

# arts

## Mid-Hudson

*together we create*



**2019 Annual Report**

## MESSAGE

***Together We Create*** has been the theme for 2019 as we proudly look at all that has been accomplished during the past year. It was an exciting and productive year fulfilling our mission to provide vision and leadership to support thriving and diverse arts in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

***Together We Create*** embodies the work Arts Mid-Hudson does across multiple areas: grantmaking, arts advocacy, folk arts programs, workshops, and arts/cultural events. These three words convey the essence of our efforts in a way that will resonate with our members, supporters, and regional community.

Arts Mid-Hudson applauds the work of Dutchess County Poet Laureate Raphael Kosek who served her first year expanding the reach of poetry throughout Dutchess County. Following in the steps of Poet Gold Wilkerson, 2017-2018 Dutchess County Poet Laureate, Raphael has presented poetry readings and workshops with Dutchess County community groups.

The 33rd Annual Dutchess County Executive's Arts Awards gala attracted an astonishing number of artists and appreciators who outdid themselves and outbid each other on the silent auction, raising dollars to support artists and arts organizations countywide. Out of dozens of nominees, eleven awardees were recognized for their work in Dutchess County. Past awardees were there to cheer them on, and we are proud to honor the growing number of people that make a difference in Dutchess County.

Keeping the party going on both sides of the Hudson River, the 7th Annual Ulster County Arts Awards was another spectacular event, recognizing the work of eleven individuals and organizations across Ulster County. An example of Arts Mid-Hudson fulfilling its mission in Ulster County was serving as the lead partner in organizing the 4th Annual Art Walk Kingston, featuring over 130 participating artists and galleries. This art-filled weekend event drew local visitors as well as tourists from New York City, Connecticut, and New Jersey.

In Orange County, 2019 was the sixth year that Arts Mid-Hudson administered the New York State Council on the Arts regranting program. Arts Mid-Hudson was honored to be a presenter of the first Hudson Valley Creative Impact, along with Orange County Arts Council and the Orange County Chamber of Commerce and hosted by Storm King Art Center. The goal of the event was to facilitate discussion between cultural organizations, commissions, and groups advocating for the arts in their communities.

The geography we serve covers 2,825 square miles, much of which is rural, creating a challenge for our limited staff to be on location in each community. During 2020 we will continue to build on the relationships we have forged and establish new ones through our myriad workshops, events, and outreach. Our accomplishments of 2019 make our members, board of directors, and dedicated staff excited about supporting thriving and diverse arts in the Mid-Hudson Valley, because ***Together We Create***.



John Nelson,  
Chair, Board of Directors

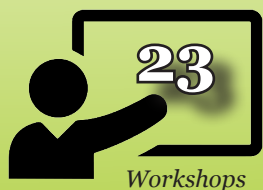


Linda Marston-Reid,  
Executive Director

## CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT & ARTS SERVICES

In the Arts Mid-Hudson gallery six exhibits featured a variety of work including Emancipation of the Mind, curated by Willie Mae Brown and featuring 14 visual artists, a poetry performance by Poet Gold and a literary reading by Willie Mae Brown. All exhibits featured artist discussions on their work through Art Brunch and other programming related to the exhibit. Evanescent Paper included an artist residency with free workshops for the public to explore artmaking using similar processes with the exhibiting artists, Monica Church and Jessica Baker.

A new art initiative in 2019 included the launch of THRIVE: Making a Career in the Arts with our partners at Fall Kill Creative Works. This event included 25 professional resources and a panel discussion to guide youth with career connections in the arts. Arts Mid-Hudson continues to promote Arts & Action meet-ups in Poughkeepsie and Kingston to cultivate partnerships between artists and the communities in which they live.



## ADVOCACY & PUBLIC AWARENESS

Arts Mid-Hudson's work advocates for the arts across the region through branding and support for local marketing initiatives – a few artists and organizations that have taken advantage of this include: Barrett Art Center, County Players, Fall Kill Creative Works, Hudson River Maritime Museum, PoughENTRY Festival, Pawling Concert Series, Middletown Concert Chorale, Millbrook Literary Festival, Poughkeepsie Open Studios, Shadowland Stages, The Secret City, Mount Tremper Arts and Fay Wood.

Through the Arts Mid-Hudson newsletter, social media, and print distribution, events from arts and cultural organizations are promoted throughout the Mid-Hudson region and beyond. For instance, bi-monthly articles on arts events and exhibits are featured in the Poughkeepsie Journal and Arts Mid-Hudson curates bi-monthly articles written by local artists to raise public awareness of the myriad of regional artists. ArtsCast, the quarterly video overview produced by Arts Mid-Hudson featuring arts events across the region, celebrated its second year. Grant workshops were also made available on YouTube to more broadly distribute information.



