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As our region continued to face the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2022, Arts Mid-Hudson provided critical support for our artist community. Our staff, management team, Board of Directors, and Advisory Board exhibited the resilience and perseverance needed to ensure our region's vibrant artistic culture can continue to flourish. Together, in association with our members and our community residents, we work to create the culturally diverse region that we want to be a part of.

Despite the ongoing difficulties of the pandemic, our staff and members found ways to bring our members back to in-person events to foster the sense of community that we have all come to love about Arts Mid-Hudson. From the Ulster and Dutchess County Executives' Arts Awards to Art in the Loft, the Gospel Festival, the Dutchess Handmade Pop-Up Shop, artist education sessions, and more, Arts Mid-Hudson was able to accomplish amazing things in 2022. We accomplished all of these events successfully while maintaining the safety of our attendees and raising significant funds for our communities.

The 36th annual Dutchess County Executive's Arts Awards were held at The Keepsake at the Academy in Poughkeepsie, one of the newest event spaces in the region. County Executive Marcus Molinaro and MC (Grace) Angela Henry kept the attendees engaged throughout the evening celebrating our awardees. During the evening, the Balloon Pop was a highlight of the evening along with our signature cocktails being served. Overall, we raised \$10,109 that will be contributed back to the arts community from the evening's festivities, which we can all be proud of.

The 10th annual Ulster County Executive's Arts Awards honored our region's artists and organizations on the other side of the Hudson River. The night featured live performances, the attendee's favorite Balloon Pop, and our guest MC Ann Citron and County Executive Patrick Ryan presenting awards to our honorees. Overall we raised \$6,086 during the evening that will fund Arts Mid-Hudson's programming in the region we serve.

The Dutchess Handmade Pop-Up Shop at the Trolley Barn in Poughkeepsie was another featured event of the year. Our artists and Arts Mid-Hudson received significant coverage from local media during the holiday shopping season when they showcased our community's work. This provided the opportunity for far greater exposure and recognition to our exhibiting artists than ever before. The Arts Mid-Hudson team is looking forward to continuing this type of local media collaboration going forward.

These are just a sample of the events and programming that Arts Mid-Hudson produces each year, directly giving back to the arts community in the region. In the coming year, we will continue to strengthen our contributions to the arts in the nearly 3,000 square miles of area we serve. We will create this thriving arts culture together with each of you to ensure it is available in the years and decades to come.

Jonathan Cilley

Chairperson, Arts Mid-Hudson

resource development & funding

Arts Mid-Hudson continues to provide essential support to artists and arts organizations in our region. In 2022, we worked closely with applicants and grantees to provide vital assistance in applying for funding and managing their awards. In 2022 we served over 100 people in grant Q&A sessions, informational videos were viewed over 300 times, and AMH staff documented over 300 individual assistance interactions. 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.

Dutchess Partners in the Arts

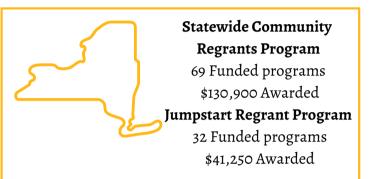
9 Capacity Building Initiatives 13 Programmatic Support \$100,000 Awarded

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 19 funded organizations \$48,800 Awarded

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



These awards are made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrants Program, a regrant 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.



Estimated total people served by all funding streams

SCR: 22,500 Jumpstart: 21,110

DPA: 59,300 UCCSPF: 37,565



La Guelaguetza Dutchess Partners in the Arts



The Stissing Center Dutchess Partners in the Arts



Poet Gold & Suprina Jumpstart Grant



Brad Shur Statewide Community Regrant Statewide Community Regrant



Wickham Works

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.

Carmen Lizardo, Poet Gold and Alison McNulty were the award receipents in 2022.

"The Empowered Artist Award has reassured me that my artwork has a reason to be made, that it is meaningful and it should be seen. This grant will allow me to finish work for the exhibition, "Perhaps home is not a place" at Alfred University, which is scheduled for February of next year."

