





## FROM THE CEO

## **Dear Friends of** ArtsWestchester,

Fiscal 2022 was a landmark year for ArtsWestchester and for the arts across this nation in so many ways. After two years without live performances and in-person events, 2022 was a year of returning to the arts. It was a year of returning to the magic and joy that live music, art and theatre experiences bring, and it was a year of bringing the energy of the arts back to our downtowns and community spaces.

During this post-pandemic period, there has never been a better time to recognize the comeback the arts have made. Now let's recommit ourselves to supporting the creators, presenters and makers of the county's cultural community.

2022 was also a year when ArtsWestchester brought public art and arts events into the streets of White Plains with the five-day Serious Fun Arts Fest and throughout the County with our ArtsMobile education program. Seeing the delight in people's faces as they experienced the arts through programs we supported, served to underscore our belief that the arts are essential to our individual and collective wellbeing. It also served to re-energize our board and staff with our mission of ensuring the diversity and accessibility of the arts in Westchester County now and for the future.

I thank you for your support of our programs and mission,

CEO, ArtsWestchester

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

# Dear Friends of ArtsWestchester,

Over the past year, ArtsWestchester has continued its work of restarting the arts in Westchester by funding and promoting arts programs in every corner of the county – programs that embrace the varied expressions of our multi-cultural community. In 2022, thousands of people attended our Westchester Roots series, which presented a wide range of cultural traditions, including music, dance and artwork of African American, Afro-Caribbean, LGBTQ+, Ghanaian, Ecuadorian, Guatemalan, Mexican, Korean, Indian and Irish communities.

Since ArtsWestchester's founding in 1965, strengthening and supporting Westchester's cultural community, safeguarding vital cultural traditions and providing free and affordable access to the arts has been central to our work. In fact, a commitment to the principals of EDIA (Equity, Diversity, Inclusiveness and Accessibility) is part of the arts council's DNA and is essential to our vision for the future.

According to a public opinion poll given by Americans for the Arts across the nation, 72% of Americans believe that "the arts unify our communities regardless of age, race and ethnicity" and 73% agree that the arts "help me understand other cultures better"—a perspective observed across all demographic and economic categories.

As we recover from the isolation of the recent pandemic and come back together to take part in arts and entertainment, let's remember that the arts are not just good for the soul, but they help bring people—all kinds of people—together, building something that is essential to our humanity. They build back our sense of community.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the arts.

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President, ArtsWestchester



## ARTSWESTCHESTER ArtsWestchester's mission is to create an equitable, vibrant and sustainable Westchester County in which the arts are integral to, and integrated into, every facet of life. **OUR CORE VALUES** The arts are for everyone, amplifying the multi-ethnic and culturally diverse voices within our community. The arts offer opportunities for advancement and personal growth. The arts are a catalyst for systemic change, economic development and community empowerment. The arts create life-affirming experiences, celebrating differences and finding shared values. **OUR COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE** As ArtsWestchester looks to the future, and in recognition of the current needs of the communities we serve, we reaffirm and further commit to advancing social justice through our policies and practices. We acknowledge that this work is ongoing and commit to enacting a strategic vision that is proactive and responsive in shaping a just, fair and equitable Westchester. **OUR PROGRAMS** In partnership with Westchester County Government, we have put the arts on the public agenda, investing more than \$40 million in the County's arts and culture sector. Among our services, we: • Award more than \$2.3 million in grants annually to artists and arts groups. Support more than 150 arts organizations. Bring artists into Westchester schools and community centers. • Build arts audiences and market the arts throughout Westchester and beyond. Showcase artists through exhibitions and performances. Have a Good Day by Andrey Kravtsov/Key Detail on Greystar's construction walls on Hamilton Avenue (photo courtesy of Andrey Kravtsov)

## **ENRICHING LIVES**

#### THROUGH ARTSWESTCHESTER'S PROGRAMS

Chances are, if you or your children have gone to a local exhibition or performance, or have participated in an arts class or workshop in Westchester, your lives have been touched by ArtsWestchester's programs and services.

#### **GRANTS**

support cultural programming and events for residents throughout Westchester and Rockland Counties.

#### **ARTIST RESIDENCIES**

send artists into schools, community centers and human service organizations.

#### **CULTURAL DIRECTORIES**

provide direct access to information about the artists and cultural organizations that serve Westchester.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

provide support for students from lowincome families to attend arts activities.

#### **SPECIAL NEEDS INITIATIVES**

expand arts opportunities for people with special needs.

