

arts

Mid-Hudson

together we create



Council on
the Arts



R & C Cleaning

Arts Mid-Hudson

696 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

129 Cornell Street • Kingston, NY 12401

(845) 454-3222 • www.artsmidhudson.org • info@artsmidhudson.org



THE 37TH ANNUAL DUTCHESS COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S ARTS AWARDS

October 11, 2023



arts
Mid-Hudson



Arts Mid-Hudson’s mission is to provide vision and leadership to support thriving and diverse arts in the Mid-Hudson Valley. As a result of this work, a diverse offering of arts and cultural programs, many free, are produced across a broad geographic area to be enjoyed by residents and visitors.

Arts Mid-Hudson’s initiatives engage and promote the arts across the Mid-Hudson region. Funding is administered through the Statewide Community Regrant Grant Program, Dutchess Partners in the Arts, the Ulster County Cultural Services and Promotion Fund and the Empowered Artist Awards. Arts Mid-Hudson’s programs include exhibition opportunities, folk arts programming, arts education, and workshops. Community engagement initiatives including the Ulster and Dutchess County Arts Awards, AMH Mixers, Art Walk Kingston, and support of Arts & Action meetings in Poughkeepsie and Kingston. Arts Mid-Hudson also provides consulting on a variety of topics to artists and organizations.

2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jonathan Cilley, Chairperson
 Roger D’Aquino, Treasurer
 Lynn Enkler, Secretary

Troy Del Valle, Executive Committee Member at Large

Marina Ballantine, Sydney Cash, Tempy Hopkins,
 Anita Jones, Serena Marrero, Uriel Pinelo, Andrea Rhodes,
 Angela Shapiro, Shawn Strong,
 Barbara Todd, David White, Ava Yurchison

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Sadhna Bhargava, Frank Castella, Jr., David Cavallaro, Kelly Ellenwood,
 Maria Elena Ferrer-Harrington, (Grace) Angela Henry, Eugenia Jones,
 Ev Mann, Tim McQueen, Wilfredo Morel, Sara Pasti, Ruth E. Spencer,
 William ‘Gully’ Stanford, Ray Watkins

2023 STAFF

Executive Director.....Melissa Dvozenja-Thomas
 Director, Administration.....Lisa Fiorese
 Grants & Programs Manager.....Lilia Pérez
 Folk Arts Program Manager.....Elinor Levy
 Marketing Coordinator.....Christen Sblendorio
 Programs Coordinator.....Adriana Torres-Trinidad

PAST ARTS AWARDS RECIPIENTS (cont.)

Gully Stanford, Volunteer 2021
 Gwen & Bill Stevens, Patrons 1997
 Nancy Stover, Patron 1991
 Richard C. Strain, Patron 1995
 Stringendo, Arts in Education 2014
 Suprina, Art in Public Places 2021
 Virginia Amerio Swartz, Patron 1988
 Taconic Newspapers, Business/Corporation 1989
 Tallix, Inc., Art in Public Places 1999
 Vivian Gaines Tanner Paxton, Individual Artist 1997
 Celeste & Paul Tesoro, Patrons 2017
 The ARC of Dutchess for *The Sassy Chef*, Think Differently in the Arts 2018
 The Art Effect Senior Project, Special Citation 2018, Arts in Education 2020
 The Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, Arts Organization 2010
 The Cocoon Theatre, Arts Organization 2003
 The Culinary Institute of America, Art in Public Places 2016
 The Merola Family & Royal Tuxedoland, Special Citation 1998
 The Millman Harris Romano Foundation, Patron 2018
 The Moviehouse, Business/Corporation 2016
 The Poughkeepsie Grind, Business/Corporation 2019
 The Rainbow Gospel Singers, Arts Organization 2021
 The Towne Crier Cafe, Business, 2018
 The Wassaic Project, Arts Organization 2012
 Felicitas S. Thorne, Patron 2012
 Joyce R. Tompkins, Arts in Education 1995
 Tri-State Center for the Arts, Arts Organization 1997
 Ulster Savings Bank, Business/Corporation 2013
 Upstate Films, Arts Organization 1988
 Blanca Uribe, Individual Artist 1986
 Visual Poets of Poughkeepsie, Special Citation 2018
 Jillian Warner, Student with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2019
 Ray Watkins, Artist 2015
 Louis Watson, Sr., Special Citation
 Michael White, Student (Youth) with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2002
 Bettina Wilkerson, Artist 2016
 Nancy Willard, Individual Artist 1992
 Richard Wilson, Individual Artist 1989
 WKZE, Business/Corporation 2015
 Carole Wolf, Arts in Education 2009
 Alice Wong, Patron 2008
 Pam Wright, Volunteer 2017
 Isabel Wu, Student (Youth) with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2014
 Zhane’s Palette Studio, Business 2021
 Yangzi Zhou, Student (Youth) with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2011

Cover images
 Top row: HV Philharmonic String Competition Committee; The KuBe Art Center;
 Jodé Millman; Jim Osborn
 Middle row: Paola Bari, DC Historical Society; Albert Shahinian; i2Evolve
 Bottom row: Rowan Parsaca, Randy Caruso

PAST ARTS AWARDS RECIPIENTS (cont.)