- Carmen Lizardo

Ulster County Recipient

"I believe every artist, if not most, is on a never-ending journey of looking at ways to fund their creativity without too many strings attached. Funding that offers the flexibility to be used towards the unexpected things that pop up when producing a project or simply navigating life. I am honored to be the inaugural recipient of the Empowered Artist Grant for Dutchess County. With this award and the full wheelhouse of Arts Mid-Hudson behind me, my intention is, through my artistry, to utilize the resources to touch more lives and elevate my career another notch."

- Poet Gold

Dutchess County Recipient

"I'm deeply grateful to receive The Empowered Artist Award for Orange County. Carrying on the legacy of Linda Marston-Reid's work of empowering artists in the mid-Hudson region through this award is an honor. EAA will have a strong and immediate impact on the trajectory of my career by allowing me to leverage the studio workspace, resources, and support I currently have available toward opportunities I have already created." - Alison McNulty

Orange County Recipient





advocacy & public awareness





Twenty-six articles written on arts events and exhibits were featured in the Poughkeepsie Journal and Hudson Valley News. Arts & Action meet-ups in Poughkeepsie and Kingston cultivate partnerships between artists and the communities in which they live, fostering collaborations and connections.

Arts Mid-Hudson's work advocates for the arts across the region through branding and support for local marketing initiatives. Nineteen Arts Awardees in Dutchess and Ulster Counties build awareness of local arts supporters, businesses, and artists who enhance the quality of life in our community.

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

<u>folk arts</u>

The Folk Arts Program is funded primarily by New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and Dutchess County, with additional support in 2022 from Stewart's Shops, Humanities New York and the Robert R. Chapman Fund of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley.



Rhythmic Crossings: International Poets and Students Share Poetry: 100 attendees 4 classrooms



The working group of the Kingston Latino Cultural Study became Alianza Cultural de Kingston.

2 events: 20 attendees





Hudson Valley Gospel Festival: 200 attendees Virtual Presentations: 187 views The Peg Leg Bates Resort: The Legacy of a Black Resort in the Catskills completed its first phase with the creation of a webpage.

dutchess county poet laureate



Dr. Lucia Cherciu served as the Dutchess County Poet Laureate from 2021-2022. In 2022, Dr. Cherciu performed 10 readings, led 4 workshops, collaborated with numerous organizations, and was interviewed internationally for her work. 23 of her poems were accepted for publication by various literary magazines, including *Stonecoast Review, Kind of a Hurricane Press, Querencia Press Anthology, Newtown Literary, Heron Clan, Variant Literature, New Note Poetry, Pensive, Pine Cone Review, Pawling Living, Comstock Review, Voices on the Move Anthology, Citron Review, and Sidereal.*

cultural development & art services

Arts Mid-Hudson Partnerships:

Poet Gold's "Leading With Artivism," a monthly interview series led by Poet Gold interviewing local artivists.

Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression Learning Cohort facilitated by Rae Leiner and Kk Naimool, funded by the Dyson Foundation.

Leading with Artivism: Youth Roundtable

> 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.

Art in the Loft

I.D.E.A. Black Lives Matter, an exhibition to reflect the thoughts and feelings of people of all abilities about the Black Lives Matter movement. The exhibition included works by professional artists, students, and employees from Spackenkill High School and Oakwood School. Through collaboration, the exhibit was shown at Bethany Arts Community, MASS Design, Safe Harbors on the Hudson, The Pocantico Center, Unison Arts Center, and Arts Mid-Hudson's Gallery.

I.D.E.A. Black Lives Matter at the Arts Mid-Hudson Gallery

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I.D.E.A. Black Lives Matter at Safe Harbors of the Hudson

cultural development & art services

Arts Mid-Hudson Initiatives:

Dutchess Handmade, a pop-up shop to "shop local" from regional artists

Art Walk Kingston is a weekend of open studios/galleries that focus on Kingston artists.

Artist-led virtual workshops during 2022 included professional development learnings on legal issues, goal setting and implementation, and writing artist statements.

CBS's John Elliot at Dutchess Handmade

Virtual Critique Group designed for visual artists to receive feedback on their work.

Grant and proposal writing workshops were also made available on YouTube to more broadly distribute information.

Arts Mid-Hudson's gallery hosted 6 exhibits, virtually and in-person. The HeART Exhibit encouraged young artists, ages 13 and younger to show what loves means to them.