## FOLK ARTS PROGRAM

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Programs

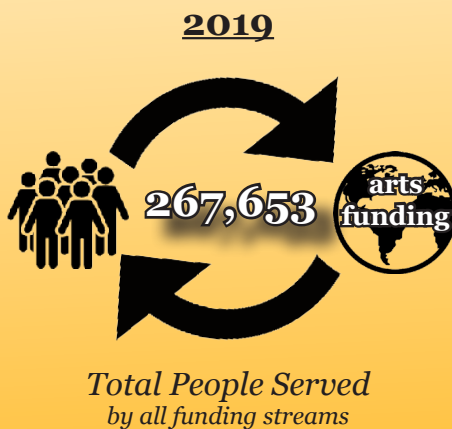
The Folk Arts Program collaborates with cultural, ethnic, occupational, and religious communities in the Mid-Hudson Valley through ethnographic documentation and partnerships to present educational, interactive public programs. The staff folklorist provides technical assistance to organizations and individuals in these communities working to enhance cross-cultural understanding. 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 this year from Stewart's Shops, Humanities New York and the Ann and Abe Efron Donor Advised Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley.



## RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT & FUNDING

Arts Mid-Hudson provides essential support to artists and arts organizations in our region. The AMH Grants team continues to assist a wide variety of constituents in applying to our funding programs. In 2019 we served over 250 people in grant information seminars, and held over 370 individual technical assistance sessions. 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.



186

Applicants

**Decentralization Grant Program:** \$123,550 57  
re-grant program from NYSCA awarded projects

**Dutchess County Partners in the Arts:** funds provided by \$35,000 14  
Dutchess Tourism awarded organizations

**Dutchess County Special Funding for Performing Arts:** \$48,000 4  
funds provided by Dutchess County awarded organizations

**Ulster County Cultural Services & Promotion Fund:** funds provided \$51,000 19  
by the Ulster County Legislature awarded organizations

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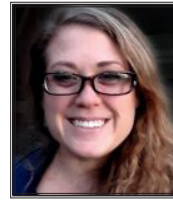
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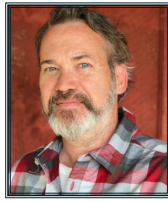
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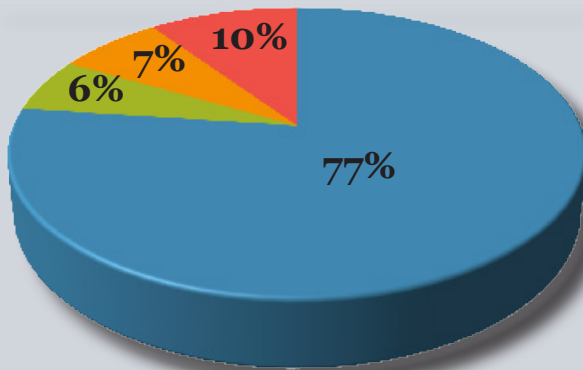


*AMH Staff at the Dutchess County Executive's Arts Awards*

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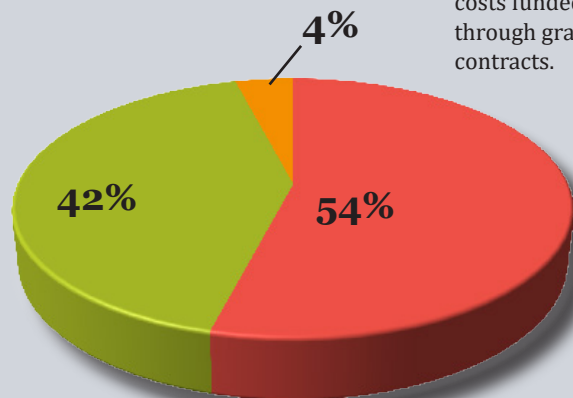
## 2019 Year End Income & Expense Statement

2019 INCOME



- Public Support: \$535,460
- Individual & Corporate Support: \$47,102
- Foundation Support: \$49,364
- Events & Earned Income: \$67,729

2019 EXPENSES



- Administration & Arts Services: \* \$374,556
- Funded Programs in Dutchess, Orange, & Ulster Counties: \$297,443
- Fundraising: \$28,200

\* 55% of administrative costs funded through grants & contracts.

**\$257,000**  
New York State Council on the Arts

**\$193,960 +**  
Dutchess Tourism, Inc. & County of Dutchess

**\$38,200 +**  
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