New Horizons Resources, ThinkDIFFERENTLY in the Arts 2022
Mechelle & Doug Nobiletti, Patrons 2013
Florence Northcutt, Special Citation 2001, Lifetime Achievement in the Arts 2020
Wayne & Brigid Nussbickel, Patrons 2010
Kip Bleakley O'Neill, Patron 2011
Sara Pasti, Special Citation 2007
Pawling Concert Series, Arts Organization 2007
Pawling Summerfest, Art in Public Places 1998
C. Gina Peluse, Individual Artist 1996
Pied Piper Youth Theater ThinkDIFFERENTLY in the Arts 2021
Todd Poteet, Arts in Education 2002
Potential Unlimited, Special Citation 1996
Poughkeepsie Area Chamber of Commerce, Special Citation 2002
Poughkeepsie Journal, Business/Corporation 1999 & 2014
Poughkeepsie Public Library District, Special Citation 2016
Poughkeepsie Savings Bank, Business/Corporation 1995
Powerhouse Theater at Vassar, Special Citation 1988; Arts Organization 2013
Premier National Bank, Business/Corporation 1998
Prime Print Shop, Business/Corporation 2017
Processional Arts Workshop, Business/Corporation 2012
Martin & Alice Provensen, Individual Artist 1988
R & C Cleaning, Business/Corporation 1996
Sulinya Ramanan, Student (Youth) with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2005
James Ransome, Individual Artist 2004
ReachOut Arts, ThinkDIFFERENTLY in the Arts 2019
Red Hook Community Arts Network, Art in Public Places 2013
Red Hook Mural Project, Art in Public Places 1996
Rehabilitation Through The Arts, Arts Organization 2009
Carol Reichert & Susan Russell, Special Citation 2014
Sam & Joanne Rein, Patrons 2007
Rhinebeck Chamber Music Society, Special Citation 2012
Rhinebeck Savings Bank, Business/Corporation 2004
Michelle Rivas, Arts in Education 2017
River City Abstract Ltd., Business/Corporation 2002
Roe Movers, Business/Corporation 1992
Eysia Roman, Student (Youth) with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2010
Ron Sauers & Associates, Ltd., Business/Corporation 1993
Harry Roseman, Art in Public Places 1990
Lewis Rubenstein, Individual Artist 1987; Special Citation 1993
Saint Francis Hospital & Health Centers, Art in Public Places 2011
Herbert W. Saltford, Patron 1992
Ron Samuelson and the Cunneen-Hackett Cultural Center, Special Citation 1997
Andrés San Millán, Art in Public Places 2018
Nancy Sans, Individual Artist 2000
Uma Satyendra, Patron 2004
Anthony Scarrone, Arts in Education 2010
Karl & Cathy Schmitz, Patrons 2021
Laura Scott-Matthes, Arts in Education 2003
Samuel H. Scripps, Patron 2002
Elayne Seaman, Special Citation 1989; Individual Artist 1993
Alice Johns Seeger, Arts in Education 2004
Madeleine Segall-Marx, Individual Artist 2006
Patricia M Sherman, Arts in Education 1996
Chris Silva for City of Poughkeepsie Celebration of Lights, Art in Public Places 1995
Sinterklaas! A Dutch Tradition in Rhinebeck, Art in Public Places 2009
Betty & Roger Smith, Patrons 2000
Cindy Snow, Special Citation 2015
Toni & Martin Sosnoff, Patrons 2005

(cont.)

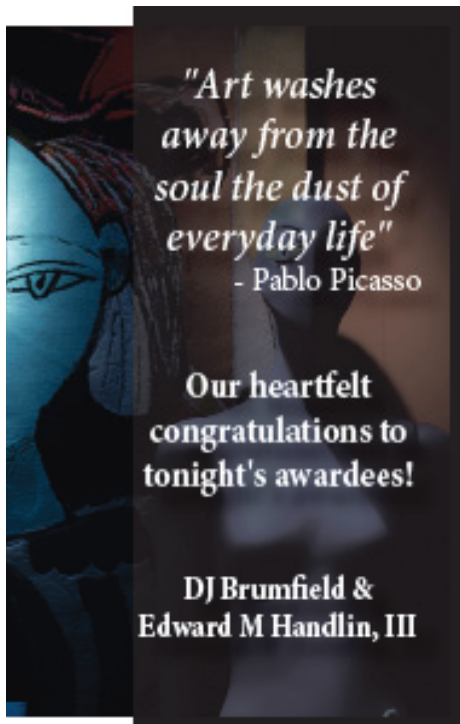
Proud to Support Arts Mid-Hudson



 **HudsonValley**
CREDIT UNION

hvcu.org | 845.463.3011





Be a part of our award-winning publications:

For more information:
 Hudson Valley Magazine
 845.463.0542 • sales@hvmag.com
 Westchester Magazine
 914.345.0601 ext 138
 sales@westchestermagazine.com
 To subscribe visit hvmag.com and westchestermagazine.com.

todaymedia
 SOMETHING YOU ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD TO

PAST ARTS AWARDS RECIPIENTS (cont.)

