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Greetings from President and Executive Director

Greetings friends, neighbors and partners,

This year we celebrate the progress of the arts in Orange County. We look with pride at the growth of the arts in our community. From a small group of active citizens a decade ago we have now blossomed into a vibrant cultural organization.

During this past year, we have undergone many changes including saying farewell to Executive Director, Dawn Ansbro who has served the arts community for just under one decade. We welcomed the leadership of Sarah McKay, our new Executive Director who brings a wealth of experience to furthering our mission. McKay brings ten years of non-profit management in the arts and was formerly the Director of an award-winning art center voted Best Art Gallery in Connecticut.

We have proudly welcomed three new Board members including Lydia Kontos, former Executive Director of Kauffman Music Center; Hannah Brooks, M.D. Surgeon and Founder of Hudson Valley Cancer Genetics; and Bobby Curreri, professional musician, photographer and former First Sergeant of the Orange County Sheriff’s Department.

Because of your support, your Arts Council has strengthened ties with communities through the new Public Access Initiatives hosting satellite office hours in Goshen, Warwick, Middletown, Newburgh and Port Jervis.

Through the generosity of forward-thinking organizations and individuals, we have produced cultural events and programs for youth throughout the entire County as well as supported Veterans through the arts and have engaged young-adults and college students with targeted programming.

This coming year we shall keep marching forward. Our goals are clear: champion the Arts, encourage excellence in the Arts and create innovative programming that supports the Arts while building a solid financial base to allow for sustainable success in our communities.

We are grateful for our partners in the community who help achieve this vision.

Sincerely,

Stuart Sachs, Board President  Sarah McKay, Executive Director
STAFF AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE AWESOME PEOPLE BEHIND THESE INITIATIVES

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ABOUT ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK, ARTS COUNCIL

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION

The Orange County Arts Council, located in Sugar Loaf, NY, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit group dedicated to meeting the growing need for local arts advocacy and serving as a County-wide arts resource. Its board members are community and business leaders, arts enthusiasts, and professional artists.

As the Arts Council enters its next phase of growth, it is looking for support for programming that provides a broader audience with access to the arts.
OVERVIEW

Our Vision
To help build a community that celebrates artistic diversity and inspires creative participation.

Our Mission
To champion the arts, connect artists with audiences, and foster the growth of the county’s creative resources.

OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Invest in Orange County by championing the arts

2. Build new and more diverse audiences while deepening their engagement with the arts

3. Foster community engagement in arts and culture

4. Extend and strengthen the presence of the arts in Orange County

5. Support initiatives that nurture thriving arts and cultural sectors

All of the programs and services of the Orange County Arts Council focus on CREATING a fertile and supportive environment for the arts, CONNECTING the arts community with other leading industries and INSPIRING the public to actively participate in the arts.
OUR SCOPE OF WORK

Cultural Programming and Education

- Arts Build Confidence
  Showcase - Student Artists
- New Rules and Mentor Program
- Arts & Media Internship programs - College Partnership
- Ten Minute Play Festival
- Orange County Art Awards
- Orange County Arts and Business Mixer
- Annual County-Wide Members Exhibition
- Cabaret for a Cause - The Shelter House Cafe
- One- The Concert

Arts Support Services

- Public Access Initiative - Satellite Locations
- Arts Outreach - Studio Visits
- Orange County Community Arts and Cultural Events Calendar
- Career Directory - Opportunities in the Arts
- Artist Directory and Online Portfolios
- Advocacy and Awareness
- Fiscal Sponsorship
- Networking Events
- Orange County Arts Council Membership program

Grants

- Community Art Fund
- Jarrett Markel Fund
- Youth With Exceptional Promise
- Newburgh Projects Fund
CULTURAL PROGRAMMING AND EDUCATION

2018 Highlights

Arts and Business Mixer

In partnership with Orange County Chamber of Commerce, this event serves as an opportunity for both the arts community and business community to come together, learn more about each other, and create potential collaborations. Attendees enjoy local food, wine or beer, meet lots of new people, and take a complimentary brief tour of the grounds at the beautiful Storm King Art Center in New Windsor.

