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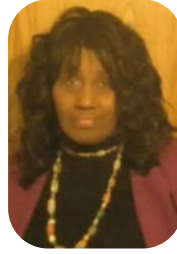
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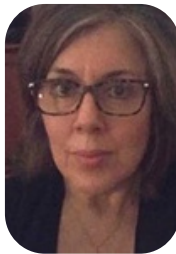
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It was an inspiring year at Arts Mid-Hudson (AMH) as we put together the best team to fulfill our mission to provide vision and leadership to support thriving and diverse arts in the Mid-Hudson Valley. We saw a need to return to a “new normal” after the past few years, and we dove into **connecting with our community in new and exciting ways.**

AMH provided more than 270 consultations with artists or individuals affiliated with the arts or community organizations to advise on new funding streams, growth opportunities, and making connections that foster collaborations. We presented professional development workshops, proposal writing presentations, and other technical assistance guidance aimed at strengthening and retaining existing arts organizations focused on using best business practices.

The Dutchess County Poet Laureate program continued in its 8th year with Stephanie JT Russell, who works with a variety of cultural communities focused on public accessibility while the Ulster County Poet Laureate program launched this past year with the appointment of Kate Hymes to the position. As longtime advocates, we were thrilled to see the community come together to support this program.

The 37th Annual Dutchess County Executive’s Arts Awards celebrated ten individuals and organizations for their dedication and contribution to our arts landscape. Across the river, the 11th Annual Ulster County Executive’s Arts Awards was another spectacular event, recognizing those who enhance our community through creativity. Both events delighted attendees who came to honor the awardees and raise funds to support artists and arts organizations countywide.

In 2023, Dutchess Handmade reopened its spring shop back in the AMH Gallery for the first time since 2019. This “shop local” initiative pops up twice yearly, supporting artists and the local economy. The two pop-ups welcomed more than 1,250 people and AMH was able to pay a total of over \$19,000 to participating artists.

Since 2020, THRIVE: Making a Career in the Arts has been held virtually however last year’s event was held in person thanks to our partnership with Dutchess BOCES. Creative professionals from our region were able to network, inspire, and provide career advice for the students.

In 2023, the AMH Folk Arts program celebrated its 22nd year working with cultural, ethnic, and religious communities throughout the Mid-Hudson Region, including collaborations to present a selection of educational and interactive cultural public programs such as the Hudson Valley Gospel Festival.

Learning from our past and building for the future - this is what the team at Arts Mid-Hudson focused on in 2023. Moving into 2024, we will continue to forge the relationships we have built while establishing new opportunities through our outreach, gallery, events, and advocacy. Our achievements in 2023 make our team and members thrilled about the abundant presence of art in the Mid-Hudson Valley and its ability to uplift, empower, and engage. We will continue to honor diversity and celebrate creativity while playing a central role in supporting and promoting all of the arts in the communities we serve.

Together we create.