- Hudson Valley Performing Arts Laboratory, Arts in Education 2022
- Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, Business/Corporation 2006
- Hudson Valley Folk Guild, Arts Organization 2019
- Hudson Valley Philharmonic, Arts Organization 1986 & 1996
- Kyra Husbands, Student with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2018
- Hyde Park School District, Arts in Education 1988
- IBM Corporation, Business/Corporation 1986
- Innisfree Garden, Art in Public Places 2000
- Betsy Jacaruso, Individual Artist 2005
- Jacobowitz & Gubits, LLP, Business/Corporation 2009
- Jewish Federation of Dutchess County, Special Citation 1992
- Imani Jones, Student (Youth) with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2016
- Jordan "Jae" Jones (posthumously), Youth With Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2022
- Kaatsbaan International Dance Center, Arts Organization 2002, 2022
- Bill Keith, Individual Artist 1999
- Lonna Kelly, Artist 2018
- Lorraine Kessler for the City of Poughkeepsie Sculpture Park, Art in Public Places 1993
- Joan Kilgariff, Arts in Education 1992
- Christy Kowalski, Student (Youth) with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2009
- Meyer Kupferman, Individual Artist 1991
- Diane & Garry Kvistad, Patrons 1996
- La Voz, Special Citation 2010
- Lagrange Elementary – Arlington Central School District, Arts in Education 1991
- John Laing, Arts in Education 1987
- Grace Lalicki, Arts in Education 2007
- Gwen Laster, Individual Artist 2022
- Susan Lesser, Arts in Education 2011
- Jessica Lisella, Student (Youth) with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2017
- Locust Grove, Special Citation 2015
- Frank Joseph Lombardi III, Student (Youth) with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2003
- Lunch `N Listen, Art in Public Places 1992
- Natalie Lunn, Special Citation 1995
- Nestor Madalengoitia, Arts in Education 1999; Artist 2014, Individual Artist 2021
- Patrick Madden, Special Citation 2016
- Delswan Madden, Student (Youth) with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2012
- Marine Midland Bank, Business/Corporation 1988
- Marist College Council on the Theater Arts, Arts in Education 2001
- Marshall & Sterling, Business/Corporation 1991
- Liza Donnelly & Michael Maslin, Individual Artists 2010
- Masque & Mime Society of Roy C. Ketcham High School, Arts in Education 2012
- Bibiana Huang Matheis, Individual Artist 2014
- Natalie Merchant, Individual Artist 2007
- Mid-Hudson Camerata Chorale, Arts Organization 1992 & 2001
- Mid-Hudson Children's Museum, Arts Organization 2000
- Mill Street Loft, Arts Organization 1995
- Millbrook Vineyards & Winery, Business/Corporation 2000; Special Citation 2013
- Lauren Elizabeth Molella, Student (Youth) with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2011
- Francis LeBaron Montgomery, Art in Public Places 1991
- Montgomery Row, Business/Corporation 2011
- Wilfredo Morel, Individual Artist 2008
- Mount Gulian Historic Site, Arts in Education 1997
- Peter Muir, Arts in Education 2015
- Mural at the Main Street Bridge/Wassaic Historic Hamlets of Amenia & The Kildonian School, Art in Public Places 2003
- Billy Name, Individual Artist 2012
- Sanjay Natesan, Student with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2019
- New Day Repertory Company, Arts Organization 1990

PAST ARTS AWARDS RECIPIENTS (cont.)

