not available online, then applicants must provided documentation of artistic quality. CDs or DVDs you choose to submit should present samples of the master artist and apprentice's best work; panelists will assume what you show are the best possible samples.

For *crafts* and *visual arts*, please submit six images on CD -- three of the master's work and three of the apprentice's. On the CD provide a caption with the name of the artist and the number of the slide. Complete the "Image Support Materials" section of the application. On the form write the name of the artist and the number of the image and describe in detail the art or craft that is pictured in the image. Attach the CD to the form.

For *musical* and *spoken arts*, please submit two CDs, or DVDs one of the master and one of the apprentice. Label each disk with the name of the artist and "#1" for the master artist and "#2" for the apprentice artist. The DVD or CD may be of an entire performance. However, since the panelists may view or listen to DVDs or CDs for no more than a total of six minutes for each application, be sure that you indicate the CD or DVD track(s) that best demonstrates the artistic quality of the artist.

Dance applicants should be sure the videotapes show the performer's entire body, including the feet, and that the performance includes the most important skills for the art form.

On Page A-8 of the application, complete the "CD/DVD Support Materials" section. Write the name of the artist, the title of the work, and the date and place of the performance. If the DVD or CD portrays the master and/or apprentice with others in a group, explain how the panel can identify the master or apprentice. Provide a description of the art form, including the instruments played (if any) and any other important information, such as the symbolism of the art form or its traditional usage.

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Other documents that may be submitted, but are not required, include a biography of the artists, articles about them or the art form, photographs, publications, or a maximum of two letters of support from people who are familiar with the work of the artist and knowledgeable about the traditional art form. No more than five other documents may be submitted.

The Council must retain the support materials of successful applicants. Therefore, it is best not to send your only copy of a DVD or CD. If your application is not funded and you would like the CDs or DVDs returned, please include a stamped, self-addressed mailer of adequate size and postage.

APPLICATION PROCESS

There are several ways to receive assistance in applying for a Folk Arts Apprenticeship grant. We encourage all potential applicants to contact Folk Arts Program Coordinator Kim Nguyen to discuss the application and how best to develop it. Call the Council at (609) 292-4495, or e-mail

kim.nguyen@sos.state.nj.us. NJSCA staff will also conduct workshops to assist applicants at sites around the state. Contact the Folk Arts Program Coordinator to schedule a workshop specifically for your community or organization. In addition, you may also receive assistance with your application from a folk cultural specialist at one of the folklife programs around the state. See the directory of folklife programs on page 6 for contact information.

EVALUATION PROCESS

All applications will be reviewed by a panel of experts in folk arts and traditional culture. They will assess the quality of each application, based upon How Applications Are Evaluated listed on page 2. A Council committee will then review the panel's evaluations and make funding recommendations to the full Council. The Council plans to vote on those recommendations at its annual meeting in July 2014 and applicants will be notified in writing soon thereafter.

PAYMENTS AND REPORTING

The first payment, 85% of the award, will be advanced to the apprentice after he or she has completed and returned the grant contract. The final 15% of the award will be made after the final report has been accepted as a reimbursement. Final reports will be due by July 30, 2015, and will include a description of the work completed and a brief accounting of expenditures.

Please Note: Funds awarded through an apprenticeship grant may be taxable. It is not possible for the NJSCA to determine this for individuals. If it is a matter of concern for you, please contact a tax specialist or the IRS for information on how receipt of an award will affect your tax situation.

DEADLINE

One original and 7 copies of the application along with support materials must be postmarked or delivered to the New Jersey State Council on the Arts **no later** than **April 9, 2014**. Address all applications to:

New Jersey State Council on the Arts Folk Arts Apprenticeships PO Box 306 Trenton, NJ 08625-0306

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Art forms supported through the NJSCA Folk Arts Apprenticeship over the past nineteen years

Hoh Daiko Drumming

W. Bengalese and Bangladesh Folk Songs

Abenaki Birchbark Canoe-making Cuban Lace and embroidery work Puerto Rican Bomba and Plena

Indian Classical Music Tabla - Indian Percussion Peking Opera Singing Chinese Knotting

Yoruba/lueumi Afro-Cuban Percussion Embroidery/Sewing of Wedding Costume

Rug Hooking

Indian Odissi Dance

Native American Dance & Music African American Gospel Music Classical-Indigenous Cuatro Music

