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## Monmouth Arts Announces Recipients of ArtHelps Funding for 2024

(Red Bank, NJ) -- Monmouth Arts is pleased to announce the ArtHelps Local Arts Program Awards for Fiscal Year 2024, through a partnership with the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. These competitive grants are awarded to local nonprofit arts organizations that provide high quality art programs and events to residents throughout Monmouth County each year.

Monmouth Arts is awarding \$125,000 to a total of 25 organizations for general operating and special project support; the total also includes 10 Mini Grants of \$500 each that will be available in 2024 for arts projects by small and emerging organizations. Eligible recipients of ArtHelps grants include Monmouth County nonprofit arts organizations and community groups with arts programs that provide excellent arts events that are accessible and beneficial to the public.

Monmouth Arts congratulates the 25 recipients for 2024: Arcadian Chorale, Art Alliance of Monmouth County, Asbury Park Arts Council, Atlantic Highlands Arts Council, Center Players, Company of Dance Arts, Creative OPERAtions, Guild of Creative Art, Heart of New Jersey Chorus, Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey, Holmdel Theatre Company, Indie Street Film Festival, Jazz Arts Project, Jersey Shore Arts Center, Monmouth Civic Chorus, Pipes & Drums of the Atlantic Watch, Premier Theatre Company, Red Bank Chamber Music Society, Red Bank Parks & Recreation, Red Bank RiverCenter, Rockit Live Foundation, Shore House, Shrewsbury Chorale, The Allentown Village Initiative, and the Wooden Walls Public Art Project.

Grant applications were evaluated based on Monmouth Arts' updated funding priorities, which include promoting cultural equity, diversity, and inclusion; forging partnerships and collaborations among individuals or organizations; broadening public participation; advancing and advocating for arts education in schools and life-long learning; and preserving and conserving art forms and cultural heritage.

"It is exciting to see the broad range of organizations in our roster of regrantees, both geographically and in the services and programs they provide," says Teresa Staub, Executive Director of Monmouth Arts. "From Allentown in western Monmouth County to Asbury Park and Atlantic Highlands on the coast, these groups are doing important work and should be supported. We thank the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and Governor Murphy for their continued investment in our residents and our creative community."

Monmouth Arts is a leading, independent 501c(3) arts advocacy organization that delivers needed programs and services to artists, member organizations, and arts affiliates to ensure the arts thrive in and throughout Monmouth County. As Monmouth County's official county arts agency, its mission is to

enrich the community by inspiring and fostering the arts. Monmouth Arts' programs are made possible in part through funding from the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Commissioners, the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, and the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. For more information on Monmouth Arts, call 732-212-1890 or visit <u>www.monmoutharts.org</u>.

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