Penny Dell, Individual Artist, 2019
Maria DeWald, Special Citation 2005
Dia: Beacon, Arts Organization 2004 & 2011
John (posthumously) & Charlotte Dinwiddie, Volunteers 2019
Keir Donaldson, Special Citation 2004
Rodney K. Douglas, Individual Artist 2002
Stephen & Julia Dunwell, Patrons 1986
Dutchess Arts Camp/Mill Street Loft, Special Citation 1987
Dutchess Community College, Arts in Education 2000; Art in Public Places 2001
Dutchess County BOCES, Arts in Education 1990
Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development, Art in Public Places 2006
Dutchess Courthouse Heritage Mural, Art in Public Places 2005
Lucia Edgcomb, Special Citation 2006
Edith C. Blum Art Institute, Arts in Education 1989
Carolyn Edlund, Individual Artist 2017
Jesse Efron, Patron 1987
Marshall Efron (posthumously), Patron 2001
Electric Windows (Beacon), Art in Public Places 2008
Kelly Ellenwood for work with Beacon Arts, Special Citation 2017
ENTA - Education Network for Teachers & Artists, Arts in Education 2019
Bernice & Peter Erdman, Special Citation 1999
Rosemary and Robert Denny Evaul, Patrons 2022
Estelle & Alfonso/Mid-Hudson Ballet Company, Arts Organization 1999
Family Services, Business 2020
JoAnn Feigenheimer, Special Citation 2008
Lisa Fiorese, Special Exemplary Service Award 2010
Mary Flad, Special Citation 2021
Randall Craig Fleischer, Individual Artist 1995
Curtis R. Forbes, Patron 2014
Franc Palaia's Public Art, Art in Public Places 2015
Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center, Special Citation 2000
Full Deck Design, Business 2022
Ann Gabler, Arts in Education 1998
Polly A. Gage, Patron 1990
Elizabeth Gerbi, Arts in Education 2013
Marlene Golia, Patron 2016
Theresa Gooby, Artist 2020
Clara Lou Gould, Patron 1999
Kurt Grishman, Special Citation 1991
Martin Gross, Patron 1993
Grupo Folclórico de Poughkeepsie, Special Citation 2019
Daniel Gurney, Student (Youth) with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2004
Half Moon Theatre, Arts Organization 2014
Virginia Hancock, Patron 1998
Bernard & Shirley Handel, Patrons 2003
Jonathan Handman, Arts in Education 2018
Jeff Haynes, Arts in Education 2008
HBS Enterprises, Business/Corporation 2005
David Henningsen & Mary Reynolds, Artists 2021
Meredith Heuer, Arts in Education 2016
Edward L. Hoe, Patron 1989
Emily Holohan, Student (Youth) with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2007
Hopewell Precision, Business/Corporation 1997
Howland Chamber Music Circle, Arts Organization 2016
Howland Library Mural, Art in Public Places 2007
Linda Hubbard, Special Citation 2009
Hudson Beach Glass, Business/Corporation 2010
Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Art in Public Places 2010

(cont.)

STATEMENT FROM WILLIAM F.X. O'NEIL



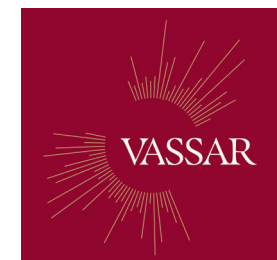
Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O'Neil said, "Dutchess County is home to so much creative spirit, from those who teach and inspire others to those constantly making new art for their community. The Arts in our area is a thriving economic driver, offering outlets for personal expression, inspiration, and community discourse. We are grateful to Arts Mid-Hudson for their efforts to support and celebrate the achievements of these individuals and organizations. Congratulations to all of this year's winners and thank you for all you do to inspire the hearts and minds of Dutchess County residents and visitors alike."



PROFILE SPONSOR



AWARD SPONSORS





iHeartMedia of the Hudson Valley
supports the
37th Annual Dutchess County
Executive's Arts Awards!

PAST ARTS AWARDS RECIPIENTS

ABClatino, Arts Organization 2020
Jonah Acosta, Student (Youth) with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2008
Adams Fairacre Farms, Business/Corporation 2007
Katharine Ryan Aldrich, Individual Artist 1998
Yvonne Alexander, Arts in Education 2006
Jeff Aman, Artist 2017
Lisa Amejjide, Volunteer 2022
Amenia-Webutuck Elementary School, Arts in Education 2005
Arlington Central School District, Arts in Education 1993
Lisa & Stephen Aronson, Patrons 2006
ArtEast Studio Tours, Art in Public Places 2017
Bryan "Kicks Kapri" Ashong, Artist 2022
Bailey Browne CPA & Associates, Business/Corporation 2008
Ballet Arts Studio, Arts Organization 2015
Bardavon 1869 Opera House, Arts Organization 1987 & 1993
Maxwell Barnes, Student with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2020
Barrett Art Center/Barrett House/DCAA, Arts Organization 1989, 2018
BAU (Beacon Artist Union), Arts Organization 2006
Beacon 3D, Art in Public Places 2014
Beacon Arts Community Assoc. (BACA), Business/Corporation 2003
Beacon Cultural Found./Bulldog Studios, Arts Organization 2005
Kathleen Beckmann, Individual Artist 2013
Edward Benavente, Artist 2019
Joseph Bertolozzi, Individual Artist 2009
Joseph Bertolozzi's Bridge Music, Art in Public Places 2022
BMW of the Hudson Valley's Beacons of Music, Art in Public Places 2012
Emily Bogle, Student (Youth) with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2006
BoogieRez, Art in Public Places 2019
Leon Botstein, Special Citation 1990
John Breiner, Art in Public Places 2020
Brinckerhoff and Neuville, Business/Corporation 2001
Harrison Brisbon-McKinnon, Student with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2021
Roy Budnik, Patron 2009
Randi Butler, Student (Youth) with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2013
C.B. Strain & Sons, Business/Corporation 1987
Malcolm & Rose Callagy, Student (Youth) with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2015
Central Hudson Gas & Electric, Business/Corporation 1990
Terry Champlin, Individual Artist 2015
Emily Chassman, Student (Youth) with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2005
Malika Chatlapalli, Student (Youth) with Exceptional Promise in the Arts 2007
Kantham Chatlapalli, Individual Artist 2003
Steven Chickery, Patron 2015
Children's Media Project, Arts Organization 2008
Lori Christie, Art in Education 2021
City Artist Partnership (CAP), Special Citation 2003
Stephen Clair, Special Citation 2011
Marva Clark, Individual Artist 2016
Father Charlie Coen, Individual Artist 2001
Angela Cole, Volunteer 2016
Dave Cole, Special Citation 2020
Community Children's Theater of Dutchess County, Arts Organization 1998
Community Experimental Repertory Theater, Arts in Education 1986
County Players, Arts Organization 1991 & 2017
Margaret Crenson (Posthumously), Individual Artist 2011
Todd Crow, Individual Artist 1990
D.C. Agricultural Society, Art in Public Places 1997
Decora, Individual Artist 2018