Jonathan Cilley

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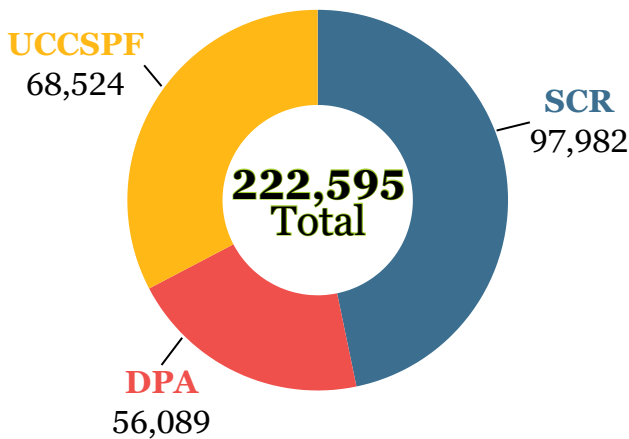
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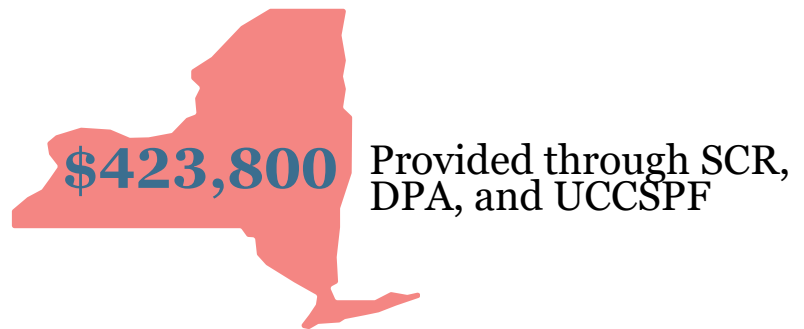
Arts Mid-Hudson continues to provide essential support to artists and arts organizations in our region. In 2023, we worked closely with applicants and grantees to provide vital assistance in applying for funding and managing their awards. In 2023 we served 284 people in grant Q&A sessions, informational videos were viewed 477 times, and provided 230 individual assistance appointments in addition to providing assistance on numerous calls and emails. This assistance allows applicants to brainstorm ideas, review a draft of their proposal, and seek feedback based on review panel comments. Grant support by Arts Mid-Hudson has allowed many grantees to leverage additional funds from other sources. Through the following grants and awards programs, Arts Mid-Hudson makes available county and state arts funding to every part of our region, making possible an extraordinary array of cultural activities.

Grants by the numbers

Est. People Served by Funding Streams



Grant Q&A Session Attendees	284
Grant Informational Video Views	477
Individual Grant Assistance Appointments	230



Statewide Community Re grants Program (SCR)

67 Funded programs, \$255,000

These awards are made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Re grants Program, a re grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature and administered by Arts Mid-Hudson.

Dutchess Partners in the Arts (DPA)

25 funded Capacity Building Initiatives and projects, \$120,000

Financial resources for this program have been made available through a partnership with the Office of the County Executive and Dutchess Tourism and administered by Arts Mid-Hudson.

Ulster County Cultural Services & Promotion Fund (UCCSPF)

14 funded organizations, \$48,800

Financial resources for this program have been made available by the Ulster County Legislature and administered by Arts Mid-Hudson.



DPA Reception



SCR Reception



DPA Reception



SCR Reception



In honor of the incredible impact Linda Marston-Reid (former Executive Director of Arts Mid-Hudson) has made on artists in Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster Counties, Arts Mid-Hudson has created an annual fund to provide unrestricted monetary awards to three artists.

2023 Award Recipients



“Since I am especially passionate about my role as a public artist often working beyond the rarified world of commercial art spaces, the Empowering Artist Award has allowed me to depend less on the several streams of income that allow me to pursue the type of art practice that motivates me the most, namely, representing the stories of Black lives absent from dominant historical narratives that have shaped the Hudson Valley. Presenting myself as an EAA awardee adds a level of recognition to my art practice that has undoubtedly benefited applications for other grants I have since received. It is certainly my hope that with more funding like the EAA, I continue to grow one step closer towards a career as a full-time artist.”

-Jean-Marc Superville Sovak, Ulster County Recipient



“Sharing my most vulnerable and recent work alongside my artist statement gave me the courage to expand my artistic vision as a multi-instrumentalist, writer and activist. In addition to these new horizons, I’m collaborating with my co-Empowered Artist recipient Jean Marc-Superville on a project that calls for my vision as an Empowered Artist.”

-Gwen Laster, Dutchess County Recipient



“Receiving the Empowered Artist Award has granted me the latitude to experiment with expansive prints and reshape my vision for the Hudson River project. Thanks to this grant, I’ve procured essential materials such as chemicals, paper, and a larger lightbox, enabling me to produce artwork that aligns closely with my original artistic vision.”

-Jill Enfield, Orange County Recipient



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Twenty-six articles written on arts events and exhibits were featured in the Poughkeepsie Journal.



