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CREATE Announces 2021 Community Arts Grant Awardees and Arts Celebration

Catskill, NY – April 1, 2021 –Greene County Council on the Arts, d.b.a. **CREATE** Council on the Arts is pleased to announce the awardees of the 2021 Community Arts Grants! The Community Arts Grants Program funds artists and organizations who are seeking to creatively engage their communities through projects in the arts in Columbia, Greene, and Schoharie Counties. Grants of up to \$5,000 are awarded in three project areas: Community Projects, Artist Commissions, and Arts Education projects. In 2021, 50 grants totaling \$126,000 were awarded to artists and organizations.

The 2021 Awardees are:

Columbia County Awardees in the **Arts Education** category are *The Roeliff Jansen Community Library* and *Anneice Cousin*; in the **Individual Artist Grants** category *Arone Dyer*, *Mary Keena Frisbee*, *Daniela Bertol*, *David McIntyre*, and *Monica Waring*; in the **Community Arts Projects** category *Chamber Music International*, *Claverack Free Library and Reading Room Association, Inc.*, *Columbia County Youth Theatre*, *FILMont Media Project*, *Friends of Clermont*, *Friends of Copake Grange #935, Inc.*, *Hudson Area Library*, *Hudson Festival Orchestra, Inc.*, *Jazz and Classics for Change*, *North Chatham Free Library*, *Roeliff Jansen Community Library*, *Roving Actors' Repertory Ensemble Inc.*, *Time and Space Ltd*, *Valatie Community Theater*, and *Winds in the Wilderness Concerts*.

Greene County Awardees in the **Arts Education** category are *Mountain Top Library*; in the **Individual Artist Grants** category *Dina Bursztyn*, *Kristopher Seto*, *Rebecca Van Kollenburg*, *Robert Tomlinson*, and *Tony Bluestone*; in the **Community Arts Projects** category *Athens Cultural Center*, *Cairo Library*, *Catskill Wheelhouse*, *Horton by the Stream*, *Hudson/Catskill Housing Coalition*, *Hunter Stone Carving Seminar*, *Matt Bua*, *Elliot Matos*, and the *Greenville Drive-In*.

Schoharie County Awardees in the **Arts Education** category are the Schoharie Free Library, in the **Individual Artist Grants** category *Casey Beal* and *Kristen DeFontes*; in the **Community Arts Projects** category *Depot Lane Theater*, *Esperance Historical Society*, *George Landis Arboretum*, *Jefferson Historical Society*, *Klinkhart Hall Arts Center*, *Ladywoods Inc*, *Schoharie Free Library*, *Schoharie Valley Singers*, *Theater Project of Schoharie County*, and *Upper Catskill String Quartet*.

CREATE will host a virtual **Arts Celebration on April 29th from 6-7 pm**, to honor the current 2020 awardees who have continued projects throughout Covid-19, and welcome the 2021 awardees. Join us

to learn more about the arts in your community! Register for this event at <https://forms.gle/uKjQGbErPpkYbwff8>.

The 2021 grant projects cover an exciting variety of subjects, including stone carving, concerts, experimental film and radio projects, and so much more. To learn more about Community Arts Grants and awardees, visit the **CREATE** website at <https://www.greenearts.org/community-arts-grants/>.

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