(cont)

BALLOON POP & WINE DRAWING DONORS

2023 Beacon Bonfire Music & Art Festival
A Cut From Above
Adams Fairacre Farms
Alps Sweet Shop
Andrea's Dry Cleaning
Anita Jones
AnneMarie Plass
Antonella's
Artisan Wine Shop
AT Coaching
Barbara Todd
Bardavon 1869 Opera House/UPAC*
Bear Hugs
Betsy Jacaruso Studio
Carnival Ice Cream Shop
Carters Restaurant & Lounge
Casa Vallarta*
Chakra Bowls
Chili's Poughkeepsie
Claudia Gorman
Cosimo's Trattoria*
County Players
De's Jewelers
Dirty Bachus
Doc's Nutrition Depot
Emy Delights Bites*
Eveready Diner
F.W. Battenfeld & Son
Farmers & Chefs
Five Foot Photographer
Gabriella's Hair Studio
Glazed Over
Goodfella's Pizzeria & Restaurant
Groom King Barber Shop
Haddad's MiddleEastern Groceries
Heritage Food & Drink
Howland Chamber Music Circle*
Hudson Beach Glass
Hudson Valley Craftsman

Hudson Valley Renegades
Hyde Park Consignment Shop
Ilene Goldman
Joe Willy's Seafood
Kathy McLaughlin
Kim Steinard*
Kitchen & Coffee
Locust Grove Estate
Longobardi's Restaurant
Lucia Cherciu
Mel's Pizza Pasta & More
Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum
Millbrook Vineyard & Winery
Million Nail Spa
Northern Dutchess Symphony Orchestra*
On Location Studios
Paola Bari
PC's Paddock Restaurant
Perkins Restaurant & Bakery
Poet Gold
Rafael Kosek
Rosanna's Hair Salon of Fishkill
Rowan Parsaca*
Shadow's on the Hudson
Susan DiGilio
Sydney Cash
Tempi Hopkins
The Stissing Center
The Tomato Cafe Fishkill
Upstate Films
Vassar Golf Course
Viscount Wines & Liquors
Walkway over the Hudson
Williams Lumber*
Ye Olde Candle Shoppe

*Denotes multiple gifts

BRAND SPONSORS



BUSINESS SUPPORTERS

Mid-Hudson Federal Credit Union
Orange County Arts Council
Petro Home Services
PKF O'Connor Davies
R&C Cleaning
Rhinebeck Bank

SOIREE HOSTS

DJ Brumfield & Edward M. Handlin, III
Prime Print Shop

SIGNATURE DRINK SPONSOR

AT Coaching
Financial Freedom

DONORS

Roger and Linda D'Aquino, *In Honor of Randy Caruso*
Roger and Linda D'Aquino, *In Honor of Jodé Millman*
Roger & Linda D'Aquino, *In Honor of AMH Staff*
Lynn Enkler
Anita and Dan Jones
Kim Steinard, *In Memory of Frank Steinard & Todd Steinard*
Craig Wolf

EVENT COMMITTEE

Our sincere appreciation to the event committee for their months of preparation and planning to create a fabulous event!

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

KNOW GREATER VALUE®

Proud to Support
Arts Mid-Hudson



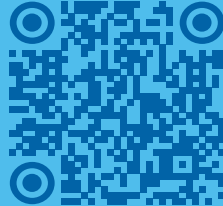
Tracy L. Badgley, Partner
845.670.7152
tbadgley@pkfod.com
pkfod.com

We Proudly Support
Arts Mid-Hudson
and the
37th Annual
Dutchess County Executive's
Arts Awards Honorees



RhinebeckBank.com
Member FDIC

Learn more
about how
we support or
communities.