Art Walk Kingston celebrated its seventh year with **200** artists participating with more than **50** locations throughout the weekend.



From Virtual Gospel Festival episodes to helpful grant application videos and artist interviews in our series "Leading with Artivism" our YouTube channel saw **950** views this year!



AMH presented **6** exhibits that left a lasting impression on art enthusiasts and the community. These exhibitions collectively drew a total of **2,258** visitors.

Through the Arts Mid-Hudson newsletter, online community calendar, and social media, events from arts and cultural organizations are promoted throughout the Mid-Hudson region and beyond.



Cultural communities are the best interpreters of their cultural expressions. The AMH Folk Arts Program encourages the enduring traditional practices of the cultural communities of the Mid-Hudson region through interactive public programming such as festivals and workshops. AMH provides networking, fieldwork, research assistance, and resource development to aid communities in this endeavor. Public programs presented in collaboration with community organizations aim to expand awareness of and appreciation for our region’s rich cultural heritage.

The Folk Arts Program is funded primarily by New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and Dutchess County, with additional support in 2023 from Stewart’s Shops, Hudson Valley Credit Union, Fairgame, and the Robert R. Chapman Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley.

Programs

Hudson Valley Gospel Festival
 Hudson Valley Gospel Zoom Presentations
 Alianza Cultural de Kingston
 Peg Leg Bates

Folk Arts by the Numbers

Event	Attendees
Alianza Cultural de Kingston (2 events)	25
HV Gospel Festival	200
HV Gospel Festival (virtual)	231
Kakizome	36

Collaborators

Tres Reyes
 Kingston Juneteenth
 La Guelaguetza
 Caribbean Festival
 Kingston African American Festival



ARTS EDUCATION



THRIVE: Making a Career in the Arts
 In the fall, we partnered with Dutchess BOCES to launch a program tailored to high school art students. This initiative featured a panel of professionals who shared valuable insights on how young individuals can empower themselves as they embark on their journey to choose a career in the field of art and prepare for the workforce.



Workshops and Arts Opportunities
 In collaboration with our teaching artists, we were able to provide 9 workshops ranging in professional development subjects for artists and nonprofit organizations as well as creative workshops for our community.





Partnerships

“**Leading with Artivism,**” a live monthly interview series, created and curated by Poet Gold in collaboration with Arts Mid-Hudson, featuring a diverse mix of Artivists (Artist Activists) who have taken up the charge through their art to highlight social issues.



Harrison Brisbon-McKinnon and Poet Gold



Ilga Ziemins-Kurens

Art at the Bellefield, a collaboration between the Inn at Bellefield and Arts Mid-Hudson in December, where artworks from Arts Mid-Hudson members are showcased on a rotating basis for six months throughout the hotel. Local artists' works are displayed on each floor's elevator landing strip to complement the hotel's historic/agricultural branding. The artists can sell their work and receive 75% of the sale.

Art in the Loft, an annual partnership between Millbrook Vineyards & Winery and Arts Mid-Hudson showcases local artists' work in a gallery setting, providing sales opportunities. Sixteen artists participated in 2023 and Linda Lavin was the Wine Label Competition winner.



Linda Lavin & Stacy Hudson of Millbrook Vineyards & Winery

Initiatives

Dutchess Handmade, a spring and winter pop-up shop to “shop local” from regional artists. The pop-up shops included a total of 88 participating artists, 518 sales, and over \$19,000 in payments made to artists.



\$19,000+
paid to artists



518
total sales



88
participating artists



162
artists
represented

Arts Mid-Hudson's gallery hosted five exhibitions and two Dutchess Handmade pop-up shops for a total of 162 artists presenting in Arts Mid-Hudson's space.

The Virtual Critique Group, a monthly (virtual) meeting for visual artists to deepen and develop their work alongside other artists. This group is open to all visual artists in the mid-Hudson region.





