

Seventeen arts groups receive state grants

CATSKILL—Greene County Council on the Arts has announced the recipients of 2015 "regrant" awards through the Community Arts Grants Program for Greene, Columbia and Schoharie Counties. The three counties have been awarded a total of \$103,200. This amount will be re-granted into the local communities as \$80,141 for support of cultural programming and activities, \$18,059 for arts education and \$5,000 for two Individual Artist awards (Columbia and Greene Counties).

Columbia County received 18 requests from organizations and individuals for project support totaling \$53,010, considerably more than the amount of available funding. The funded projects shared \$34,819 in project support.

They are: first-time applicant Art School of Columbia County for artist-developed programs at Valatie, Claverack and North Chatham libraries; Bend the Knotted Oak for a chamber music concert with visual art and dialogue at the

Spencertown Academy; Clarion Concerts for a Baroque program for harpsichord, oboe, flute and violin in Copake; first-time applicant Classics on Hudson for "Adventures in Classical Music" for family audiences; Columbia County Youth Bureau for "Undercover Playground" project with the Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company in 10 Columbia County parks; and Concerts in the Village for musicians' fees for a Village of Kinderhook performance series.

Also, Friends of the Chatham Library for creative writing for teens with Chloe Caldwell and workshops in the graphic novel and paper marbling; Good Globe Singing School with Sheri Bauer-Mayorga for youth and community "sings" at the Spencertown Academy; Hudson Area Library for a graphic novel workshop for tweens and teens with Barbara Slate, virtual visits with graphic novelists Gene Luen Yang and Jennifer Holm and an exhibition; Hudson Jazzworks for

master class, pre-concert talk and improvisational jazz concert in Hudson; Hudson River Classics/Showcase Theater for a series of staged readings of new original plays; and Hudson Valley Choral Society for musicians and scores for spring and winter concerts.

Also, Kinderhook Library for world music and dance performances including sitar and tabla, Chinese fan/ribbon dancing, Seneca-Iroquois music and tichango; North Chatham Library for Literature and the Arts program featuring actress Nancy Rothman, illustrator/author James Carroll, singer/songwriter Ruth Pelham and others; Roving Actors Ensemble for productions of "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "next to normal" at Taconic Hills Performing Arts Center; Valatie Community Theatre for technical and professional support for a young actors production; and Winds in the Wilderness for four classical and world music concerts in Copake Falls.

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applications for requests totaling \$39,200, more than the amount available. The funded proposals shared \$24,870 for project support. Schoharie County received 11 requests totaling \$39,020. Eight organizations and individuals shared \$23,850, including a 2013 return rollover.

All funding awards are competitive and determined by a panel of local artists, nonprofit professionals, and community members.

The Community Arts Grants/Decentralization Program is funded by the NYS Council on the Arts. The program provides support for local not-for-profit organizations and artists working with community partners. The funds are intended to reward accessible programs with strong artistic merit that directly benefit tri-county residents. For more information on the grants program, call Colette Lemon at 518 943-3400 or email colettegcca@hotmail.com.