#### **FOLK ARTS**

celebrate the cultural traditions of Westchester's diverse communities.

#### **ARTS PARTNERSHIPS**

foster collaborations with local municipalities, contributing to economic development and community vitality.

#### **EXHIBITIONS AND PERFORMANCES**

showcase the arts at ArtsWestchester's building in the heart of downtown White Plains.

#### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

helps artists and arts organizations with creative advancement and best practices.

#### **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

builds audiences for the arts through the promotion of cultural events in print and digital formats.

#### **CULTURAL TOURISM**

positions Westchester County as a prime cultural destination, bringing visitors into the County.

#### **PUBLIC ART**

enriches the local environment, building community pride and establishing a sense of place.





## **ARTS IN EDUCATION**

In March 2022, ArtsWestchester's education programs transitioned back to in-person programming. With continued funding from White Plains Hospital, Con Edison and White Plains Housing Authority, ArtsWestchester's ArtsMobile program offered more than 100 free in-person art workshops serving more than 2,000 youth and their families in Westchester County.

Through creative activities, ArtsWestchester's community education program served over 300 individuals who are receiving mental health services, and also presented an annual art exhibition by the same population. These programs are made possible with the support of the Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health.

Thrice monthly, ArtsWestchester's Teen Tuesdays & Thursdays after-school program offered free in-person workshops for more than 2,000 youth aged 11-17. Major support for Teen Tuesdays & Thursdays includes the following: Institute of Museum and Library Services, NYSCA, Wells Fargo, TD Bank, Con Edison, Carvel Foundation, Keybank, MGM Resorts International and Empire City Casino.

In addition, ArtsWestchester's Young Adult Leadership Council program enrolled 15 youth, aged 16-22, who participated in workshops focused on public speaking, resume building, writing, career development, and the arts. The Young Adult Leadership Council is a paid career- and college-readiness program and a next step for teens who age out of the popular Teen Tuesdays & Thursdays program made possible with support from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

ArtsWestchester's teaching artists were busy during this critical postpandemic period, bringing the joy and healing of hands-on art activities back to community, including senior centers, schools and municipalities throughout Westchester County.

ArtsWestchester's community partners include: Coachman Homeless Shelter; White Plains Youth Bureau; White Plains Housing Authority Sites; Slater Center; Step-Up Program; Boys and Girls Club of Mt. Kisco; Boys and Girls Club of Mt. Vernon; Boys and Girls Club of New Rochelle; Children's Village, Dobbs Ferry; North American Family Institute; White Plains School District; Greenburgh School District; Carver Center, Port Chester; St. Christopher's Inc., Dobbs Ferry; Andrus; El Centro Hispano; and Family Services of Westchester, White Plains.





# A SERIOUS(LY) FUN YEAR FOR PUBLIC ART

2022 was a year of murals, sculptures and art outdoors! ArtsWestchester's Serious Fun Arts Fest took over the City of White Plains from October 12-16, 2022 with the work of more than 200 visual artists across dynamic, largescale works of public art, a pop-up art fair, and compelling indoor and outdoor exhibitions. The festival represented a watershed moment for ArtsWestchester's collaboration with the City of White Plains, which wholeheartedly embraced the power of public art to inspire, connect and enliven the City's downtown.

The festival featured many artistic highlights and high points. To name only a few, Cheryl Wing-Zi Wong's sculptural seating installation in Renaissance Plaza created a new community hub for sitting, snacking, gathering and socializing in the heart of the City's downtown. "Fish City" by Erwin Ong, a White Plains resident, transformed the construction walls of the new Southern Land property at 252 Mamaroneck Avenue with a fanciful underwater scene. Visitors to White Plains could find their way to artworks by following Sarah Divi's yarn-bombing-inspired installation throughout the festival corridor.

The festival was made possible thanks to a major grant from I Love NY, a program administered by Empire State Development, our presenting sponsor Montefiore Einstein, a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, and eleven property developers and owners.

ArtsWestchester's marquee public art project of 2022 was the realization of "Metropolis Sunrise" by Amanda Browder. Supported, in part, by the New York State Council for the Arts, the monumental six-story textile sculpture was installed on the Mamaroneck Avenue façade of ArtsWestchester's historic building, and was on view to the public from October and November 2022. Creation of "Metropolis Sunrise" commenced in 2019, but went on pause during the COVID-19 pandemic. In all, 1,000 individuals from across the Hudson Valley aided the artist in the creation of the installation – from donating 10,000 square feet of fabric to pinning and sewing it all together into an exuberant celebration of community. The artwork was awarded a "Best of Westchester" for Public Art Installation by Westchester Magazine – a well-deserved recognition for the many Westchester residents who each contributed to its realization!