Weaving and Loom Building Puerto Rican Cuatro Making

Yiddish Song

Bengalese Ritual Decorative Painting

Storytelling

Ukrainian Pysanky Painting

Irish Set Dance

Orisha sacred drumming

Jamaica Pottery

Cambodian Classical Dance

Guatemalan Weaving

Indian Kathak Classical Dance

Lindy Hop/Jitterbug Brazillian Capoeira Mesodmexican fesco

Irish flute

Italian Lace bobbin

West African baliphone

Korean Pansori Orisha Dance

Indian Bharata Natyam Dance Indian Mridangah Drums

Jinghu - Chinese Opera Instrument

Temari-Hand ball

Guinean West African Dance

Decoy Carving

Barnegat Decoy Carving

Native American water Drum Making Palestinian Embroidery and Craft

Philippine Baybayin Nigerian Storytelling

Batik Painting

Indian Carnatic Classical

Philippine Bandurria La-ud/Octavina Puerto Rican Folk/Country Music

Puerto Rican Jibaro Music Greek Pastry making Pinelands Region Basketry Japanese Kabuki Dance African American Folk Music

Blacksmithing Chinese designs

Ukrainian Traditional Folk Dance Ukrainian Traditional Folk Embroidery

Kutchi Embroidery Italian St. Joseph's table Mexican folk dance Bata drumming

Bulgarian drummaking

Iconography

FOLK ARTS AND FOLKLIFE CENTERS AROUND NEW JERSEY

You may wish to contact one of the statewide or regional folk arts centers in the state, which can provide additional application assistance and other potential programs or services to assist you in your work.

Kim Nguyen
New Jersey State Council on the Arts
225 West State Street 4th Floor
P.O. Box 306
Trenton, NJ 08625-0306
609.292.6130
kim.nguyen@sos.state.nj.us
Other languages spoken: Vietnamese

Eva Walters
Folklife Program for New Jersey
Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage
Commission
703 Jersey Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-3605
(732) 745-4489
eva.walters@co.middlesex.nj.us
Other languages spoken: Gujarti

Jaclyn Stewart
Jersey Shore Folklife Center
Tuckerton Seaport
PO Box 52
Tuckerton, NJ 08087
(609) 296-8868
jaclyns@tuckertonseaport.org

Tom Carroll Perkins Center for the Arts 395 Kings Highway Moorestown, NJ 08057 (856) 235-6488 tcarroll@perkinscenter.org

Iveta Pirgova
Down Jersey Folklife Center
Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center
1501 Glasstown Road
Millville, NJ 08332-1566
(856) 825-6800 X131
ipirgova@wheatonarts.org
Other languages spoken: Bulgarian, Turkish,
Russian, and Serbo-Croatian



OTHER RESOURCES

NJ STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS

New Jersey State Council on the Arts also provides support and assistance through other programs and services. Different applications are used for other grant programs. For further information contact the Council's Programs and Services Office. These programs include:

NJSCA Folk Arts in Education

Residencies: The NJSCA operates a very active Artists In Education program that includes projects in folk arts. Folk artists who are accomplished self-presenters may be added to the roster of artists who visit classrooms and conduct programs with students. Call the Arts in Education Program or the Folk Arts Program at (609) 292-6130 for further information.

NJSCA Grants to Organizations: The Council also supports folk arts and artists through organizational grants. Organizations that produce or present folk arts may apply for General Operating Support, General Program Support and Arts Project Support. Organizations interested in applying for grants should contact the Council.

NJ Writers Project: Cosponsored with Playwrights Theatre of NJ, this program places writers in schools for short-term residencies.

Artists Services: The NJSCA maintains comprehensive programs and services for individual artists. These include: Fellowships, Showcases of Fellowship recipients, Artists Career Development Seminars, professional development opportunities, and the New Jersey Arts Annual exhibits. For more information on any of the above, contact the Artists Services office.

Artist Fellowships: Administered in partnership with Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, grants to individual artists in recognition of high artistic quality, providing funding to continue producing new work, and in other ways advance their careers.

Arts Inclusion Program: Advises in placing art in public facilities, and provides opportunity for the work of visual artists in the state. To be accessed.