11th Annual Ulster County Executive's Arts Awardees



- Art in Public Places** - Lady Pink
Artist - TMI Project
- Arts in Education** - Anastasia Solberg
- Arts Organization** - Ars Choralis
- Business** - Catskill Art Supply
- Inclusion in the Arts** - MHA in Ulster County,
Creative Arts Program
- Individual Artist** - Staats Fasoldt
- Special Citation** - Carol Zaloom, Posthumously
- Volunteer** - Susan Shaw
- Youth with Exceptional Promise in the Arts** -
Hudson Rowan

Ulster Event Committee: Bonnie Brocco, Brendan Burke, Sydney Cash, Laura Kandel, Susie Linn, Barbara Scott, Kaete Brittin Shaw, Nancy Tierney



37th Annual Dutchess County Executive's Arts Awardees

- Art in Public Places** – Dutchess County Historical Society for Clowes Exhibit
- Artist** – Paola Bari
- Arts Organization** – The KuBe Art Center
- Arts in Education** – Jim Osborn
- Business** – Albert Shahinian Fine Art
- Individual Artist** – Jodé Millman
- Special Citation** – Hudson Valley Philharmonic String Competition Committee
- ThinkDIFFERENTLY in the Arts** - i2Evolve
- Volunteer** – Randy Caruso
- Youth with Exceptional Promise in the Arts** -
Rowan Parsaca

Dutchess Event Committee: Marian Billet, Henry Breed, Roger D'Aquino, Charlotte Dinwiddie, Kelly Dwy, Tempy Hopkins, Anita Jones, Kim Steinard, Patricia Walsh



Joe Gonzalez & Barbara Scott



Chris Marino



Ars Choralis



The KuBe Art Center



Kate Hymes
Ulster County

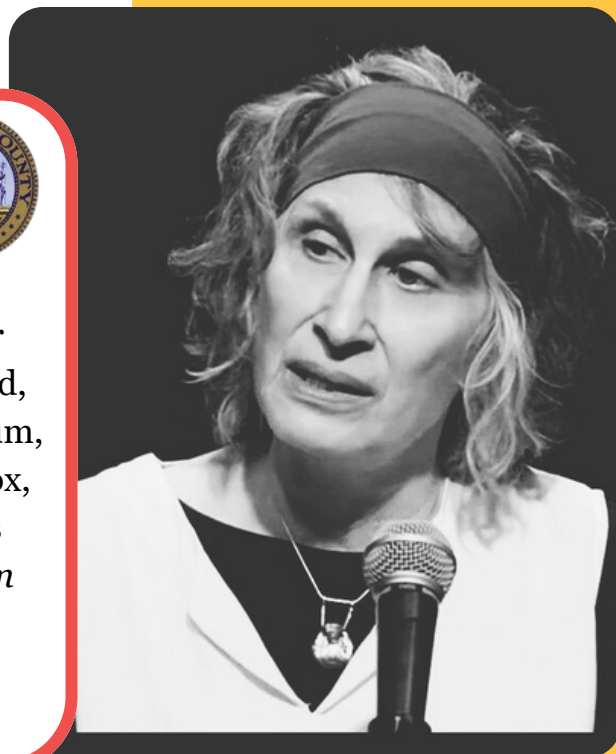


Kate Hymes is a writer and poet living in New Paltz. She has led Wallkill Valley Writers workshops for over twenty years. Writers who have written with her have dubbed her the story doula. Her poems have been published in national and regional anthologies, most recently *Mightier: Poets for Social Justice*, published by Calling All Poets, 2020. She is currently working on poems inspired by the history of people of African descent in New Paltz and Ulster County.