A LOCAL Full Service Home Heating Oil, Propane and Cooling Company
800.645.4328

**Congratulations to all the
awardees!**

CONGRATULATIONS

2023 AWARDEES

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

- Dutchess County Historical
Society for Clowes Exhibit

ARTIVIST

- Paola Bari

ARTS IN EDUCATION

- Jim Osborn

ARTS ORGANIZATION

- The KuBe Art Center

BUSINESS

- Albert Shahinian Fine Art

ThinkDIFFERENTLY IN THE ARTS

- i2Evolve

INDIVIDUAL ARTIST

- Jodé Millman

SPECIAL CITATION

- Hudson Valley Philharmonic
String Competition Committee

VOLUNTEER

- Randy Caruso

YOUTH WITH EXCEPTIONAL PROMISE IN THE ARTS

- Rowan Parsaca

BARDAVON.ORG



AT Coaching
Financial Freedom

FINANCIAL FREEDOM
NEXT EXIT ↗

www.ATCoachingCompany.com 845.702.6460

Thank you
to the
2023 Dutchess County Executive's
Arts Awards
Committee

ABOUT THE AWARDS



For the second year, the awards were custom designed and produced by Bob and Karen Madden of Rock and A Soft Place Studios. Each award is created with two of the most basic materials known to humans: metal and stone. Mild steel is used which is bent, curled and twisted into a graceful sculpture. The simplicity of each design invites the admirer to bring to mind their own imagery. The final piece is powder coated with a colorful and durable finish. The base is locally sourced metamorphic rock several types being granite, gneiss and schist to name a few and all of which can include minerals, quartz, feldspar and other inclusions which give the rock it's unique characteristics. Using both metal and stone creates unique sculptures with no two alike. Visit their website at: rockandasoftplace.com

SPECIAL THANKS

Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O'Neil
(Grace) Angela Henry

The Grandview
Rock and A Soft Place Studio
On Location Studios
iHeart Media

Chris Marino, Q92
Jeremiah, KISS FM
Popp's Trophies
Prime Print Shop

Content Studio
Beacon Bonfire Music & Art Festival
Rowan Parsaca
Jayden Featherstone, Guitar

String Quartet

Katherine Rymph, Violin
Caroline Ryan, Violin
Catherine Bettina, Viola
Maggie Frazer, Cello

Congratulations to the

arts

Mid-Hudson

**37th ANNUAL
DUTCHESS COUNTY
EXECUTIVE'S ARTS
AWARDEES**

PROFILE SPONSOR

CSNY

CONTENT STUDIO NEW YORK

magazines | media | marketing

contentstudiony.com

**prime
print shop**

Print it in Poughkeepsie!

43 Vassar Road

Poughkeepsie, NY

845 • 233 • 5274

printing@primeprintshop.com



ORANGE COUNTY NY
ARTS COUNCIL presents

Art Affair '23

**WONDER
LAND**



FEATURING THE ART OF

Amy Lewis Sweetman • MIXXED Youth
HipOpera • Light Shadows • Brionie
Nelson • Hudson Valley String Quartet •
Auguster Williams • Daniel McQuade •
and more!

November 18th, Tickets and Info at www.OCArtsCouncil.org

Congratulations
to all of tonight's
awardees!

Renee Kowal, DMD
General Dentist
929 Main Street, Fishkill, NY

(845) 896-9820



N&S SUPPLY
 PLUMBING • HEATING
 HVAC • SHOWROOMS*

Congratulations to all
 the award recipients.

*N&S Supply
 is proud to support
 Arts-Mid Hudson.*

GERBER

**N&S
 BATH
 CLASSICS**

FISHKILL*
 (845) 896-6291
 BREWSTER*
 (845) 279-8075
 KINGSTON*
 (845) 331-6700
 CATSKILL*
 (518) 943-2150
 HUDSON
 DANBURY

nssupply.com

f p t i

GUIDING
 YOUR FINANCIAL JOURNEY
across
 THE HUDSON VALLEY.

**MHV is proud to support the
 Dutchess County Executive's Arts Awards**

MHV
 MID-HUDSON VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Federally
 Insured
 by NCUA

Vassar Brothers Medical Center

**Thank you for making
 our community better**

Nuvance Health is proud to support Arts Mid-Hudson and
 the 37th Annual Dutchess County Executive's Arts Awards.
 We congratulate this year's honorees.

nuvancehealth.org

**Nuvance
 Health**
 You Matter Most

THRIVE

Making a Career in the Arts

Are you an aspiring young artist? Youth ages 14-21 are invited to hear firsthand how to carve a path in their chosen field. Explore career opportunities, connect with professional local resources, and hear from a panel of those who are making their way as creatives in the Hudson Valley.

www.artsmidhudson.org/2023thrive

LIVE VIRTUAL INTERVIEW

LEADING WITH ARTIVISM

CREATED BY POET GOLD arts



Guest
Joel Bergner



Host
Poet Gold

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 19
7:00 PM**

www.artsmidhudson.org/leading-with-activism-event

SHOP LOCAL dutchess handmade

*Shop Local from over 70 Artists
from the Hudson Valley*

November 7 - December 16, 2023

Tuesday - Friday

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturdays

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Arts Mid-Hudson | 696 Dutchess Tpk | Poughkeepsie

Art in the Loft

Sunday, November 12, 2023

2:00 p.m.



2022 Winner - James Bennett



2021 Winner - Felicidad Dukes

Who will be this year's wine label competition winner?

