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Monmouth Arts Announces Recipients of ArtHelps Funding for 2022

(Red Bank, NJ) -- Monmouth Arts is pleased to announce the ArtHelps Local Arts Program Awards for Fiscal Year 2022, 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 \$100,000 to a total of 24 organizations for general operating and special project support; the total also includes five Mini Grants of \$500 each that will be available in 2022 for arts projects by new 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 and the Monmouth Arts Board of Trustees congratulates the 24 recipients for 2022: Arcadian Chorale, Art Alliance of Monmouth County, Asbury Park Arts Council, Asbury Park Music Foundation, Atlantic Highlands Arts Council, Center Players, Company of Dance Arts, 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, Middletown Arts Center, Monmouth Civic Chorus, Phoenix Productions, Pipes & Drums of the Atlantic Watch, Premier Theatre Company, Red Bank RiverCenter, Rockit Live Foundation, Shrewsbury Chorale, Wooden Walls Public Art Project, and ZEYBRAH.

Grant applications were evaluated based on the updated funding priorities of Monmouth Arts, 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.

"These grants are a much-needed investment in our community and will contribute to our local economies, our schools and students of all ages, and the quality of life in Monmouth County, especially during these challenging times when arts organizations are still struggling," says Teresa Staub, Executive Director of Monmouth Arts. "We thank the State Council, Governor Murphy, and Lieutenant Governor Oliver 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 www.monmoutharts.org.

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