Stephanie JT Russell
Dutchess County

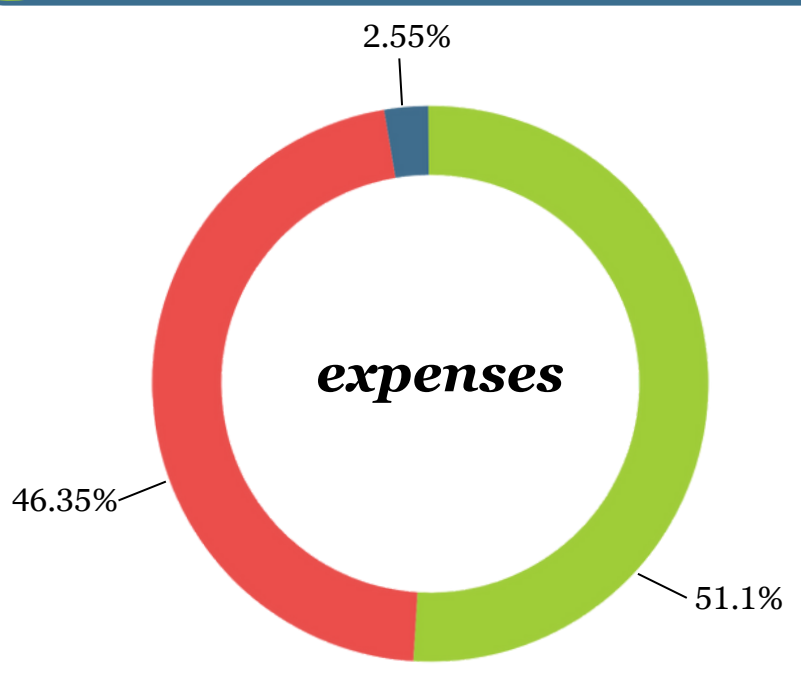
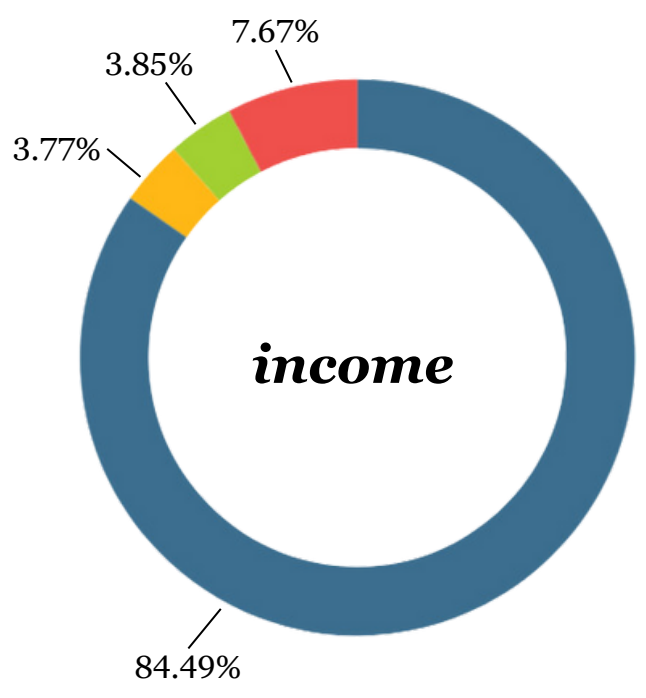


A prolific poet, interdisciplinary artist, and cultural worker, Russell’s work has been featured in *The Xavier Review*, *The Winter Anthology*, *Sequestrum*, *Lightwood*, *ArLiJo*, and at noted venues including *The New Museum*, *The Griffin Museum of Photography*, *The Albright Knox*, *Bowery Poetry Club*, and *The Berkeley Museum*. She is curating an intercultural Laureate Event Series, *Stream of Life*, featuring poetry and art from multicultural communities throughout Dutchess County and the Hudson Valley region.





INCOME & EXPENSES



- Public Support \$1,109,695
- Individual & Corporate Support \$49,452
- Foundation Support \$50,417
- Events & Earned Income \$100,445
- Administration & Art Services* \$535,244
- Funded Programs in Dutchess, Orange & Ulster \$485,523
- Fundraising \$26,762

* 52% of administrative costs funded through grants & contracts



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\$305,000+

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\$80,000

County of Ulster

\$30,000

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