Cabaret for a Cause

The featured performers included pianist Mr Richard Wiggins, a classic NY jazz performer well known for his improv skills and broad repertoire of Jazz and Blues American Standards, and singer of "American standards from torchy to lyrical," Kathy Lawrence who is part of the much-loved a cappella jazz quartet Polka Dots and Moonbeams, and who regularly performs in NYC at 'The Duplex' and other cabaret venues worldwide.
OCAC Internship Program

Internships are offered in partnership with Mount Saint Mary College and SUNY Orange. Internships are facilitated directly with arts and media professors.

Internship Program

- Opportunities for students to work directly with professionals in their field of study
- Hands-on experience and job-readiness
- Opportunity to earn college credit for students matched with professional arts organizations and individuals

ONE - The Concert

High school students from Newburgh, Middletown, Goshen, Chester, Minisink Valley, Washingtonville, Warwick, and Cornwall joined together to collaborate as a community of students showcasing their talents and bonding over what they have in common: a love for music and Orange County. Students formed into bands performing music across genres to please an audience of all ages.
The Orange County Arts Council once again hosted its annual “The Arts Build Confidence - Student Arts Showcase” in the Galleria at Crystal Run in Middletown, New York. The event featured a public exhibit of Orange County High School student artwork and digital display of elementary and middle school artwork.

In addition to artwork displays, the Student Arts Showcase highlights live performances from upcoming high school musical productions. At least fifteen high schools were included in the exhibition that brings hundreds of family and community members together in appreciation of the art. This year's event boasted eight theater performances by approximately twenty elementary and middle schools and brought together over one thousand attendees.
Backstage Pass - Film and Media Mixer Honoring Women in Film

Orange County Arts Council partnered with Orange County Film Office, and UpWIFT (Upstate Women in Film and Television) to provide a networking event at Michelson's Studio II. Honoring women in film, speakers included LA-based producer Lisa Cole along with Ronnie Lee Moody, Co-Writer & lead actress in "Queen of Newburgh". Guest speakers also included Diana Devlin, an Emmy judge, director, writer, producer and member of NYWIFT. Also honored as guest speaker was Summer Crockett Moore, an award-winning actor/producer and a Managing Partner and founding member of Choice Films Inc. in Newburgh.

Over one hundred guests attended this inspirational networking event. Guests included student from film and media programs at SUNY Orange as well as local actors, writers, set-designers, make-up artists, videographers and directors.
New Rules is a precedent-making program. It demonstrates that pursuing an arts career can provide a viable professional livelihood. A new generation of emerging professionals in the arts is re-defining the meaning of art as practice.

New Rules identifies practical approaches for artists to use in building a successful brand in this age of the internet and social media.

This program presents ways that youthful artists can use their talent as a platform of influence, entrepreneurship and social collaboration. This new approach compels a re-thinking of the viability of art and the role of the artist in today’s society.

Challenges and solutions: Orange County lacks a social platform that allows young professionals to connect with like-minded aspiring artists. This New Rules initiative provides a social platform for youthful artists in all disciplines.

Youthful participants develop new connections, shared tools, and knowledge of available resources. The New Rules program builds meaningful relationships that allow for interdisciplinary cross-collaborative opportunities. The events are free and open to the public.
Orange County Arts Council presents original ten minute theatrical plays, screenplays, or scenes that are performed as script-in-hand readings. The focus of the Ten Minute Play Festival is the voice of the Orange County playwright. Ten plays are selected and performed from among the submissions. Hosted throughout the county, this annual event includes fifty participants including actors, playwrights and directors and draws a growing audience of one hundred people. All entrants must be residents or students of Orange County.