Tickets:

artsmidhudson.org/art-in-the-loft-closing

MILLBROOK
VINEYARDS & WINERY

arts
Mid-Hudson
together we create

2023 Arts Awards Honorees (cont.)

SPECIAL CITATION: The Hudson Valley Philharmonic String Competition Committee

The Hudson Valley Philharmonic String Competition has been a highlight of the Hudson Valley scene for over 50 years! Begun under Hudson Valley Philharmonic Maestro Claude Monteux in the 1960s, it attracts outstanding violin, viola and cello students from Juilliard, New England Conservatory, Curtiss and many other prominent music conservatories. Winners have gone on to become professional performers and teachers. The competition is held on the campus of Vassar College each March, and the winner plays with the Philharmonic at the Bardavon Opera House the next season. Generous donors fund the prizes and operating costs, and a dedicated volunteer committee coordinates all logistics and planning. The committee is Paul Stoddard, Chair, Susan Avery, Laura Coons, Reva Cowan, Linda Kleinhenz, Susan Lesser, Tom Ostrofsky, Judith Stoddard, Barbara Van Itallie, Ron VonAllman, Miriam Zimet-Aaron, and Nancy Severns. The following Philharmonic musicians also help - Carole Cowan, Susan Seligman, Nanette Koch, Rhonni Hallman and Greg Williams.

THINK DIFFERENTLY IN THE ARTS: i2Evolve

i2Evolve art studio in Red Hook, New York was created in 2018 by Kimberly Popolizio, a former New York City public school art teacher, who had the privilege of working with children facing various crises in some of the most underserved communities. i2Evolve works with children and adults of all abilities offering a diverse range of services and consulting options. Their reach extends to local agencies servicing children in foster, residential care, children in day treatment programs as well as our local school district's special education, flex classes, local community children, and private sessions for adults with varying abilities. This past year they brought curriculum to the neurodiverse student population of grades K-12 in the Red Hook Central School District. They succeeded at having every student represented at the district wide art show. The excitement was building this year as they hosted an open house for all abilities welcoming over 15 young adults from varying adult programs in Dutchess County. i2Evolve offers a nurturing, non-clinical environment where children and adults disconnect from stress and express their inner thoughts through imagination and creativity. Children and adults are equipped with valuable tools to self-regulate, enhance self-awareness, experience empowerment, and foster personal growth.

ARTIVIST: Paola Bari

Paola learned to love ceramics as a young girl in Italy and traveled all over the world to learn different techniques. She worked for IBM in Milano until 1996, when she was invited to cross the Atlantic. After ending her career at IBM in Poughkeepsie, NY, Paola devoted herself to porcelain painting. Her work in porcelain are quite whimsical, featuring stretching frogs, cats, and ornately decorated game fowl. She is very involved in the local art community helping with local events and organizing makers markets. Paola is currently curating Gallery 40 with Mary Ann Glass providing a space to showcase art from local artists. She is also active in conservation where she volunteers for the Cheetah Conservation Fund, located in Namibia, Africa, in which her focus has been mainly focusing on education and fundraising.

arts

Mid-Hudson

together we create

37th Annual Dutchess County Executive's Arts Awards

PROGRAM

I. Performance

Rowan Parsaca

*2023 Youth with Exceptional Promise
in the Arts Awardee*

II. Welcome & Acknowledgements

Melissa Dvozenja-Thomas,
Executive Director, Arts Mid-Hudson
Jonathan Cilley,
Chairperson, Arts Mid-Hudson

III. Awards Presentations

William F.X. O'Neil,
Dutchess County Executive
(Grace) Angela Henry

Youth With Exceptional Promise in the Arts: *Rowan Parsaca*
Art in Public Places: *Dutchess County Historical Society*
for Clowes Exhibit
Art in Education: *Jim Osborn*
Business: *Albert Shahinian Fine Art*
Individual Artist: *Jodé Millman*

IV. Wine & Art Drawing Announcement

V. Awards Presentations Continue

ThinkDIFFERENTLY in the Arts: *i2Evolve*
Volunteer: *Randy Caruso*
Arts Organization: *The KuBe Art Center*
Special Citation: *The Hudson Valley Philharmonic*
String Competition Committee
Artist: *Paola Bari*

VI. Closing Remarks

Melissa Dvozenja-Thomas

2023 Arts Awards Honorees

YOUTH WITH EXCEPTIONAL PROMISE IN THE ARTS:

Rowan Parsaca

Rowan Parsaca is a recent graduate of Beacon High School. She has participated in the arts in Beacon her entire life. She is part of DIA:Beacon's teen program and regularly works with local artists Ron English, Hayden Wayne, and most recently, as Eponine in the Beacon Players production of *Les Miserables*. She loves performing, art, and creating community with those around her, and hopes to continue doing so as she studies voice and music therapy in the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam.