# BRINGING PEOPLE BACK TO THE ARTS

2022 was a milestone year for ArtsWestchester in so many ways. The Serious Fun Arts Fest, a five-day arts festival of public art, live music, theatre performances, art exhibitions and more was definitely one of the highlights. The new event brought color, music and dance to the streets in a celebration of emergence from the COVID-19 pandemic and of getting back to participating in the arts. Supported by a \$500K Market NY Grant from Empire State Development and a major sponsorship from Montefiore Einstein, and working with more than 200 artists, ArtsWestchester produced, promoted and presented a festival that attracted 5,000 people to visit White Plains, many of whom were discovering the City for the first time.

ArtsWestchester successfully partnered with a diverse group of White Plains stakeholders, media partners and Westchester County Government to market the festival to arts-interested consumers in the Tri-State area. An integrated advertising campaign was implemented that generated 10 million impressions in the lead up to the fall festival positioning White Plains as a destination filled with one-of-a-kind art and music pop-up experiences. Radio spots, cable TV commercials, print, social media, web and outdoor creative was all created by ArtsWestchester's in-house marketing team. There were more than 67K visits to the Festival landing page on artsw.org with 37,000 unique visitors who came for festival information. Additionally, we had media coverage with an estimated 794K views of the TV or print placements. In many ways, the Festival put White Plains "on the map" for residents of the NY Metro area who had never traveled here for arts and culture.

Throughout the entire year, AW's marketing / communications team worked to build arts audiences by increasing our social media efforts and consistently producing *ArtsNews* editorial content and weekly Arts(e)News emails that provide residents and visitors with arts event information and features local artists and arts organizations. The staff continued to build ArtsWestchester's brand while promoting all of the organization's ongoing programs including: JazzFest White Plains, the Westchester Roots series, the ArtsMobile and all fundraising events.

Building on the excitement of the Serious Fun Arts Fest held in October, ArtsWestchester's annual gala became the culminating event of the festival, named as the Serious Fun Gala. In 2022, ArtsWestchester decided to bring the gala home to its gallery, where an outstanding exhibition served as a backdrop for the gala's cocktail hour and an adjacent former restaurant served as a pop-up venue for a festive dinner. Beams of Hollywood lights lit the sky as guests, led by a local dance group, followed a red carpet to dinner under a monumental fabric sculpture by Amanda Browder displayed on the façade of ArtsWestchester's building. Gala success is always the result of teamwork by staff and volunteers, and support from the Board — and 2022 was no different!