This festival serves a need for playwrights to see and hear their scripts brought to life in front of an audience. Participating playwrights have the opportunity to participate in a panel discussion following the performances. Now in its third year, this festival continues to meet the growing demand for events that support and encourage the theater community.
The Orange County Arts Council works daily to integrate the arts into the many aspects of Orange County life. It supports the county’s many creative resources, and enriches the quality of life for all Orange County residents. Below are the activities that provide services to meet the needs of the arts community.

Public Access Initiative - Satellite Locations
Arts Outreach - Studio Tours
Arts and Cultural Events Calendar
Career Directory- Opportunities in the Arts
Artist Directory and Online Portfolios
Advocacy and Awareness
Artist and Arts Organization Consultations
Fiscal Sponsorship
Networking Events
Orange County Arts Council Membership

More details about the Orange County Arts Support Services are available on the new website. Arts Support Services are crucial to the sustainability and growth of the creative economy in Orange County.
Ritz Kidz - Art of Balance,
Orange County Art Awards,
Motorcyclepedia Museum, Newburgh, NY,
November 2018
GRANTS

Orange County Arts Council Community Arts Fund

Among our many programs and activities is the Community Arts Fund. This fund makes grants to artists to enable them to produce, perform, or display their works for the benefit of the Orange County community.

The Community Arts Grants have been made possible by The Wesley Krueger Family Foundation and contributions from our supporters.

2018 Grantees

Wallkill River School - Emerging Artist Program
Hudson Valley Plein Air Festival
Port Jervis Tourism Board in conjunction with River Valley Artists Guild - Art in the Park 2018
Heroines
Highland Chamber of Commerce ArtWalk
2018 "Revving up the River"
Music for Humanity - Music Performance and the Music Business
Milkweed Poetry Workshop - Milkweed Poetry Journal (Issues 2 & 3)
Greenwood Lake - Skatepark Corp. Do it for Dale!
Acrobats, Inc. - "The Art of Balance"
Crawford Arts Association - Cow Abduction!
Wickham Works, Inc - Treecycle 2018
Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra - Fiesta Concert
DUSKLIT Interactive Art Festival 2018
Newburgh Open Movement 2018 Season
The Jarret Markel Fund
Arts programming for children with disabilities

Established by The Kaplan Family Foundation in 2018, grants will be available in Spring 2019 to enhance the quality of life through the arts for children with disabilities. Ensuring that the arts are accessible to all, the Jarret Markel Fund will make it possible for organizations to provide dynamic arts programming for a significantly underserved part of our community.

Youth With Exceptional Promise Art Award

Made possible through donations from the Orange County Arts Council Board of Directors and individual donations, this annual award is presented to an outstanding High School student who demonstrates commitment and excellence in the arts. Nominations for this award are received from teachers throughout the county.

Newburgh Projects Fund

To date, the Newburgh Projects Fund made possible through anonymous donations has been able to contribute funds to Newburgh projects. With a growing population, the city of Newburgh hosts many resident artists, musicians and performers within its creative community.

"Heroines"
2018 Community Art Fund Grant Recipient
Goshen, NY
Partnerships fulfill the mutual goal of enhancing the quality of life in Orange County through the arts. Orange County Arts Council is proud to have worked with community-minded for-profit entities such as GritWorks in Newburgh, CoLab in Goshen, and Michelson’s Studio II in Middletown.

The Motorcyclepedia Museum, Safe Harbors, Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, SUNY-Orange, Storm King Art Center, Orange County Citizens Foundation and many other non-profits have helped to create opportunities in the arts.

Government agencies including the Human Rights Commission, Orange County Planning Department and Tourism Office have also been influential in the history and future of these programs.

THE COUNCIL HAS PARTNERED WITH BUSINESSES, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ON ITS PROGRAMS.
Arts, culture, and creative economies enrich our County, our community, and our social experience. They lead neighborhood growth and redevelopment, enhance tourism, entertain residents, attract small businesses, and support cultural and economic vitality.

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