Discover Jersey Arts (DJA): This multifaceted promotional initiative is a cosponsored project of the NJSCA and the ArtPride NJ Foundation intended to increase awareness of and participation in the arts in New Jersey through strategic marketing, communication and programmatic efforts. The initiative's website www.JerseyArts.com is a central clearinghouse of information on New Jersey's cultural scene including an evergrowing event calendar, a comprehensive directory of cultural organizations, a virtual gallery featuring a wide-range of local artists, the multi-media blog Culture Vultures, and more. To learn about the opportunities for organizations available through DJA, including cooperative advertising, the patron list exchange and the Jersey Arts Marketers network, visit www.JerseyArts.com.



NEW JERSEY

ArtPride/New Jersey

432 High Street Burlington, NJ 08016 609.479.3377 www.artpridenj.com

An arts advocacy and information agency that works to increase public awareness of the role of the arts in our quality of life.

NJ Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts

PO Box 2265 Flemington, NJ 08822 908.892.6859 www.njvla.org

Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts New Jersey provides legal services to New Jersey's arts community including workshops, seminars, and publications; representation and referrals; and dispute resolution.

REGIONAL

Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation (MAAF)

Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation 201 N. Charles Street, Suite 401 Baltimore, Maryland 21201 (410) 539-6656 (410) 837-5517 FAX (410) 779-1593 TDD www.midatlanticarts.org

The New Jersey State Council on the Arts is a member of the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation. This organization provides regional services and programs for the nine Mid Atlantic state arts councils and their constituents. The MAAF Traditional Arts Program supports projects that address cultural communities with a regional scope. For further information, please contact MAAF.

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American Folklife Center

Archive of Folk Culture Library of Congress 101 Independence Avenue Southeast Washington, DC 20540-4610 202.707.5510 202.707.2076 (Fax) www.loc.gov/folklife

The American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress was created by the US Congress in 1976 through PL 94-201 and charged to "preserve and present American folklife." The Center carries out its congressional mandate through its collections, programs and services, which have touched all 50 states. The Folklife Center maintains a public reading room and reference service, sponsors concerts and events at the Library and produces both print publications and published recordings from its collections. The Folklife Center initiates field research and also assists ethnographic researchers with an equipment loan program.

National Performance Network and the Visual Artists Network

Camp Street New Orleans, LA 70156 504.595.8008 504.595.8006 (Fax) www.npnweb.org

The NPN provides support for established and emerging artists in dance, music, theater, performance art, puppetry, and spoken word. The NPN serves as the developmental rung on the ladder for emerging contemporary performing artists because it provides rare or first-time touring opportunities. The NPN also plays a critical role for mid-career and established artists who continue to create new role and to tour on the NPN because it offers a wealth of opportunities at a time when support is diminishing. Equally important, the NPN connects artists with progressive presenters, arts organizations and communities across the country.

North American Folk Music and Dance Alliance

510 South Main Memphis, TN 38103 901.522.1170 901.552.1172 (Fax) www.folk.org

The North American Folk Music and Dance Alliance exists to foster and promote traditional, contemporary and multicultural folk music and dance, and related performing arts in North America. The North American Folk music and Dance Alliance seeks to strengthen and advance organizational and individual initiatives in folk music and dance through education, networking, advocacy, and professional and field development.

The National Endowment for the Arts

National Endowment for the Arts 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20506 (202) 682-5400 (202) 682-5496 TTY www.arts.endow.gov

The National Endowment for the Arts, an independent agency of the Federal government, was created in 1965 to encourage and assist the nation's cultural resources. In addition to supporting projects that include the presentation of traditional folk arts and artists, each year the NEA awards a limited number of National Heritage Fellowships to exemplary master folk artists and artisans. Call or write the NEA for further information on grants and fellowships.

COUNTY ARTS AGENCIES

You are encouraged to contact your County Arts Agency which can possibly provide other programs and services to assist you in your work.

Atlantic County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs

Cynthia Mason-Purdie Administrator 40 Farragut Avenue Mays Landing, NJ 08330 609.646.8699 x6314 cmasonpurdie@aclsys.org

Bergen County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs

Carol Messer, Director 1 Bergen County Plaza Fourth Floor Hackensack, NJ 07601 201.336.7276 cmesser@co.bergen.nj.us

Burlington County Division of Cultural Affairs & Tourism

Joyce Goldsmith, Coordinator Smithville Road P.O. Box 6000 Eastampton, NJ 08060 609.265.5958 jgoldsmith@co.burlington.nj.us

Camden County Cultural & Heritage Commission

Sandra Turner Barnes, Executive Director PO Box 200 College Drive Wilson Hall West #107 Haddon Township, NJ 08012 856.227.7200 x4063 stbarnes@camdencc.edu