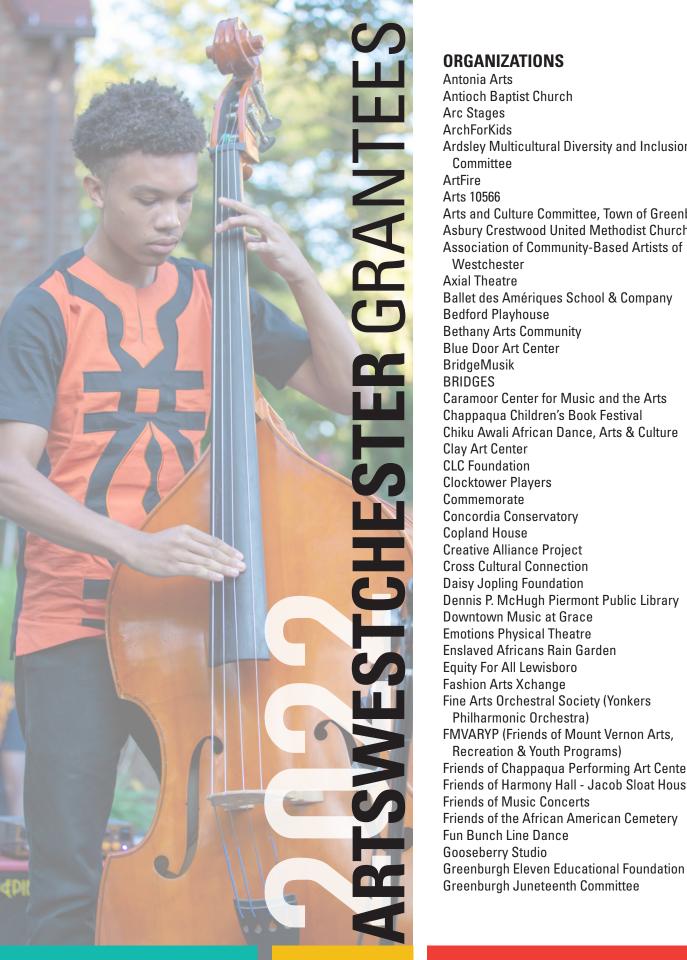


## **GRANTS**

ArtsWestchester's Grants Program grew exponentially in 2022, with the inclusion of landmark funding from the New York State Legislature to support grassroots organizations and artists in Westchester and Rockland Counties as well as continued funding from the National Endowment for the Arts to support artist-driven initiatives. Following the success of the 2021-22 "ReStart the Arts" funding program, ArtsWestchester secured a renewed allocation of \$1 million in 2022, which included over \$500,000 earmarked specifically for regrants through our Arts Alive regrant program.

In 2022, ArtsWestchester awarded more than \$2 million in funding to organizations and individual artists, including Arts Alive and two equityfocused initiatives—Advancing Equity and Voices for Change. Grants are designed to increase organizational capacity, enhance cultural and educational programming, support individual artists in the creation of new work, and make arts and culture programming accessible to all communities. Also included in the 2022 awards was a renewed initiative for funding Juneteenth Heritage Celebrations across Westchester and Rockland, elevating the federal holiday to a countywide community event.

In fall 2022, a record-setting 153 arts organizations were eligible to participate in the Art\$WChallenge matching grant program, which leveraged County funding to raise \$786,541 in new, private donations that were matched by \$501,571 in County support. In total, 131 organizations and 21 artist programs were supported in 2022.



**ORGANIZATIONS** Antonia Arts **Antioch Baptist Church** Arc Stages ArchForKids Ardsley Multicultural Diversity and Inclusion Committee ArtFire Arts 10566 Arts and Culture Committee, Town of Greenburgh Asbury Crestwood United Methodist Church Association of Community-Based Artists of Westchester **Axial Theatre** Ballet des Amériques School & Company Bedford Playhouse **Bethany Arts Community** Blue Door Art Center BridgeMusik **BRIDGES** Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts Chappagua Children's Book Festival Chiku Awali African Dance, Arts & Culture Clay Art Center **CLC** Foundation **Clocktower Players** Commemorate Concordia Conservatory Copland House Creative Alliance Project Cross Cultural Connection **Daisy Jopling Foundation** Dennis P. McHugh Piermont Public Library Downtown Music at Grace **Emotions Physical Theatre** Enslaved Africans Rain Garden Equity For All Lewisboro Fashion Arts Xchange Fine Arts Orchestral Society (Yonkers Philharmonic Orchestra) FMVARYP (Friends of Mount Vernon Arts, Recreation & Youth Programs) Friends of Chappagua Performing Art Center Friends of Harmony Hall - Jacob Sloat House Friends of Music Concerts Friends of the African American Cemetery Fun Bunch Line Dance Gooseberry Studio

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New Rochelle Opera

New Rochelle Public Library

New Westchester Symphony Orchestra Northern Star Quilters' Guild Nowodworski Foundation **Nyack Center** OneMamaroneck Orchestra 914 Ossining Juneteenth Council Ossining Public Library Parenting Children of Color P-CoC Inc-Parenting Children of Color Peekskill Youth Bureau Pelham Art Center Performing Arts Center at Purchase College PJS Jazz Society Pleasantville Music Theatre Port Chester Historical Society Prison Communities International (Rehabilitation Through the Arts) Purchase College Foundation Recognizing Enslaved Africans of Larchmont Mamaroneck (REALM) Rehabilitation Through the Arts Retake/Remake Incorporated Revelators RISEUP--Research Initiatives for the Strategic Empowerment of Urban Populace River's Edge Theatre Company Rivertown Dance Academy Rivertowns Art Council Rockland Arts Festival Rockland County Pride Center Rockland Independent Living Center dba BRIDGES Rockso Ekkguinox Steelband Rve Poetry Path Shames JCC on the Hudson Sing Sing Prison Museum Sleepy Hollow Performing Artists/ Westchester Dance Artists Songcatchers SPARC Inc. Steffi Nossen Dance Foundation Taconic Opera Tarrytown Music Hall Teatown Lake Reservation