Art Walk Kingston

The HeART Exhibit:

Loving Tree from Pine Hill Community Center

Virtual Workshops

arts education

Arts Mid-Hudson Arts Education Alliance

The Art Mid-Hudson Arts Education Alliance enjoyed a very successful year in 2022. We continued to meet virtually, which allowed for guest appearances by representatives of the New York Regents, regional legislators, and representatives of the New York State Education Department, New York State Council on the Arts, Arts NYS, the Museum Association of New York and others.

Our focus has mainly centered on State and Local policy: we played our part in encouraging regional legislators to support increased funding for the arts and arts education.

At the local level, we provided support for arts education partnerships, state-funded Arts In Education Co-Sers (Cooperative Services) through the BOCES, and creative career pathways. As the Regents move towards alternative pathways to graduation, we supported Dutchess BOCES and the Poughkeepsie City Schools in their successful applications to develop pilots for the IAAP (Individual Arts Assessment Pathway) initiative. They were selected along with only 33 other districts statewide.

As a regional component of NYSAAE (New York State Alliance for Arts Education), we participated in the second annual New York State Arts Education Advocacy Summit at Bethel Woods, where MHAEA facilitated a remarkable panel on community-schools partnerships.



THRIVE: Making a Career in the Arts

In the spring, THRIVE brought regional employers together in a job fair format with a goal of retaining our young college graduates and helping high school students interested in arts-related careers prepare for further education and job training.

In the fall, this program focused on high school art students with a panel of 18 professionals who gave insight on ways youth can empower themselves as they begin to select an art profession and prepare for the workforce.

Workshops and Arts Opportunities

In collaboration with our teaching artists, we were able to provide 20 workshops ranging in professional development subjects for artists and nonprofit organizations as well as creative workshops for our community.



<u>arts awards</u>





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

10th Annual Ulster County Executive's Arts Awardees:

Art in Public Places – Saugerties Chamber of Commerce, Artivist – Barbara Masterson Arts Organization – Vanaver Caravan, Arts in Education – Jill Obrig, Business– The Ashokan Center Individual Artist – Sydney Cash, Special Citation – Maggie Inge, Volunteer – Joe Gonzalez



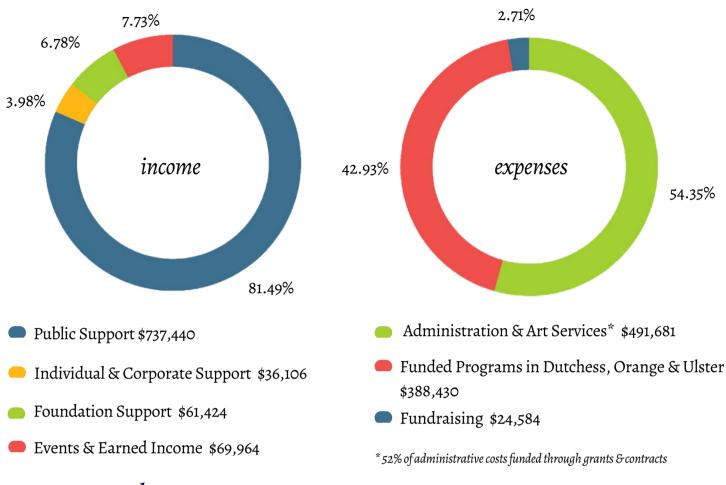
Dutchess Event Committee: Marian Billet, Roger D'Aquino, Charlotte Dinwiddie, Kelly Dwy, Tempi Hopkins, Anita Jones, Kim Steinard



36th Annual Dutchess County Executive's Arts Awardees:

Art in Public Places – Joseph Bertolozzi's Bridge Music, Artivist – Bryan "Kicks Kapri" Ashong Arts Organization – Kaatsbaan Cultural Park, Arts in Education – Hudson Valley Performing Arts Laboratory Business– Full Deck Design, Individual Artist – Gwen Laster, Patrons - Rosemary & Robert Denny Evaul Special Citation – Louis Watson Sr., ThinkDIFFERENTLY in the Arts - New Horizon Resources, Inc. Volunteer – Lisa Ameijide, Youth with Exceptional Promise in the Arts - Jordan "Jae" Jones (Posthumously)

<u>income & expenses</u>



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