Cape May County Division of Cultural & Heritage Affair

Diane Wieland, Director 4 Moore Road DN #139 Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 609.463.6419 dwieland@co.cape-may.nj.us

Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission

Matthew E. Pisarski Principal Planner Tourism and Cultural Affairs 800 East Commerce Street Bridgeton, NJ 08302 856.453.2177 mattpi@co.cumberland.nj.us

Essex County Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs

Kate Hartwyk, Director 22 Crestmont Road Verona, NJ 07044 973.239.7072 khartwyk@parks.essexcountynj.org

Gloucester County Cultural & Heritage Commission

Diane Macris, Administrator 1400 Tanyard Road Sewell, NJ 08080 856.464.5214 dmacris@gccnj.edu

Hudson County Division of Cultural & Heritage Affairs

William La Rosa, Division Chief 583 Newark Avenue Jersey City, NJ 07306 201.459.2070 blarosa@hcnj.us

Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission

Rick Steffey Commission Secretary P.O. Box 2900 County Complex Bldg #1 Route 12 Flemington, NJ 08822-2900 908.788.1490 rsteffey@co.hunterdon.nj.us

Mercer County Cultural & Heritage Commission

Idamis Perez-Margicin, Chief McDade Administration Building 640 S. Broad Street Trenton, NJ 08650 609.989.6701 imargicin@mercercounty.org

Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission

Anna M. Aschkenes

Executive Director 703 Jersey Avenue New Brunswick, NJ 08901 732.745.4489 ann.aschkenes@co.middlesex.nj.us

Monmouth County Arts Council

Mary Eileen Fouratt Executive Director 107 Monmouth Street, Suite 3 Red Bank, NJ 07701-1197 732.212.1890 mef@monmoutharts.org

Morris Arts

Tom Werder, Executive Director 14 Maple Ave Suite 301 Morristown, NJ 07960 973.285.5115 x 11 twerder@morrisarts.org

Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission

Tim Hart, Director P.O. Box 2191 14 Hooper Avenue Toms River, NJ 08754-2191 732.929.4779 culturalheritage@co.ocean.nj.us

COUNTY ARTS AGENCIES

Passaic County Cultural & Heritage Council

Maria Gillan, Executive Director Passaic Co. Community College Cultural Affairs Dept. 1 College Boulevard Paterson, NJ 07505-1179 973.684.6555 mgillan@pccc.edu

Salem County Cultural & Heritage Commission

Kathleen Mills, Coordinator 94 Market Street Salem, NJ 08079 856.935.7510 x8384 kathleen.mills@salemcountynj.gov

Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission

Pat McGarry, Manager Somerset County Administration Building P.O. Box 3000 20 Grove Street Somerville, NJ 08876-1262 908.231.7110 culturalheritage@co.somerset.nj.us

Sussex County Arts and Heritage Council

Mary Jo Mathias, Executive Director 9 Moran Street Newton, NJ 07860 973.383.0027 mmathias@scahc.org

Union County Division of Cultural & Heritage Affairs

Amy Wagner, Administrator 633 Pearl Street Elizabeth, NJ 07202 908.558.2550 awagner@ucnj.org

Warren County Cultural & Heritage Commission

Dennis Austin, Arts Administrator Shippen Manor 8 Belvidere Avenue Oxford, NJ 07863 908.453.4381 adennis@nac.net



THE COUNCIL

The New Jersey State Council on the Arts is an agency of state government in the Department of State. The Council was created in 1966 by Public Law Chapter 214 and consists of 17 members, all appointed by the Governor for terms of three years, and three ex-officio members. The Council administers an annual appropriation from the State of New Jersey and funds from the National Endowment for the Arts. The Council encourages and gives financial support to artists, arts organizations and arts programs throughout New Jersey.



MISSION AND GOALS

The mission of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts is to improve the quality of life of the state by helping the arts to flourish.

Its goals are:

- ◆ Increased public and private resources invested well in the growth, development and long-term stability of high quality arts organizations and programs.
- ◆ Broader, deeper and more diverse participation of New Jerseyans in the arts.
- ◆ High quality arts education for all New Jersey children and for people throughout their lives.
- ◆ A larger, stronger and more complete infrastructure of support for the success and involvement of artists.
- ◆ Improved access to and use of technology and information. ◆◆◆



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