

Local Arts Network Newsletter

ARTS & CULTURE FOR ALL

News and Happenings



NEW
MONTHLY
NEWS
LETTER!



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Greetings local arts champions! Heather Flanagan and I are excited to be the newly oriented local arts engagement team (LAE) here at Americans for the Arts. Building upon AFTA's legacy of grassroots advocacy, our mission involves collaborating closely with local arts agencies to ensure universal access to arts and culture. We know local arts agencies play a pivotal role in effecting positive change for artists, creatives, and culture bearers within their communities

Heather brings a wealth of experience in artist engagement and accessibility, while I, Mital, am dedicated to fostering connections with local arts agencies and organizations. We trust that this new monthly newsletter will be a valuable addition. Got questions, thoughts, or just wanna share some artsy joy? We're all ears!



A Free Resource Just For You

PeoplesHub is a is an online movement school that connects groups and individuals across geographies to build strong, resilient and transformative movements. Check out their Zine celebrating the work of 2023 that positioned them to keep growing our disability justice and solidarity economy movement in 2024!

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NEW EVENT
COMING UP

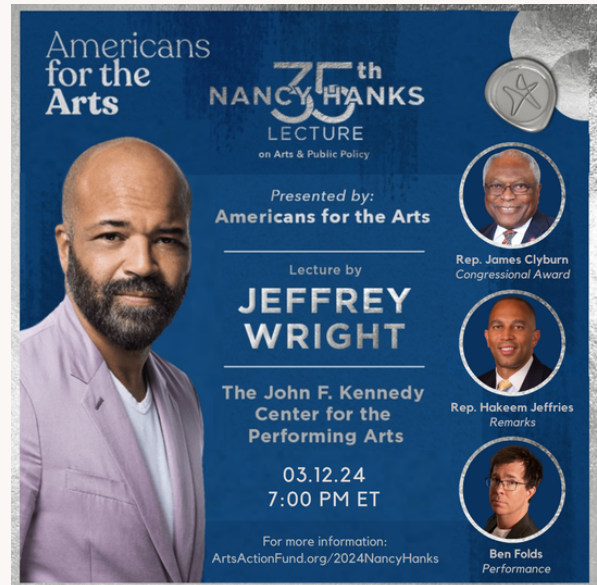
***Nancy Hanks
Lecture***

TUESDAY 12TH
MARCH 2024

Register for live stream

The Nancy Hanks Lecture on Arts & Public Policy is a leading national forum for arts policy intended to stimulate dialogue on policy and social issues affecting the arts.

The lecture is named for Nancy Hanks, former president of Americans for the Arts and chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, who devoted 15 years of her professional life to bringing the arts to prominent national consciousness.



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[VIEW DETAILS ON WEBSITE](#)

Innovative funding for organizations

During the month of February, the [Orange County Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs](#), held two events that highlighted possible funding sources for minority artist and environmental sustainability arts groups if they are serving an underserved community or are a group led by members of an underserved demographic OR are an artist or arts organization interested in motivating social action related to environmental responsibility. Both require a collaboration with one of the established organizations that is eligible by state law to receive Tourist Development Tax funding.

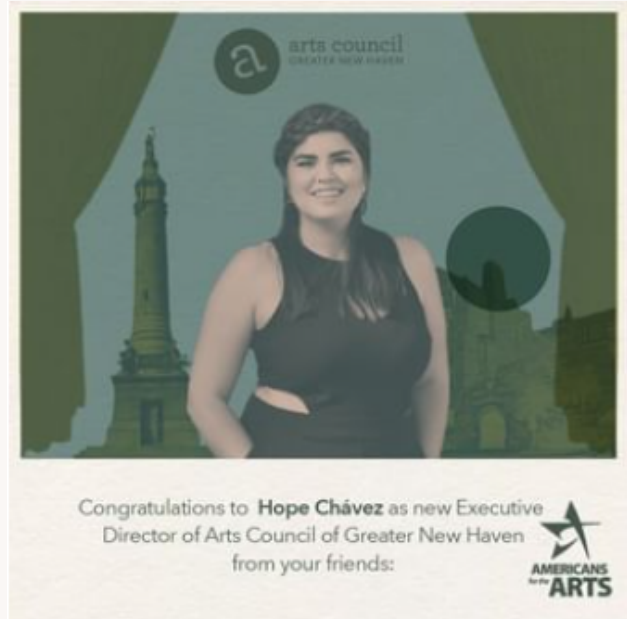


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New Leadership in Arts & Culture

Since I have started at Americans for the Arts, I have seen many leaders retire, new leaders come into the field and leaders move to new organization. This trend pushed us to recognize folks on Americans for the Arts [social media](#). Heather Flanagan, Manager of Artists Engagement and Accessibility, and I as the new Local Arts Engagement team, reach out to folks to share our congratulations along with the post. We were lucky to connect with two new leaders this past month, Anne O'Dell from [Erie Arts & Culture](#) and Hope Chávez from the [Arts Council of Greater New Haven](#). As Randy Cohen, VP of Research at AFTA, likes to say each local arts agency is a



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workforce programming Erie Arts & Culture to serve artists and culture bearers in the community. It was inspiring to speak to these new leaders! Keep an eye out on Americans for the Arts social media for more new leaders in the field. Have a new leader you want shared, just reach out.

REACH OUT
FOR A CHAT

Let's chat!

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