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The Emelin Theatre for the Performing The Historical Society Serving Sleepy Hollow & Tarrytown The Holocaust Museum & Center for Tolerance and Education The Juneteenth Council The Life Mosaic The Lincoln Park Conservancy The Loukoumi Make A Difference Foundation The Picture House Regional Film Center The Play Group Theater The Rye Arts Center The Schoolhouse Theater The Symphony of Westchester The Westchester Chordsmen Thomas H. Slater Center Tuckahoe Juneteenth Committee **Tutti Bravi Productions** United Community Center of Westchester, Inc. United Latin Festival of Haverstraw Untermyer Gardens Conservancy Untermyer Performing Arts Council Urban Studio Unbound Village of Ardsley Village of Pelham Council of the Arts Wakanda Celebration Wartburg West Third Street Dance Corp. dba Debra Weiss Dance Company Westchester Children's Chorus Westchester Children's Museum Westchester Chorale Westchester Collaborative Theatre Westchester Oratorio Society Westchester Philharmonic Westchester Public / Private Partnership for Aging Services Westchester Youth Alliance White Plains Juneteenth Heritage Inc. White Plains Performing Arts Center YoFi Fest Yonkers African American Heritage Committee Yonkers Arts Yonkers Downtown Waterfront BID

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Youth Theatre Interactions

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(seniors)

#### **ARTIST RESIDENCIES & SERVICES**

ArtsMobile (100 in-person workshops) Clear View Day Treatment School Hope House WJCS (Sunshine Social Club)

MHA - Sterling Avenue Community Center

Phelps CDT (Continuing Day

Treatment)

WCDOC - Adult Males WCDOC - Adult Females

WCDOC - Youth Offender Program St. Vincents Hospital PROS

Family Services of Westchester -

Respite

Family Services of Westchester -

Youth Forum

Family Services of Westchester -

Foster Care

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Vernon

Rockland Psychiatric Center at White

Plains Flex School

Ella Fitzgerald Academy Yonkers Montessori Academy Greenburgh-North Castle UFSD

Woodlands MS/HS

**RJ** Bailey Highview Lee F. Jackson

Early Childhood Program

Healing Through the Arts 50 tile

workshops

Young Adult Leadership Council Murray Avenue School New Rochelle Housing Authority Westhab, Dayspring Westhab, Coachman Westhab, Vernon Plaza Family Center **Ludlow Commons** Shiloh Senior Housing Mamaroneck Towers Westchester Torah Academy Teen Tuesdays & Thursdays (includes 1 virtual and 28 in-person workshops)





## **2022 FINANCIALS**

ArtsWestchester has an excellent reputation as a fiscally sound organization. Over time, it has increased the county and state regrant pool with tremendous advocacy efforts.

ASSETS	2022	2021
Cash and cash equivalents	\$811,709	\$1,955,466
Accounts receivable, net	254,825	95,175
Rent receivable, net	49,629	61,192
Campaign pledges receivable, net	145,500	205,500
Grants receivable, capital	68,821	218,821
Grants receivable, operating	1,389,375	1,313,027
Marketable securities	1,559,254	1,788,013
Funds held in trust, rental security deposits	97,295	98,489
Prepaid expenses	17,381	5,083
Cash designated for long-term use, campaign	33,713	603,713
Restricted cash, IDA financing	84,654	79,522
Operating lease right-of-use assets	9,952	
Building and equipment, net	6,538,011	6,565,224
Total assets	\$11,060,119	\$12,989,925

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	2022	2021
Liabilities:		
Notes payable Line of credit Accounts payable and accrued expenses Grants payable Grant funds and contracts for services not yet expended Deferred membership fees Deferred rent revenue Security deposits payable Operating lease liability Long-term debt (note 3)	\$4,725 64,247 167,137 1,225,478 578,609  650 97,295 9,952 1,613,320	\$7,406  113,410 1,030,463 1,233,464 2,940 98,489  1,712,844
Total liabilities	3,761,413	4,199,016
Net assets:	3,701,413	4,133,010
Without donor restrictions With donor restrictions (note 14)	6,699,139 599,567	
Total net assets Total liabilities and net assets	7,298,706 \$11,060,119	8,790,909 \$12,989,925



Westchester County 40% \$2,388,339

Corporate & Foundation 9% \$523,649

Building Income 7% \$416,319

Special Events – Net 5% \$315,212

NEA/NYSCA/NYS 28% \$1,663,764

Program Income 7% \$424,092 Board & Individual 4% \$232,674

Total operating income is \$5,964,049.



Services & Grants to Arts Organizations & Artists 56% \$3,998,290

Public Information Services 13% \$958,257

Building Expenses 9% \$639,528

\$970,653

Services to Education & Community 9% \$674,368

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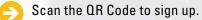


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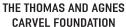


























































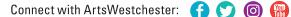






















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