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES:

Dutchess County Historical Society for Clowes Exhibit

The Dutchess County Historical Society celebrates all aspects of local history. It is particularly exciting to celebrate the work of artists, like LaGrange's 19th century Caroline Morgan Clowes or Poughkeepsie's 20th century Eunice Hatfield Smith. Anyone looking at their work is reminded how universal and timeless artistic expression is. We are transported to locations we are familiar with, but that are revealed to us in the dress of how they looked a century or two ago. We reach the public by either locating an exhibition where there's a good deal of day to day activity already, or by bringing traveling exhibitions to more remote parts of the county. In either case, our work is the same: to preserve, interpret and present to the public, the wonderful history of the county.

ARTS IN EDUCATION: Jim Osborn

James Osborn was born and raised in Dutchess County and is an Arlington High School graduate. He majored in *Political Science and Music* at The State University at Albany and received his Master of Music degree from The State University at Stony Brook. For the last forty years Jim has been on the faculty at Vassar College where he directs the college's Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combos and Wind Ensemble and teaches trumpet. Jim also teaches at Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park where he conducts the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble, Pit Orchestra and Pep Band. He previously taught instrumental music at Marist College, Dutchess Community College and nine area Catholic Schools. Jim also enjoys a very active performing career as a trumpeter and vocalist and has performed with The Hudson Valley Philharmonic, The Hudson Valley Brass Consortium, Tony Bennett, Bobby Vinton and his own seven piece band, The Jim Osborn Band. Jim lives in the Town of LaGrange with his wife Janice and their three dogs and tries to play a little golf in his spare time.

BUSINESS: Albert Shahinian Fine Art

Albert Shahinian Fine Art celebrates its 25th year as one of the region's premier fine art venues. Besides its formal exhibition program, the gallery has presented musical performances, spoken word series, and artist colloquia. Co-managed with Albert's spouse, Joanna Hess, the gallery has occupied several locations since 1998, including those in Poughkeepsie, Hudson, New Paltz and currently, Rhinebeck. Shahinian founded and ran Poughkeepsie Art Museum (2004-2005) as a separate exhibition-based venue. He also has organized and installed exhibits for The Desmond Fish Library; The Museum of the Hudson Highlands; Columbia-Greene Community College; Yale Institute of Sacred Music; and Spitz Gallery, London, England. A former educator and music conductor, Albert

worked previously for Hudson River Sloop Clearwater and Pauline Oliveros Foundation, and served six years on the Barrett Art Center Board. Since 2001 he has worked in the Preparator's department at the Hessel Museum/Center for Curatorial Studies at Bard College.

INDIVIDUAL ARTIST: Jodé Millman

Jodé Millman is a life-long resident of Poughkeepsie, which serves as the setting for her popular crime fiction novels. The first three installments of her true-crime inspired "Queen City Crimes" series, *THE EMPTY KAYAK*, *HOOKER AVENUE*, and *THE MIDNIGHT CALL*, have won numerous awards including: The Independent Press, Independent Publishers, American Fiction, and Clue Awards. For decades, Jodé has practiced law in New York, and she is also a reviewer for Booktrib.com, and the host/producer of *The Backstage with the Bardavon* podcast. Merging her passion for the arts and law, she created The Writer's Law School, an educational program designed to inform writers and artists about their legal rights, and which she has presented to arts organizations, libraries, and colleges. Her philanthropic interests have guided her to lead her family's foundation, The Millman Harris Romano Foundation, and to serve as a trustee for the Dyson Foundation.

VOLUNTEER: Randy Caruso

"Countless lands to discover, countless seeds to bloom - and again the day slips away" I'm optimistic to a fault: projects, art, code, and building stuff - there's not much separation anymore. I survive as a web developer by day, theater tech by night. I've always taken things apart to find the secrets, looked where I was told not to, seen past the grids and rules to find unexplored territory. Still surprised how much there is. I'm lucky enough to be married to Jill Losee, have a daughter (Ali Caruso), be surrounded by too many pets, and have a home I can carve to be everything we need. All this in a town (Beacon) we can walk to and find our coffees and snacks with little effort, life is pretty good. The Seeger Theater is where I spend a lot of time, an amazing stage embedded in a high school - so we have a support system like no other. As a community we have some great access to talent and resources that you might imagine right outside of NYC. We have few boundaries, it's an amazing experience to build a show there.

ARTS ORGANIZATION: The KuBe Art Center

The KuBe Art Center, founded by Ethan Cohen and Zhu Ceng in 2011, serves the burgeoning arts community in the Hudson Valley by providing space for artists and local businesses in an unconventional setting. The repurposed Beacon High School has over 60 commercial workspaces. It also houses art organizations as well as Ethan Cohen Gallery, whose programming has provided a platform for community engagement through exchanges between local and international arts & culture. KuBe is home to the Cohen Library, one of the largest archives of contemporary Chinese and African art in North America. The name KuBe is an acronym for the German word 'Kunsthalle', meaning art hall, and the town's name, 'Beacon'. This Fall, Ethan Cohen and Ron English will produce an exhibition entitled "Back To School", which will be Kube's largest exhibition to date. Next year, the KuBe will begin an ongoing collaboration with world-renowned artist Yigal Ozeri and the Eileen S. Kaminsky Family Foundation to present his works to the public.

(Cont.)