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Long Island Arts Councils Unite Together

Giving Tuesday Now

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HUNTINGTON, NY-

Huntington Arts Council (HAC) is proud to announce that the Consortium of Arts Councils, originally formed in early 2017, has united together for the upcoming Giving Tuesday Now initiative on May 5, 2020.

#GivingTuesdayNow, May 5, 2020 is a NEW global day of giving that was developed as an emergency response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19. The Huntington Arts Council reached out to the partner members of the Consortium of Arts Councils to see if they would be interested in combining efforts, come together as one, and develop a singular Giving Tuesday Now platform to benefit all of the councils.

The Consortium is asking donors to help support the nonprofit Arts Councils that serve them and their local communities across Long Island. All donations will be combined as one, and evenly distributed to benefit and support: Babylon Citizens Council on the Arts, East End Arts, Huntington Arts Council, Islip Arts Council, Long Island Arts Council at Freeport, Patchogue Arts Council & MoCA L.I., and Westbury Art. Long Beach Arts Council will be supporting this event, however has chosen not to receive donations at this time.

[Click on this link for arts council's logos.](#)

Donations will go even further with the benefits of the Matching-Fund Initiative. Each of our Arts Council's participating in #GivingTuesdayNow are eligible for additional support and will receive a percentage of both national and state matching funds through the #Nonprofit Matching-Fund Initiative. The initiative is in tandem with the worldwide #GivingTuesdayNow project and is a collaborative effort of Nonprofit Hub, Do More Good and Firespring. Donations will be matched through May 26, 2020.

"Bound together by our shared mission to serve the arts, culture, and communities across Long Island this partnership of Arts Councils, is now coming together as one. We are united by these unprecedented times, and standing with each other, and holding each other up." Said Marc Courtade, Executive Director of the Huntington Arts Council.

Each of the Arts Councils will promote their individual council through various social media platforms. Huntington Arts Council will produce a video that features all of the participants expressing gratitude and appreciation for everyone who chooses to donate.

The Consortium of Arts Councils began in early 2017. After a meeting on the arts in Riverhead Marc Courtade, Huntington Arts Council's ED and several of his colleagues discussed setting up a conversation among the various arts councils on Long Island. Leanne Tintori Wells of NYSCA inquired about some of the newer organizations, and suggested that it would be beneficial to have a meeting of the Arts Councils since Long Island is unique in the fact that its many municipalities have their own. After the first gathering in which 8 councils were present, the Consortium of Long Island Arts was formed. These meetings have quickly become an engaging open forum for the collaboration, cultivation and exchange of ideas. This approach continues to facilitate the relationship between councils for the benefit of artists, our communities and arts and culture across Long Island. Representatives for each council meet quarterly, rotating between the locations of our regular attendees.

We are working remotely. Questions, please contact via email
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Celebrating our 57th year, the Huntington Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization which enriches the quality of life of Long Islanders with programs and services that address the needs and interests of artists, cultural organizations and the community. The Council's programs reach over one million Long Island residents, and it serves the entire region with its cultural listings at www.huntingtonarts.org. The Huntington Arts Council has been designated a "Primary Institution" by the New York State Council on the Arts, a title meaning "vital to the cultural life of New York State." The Council is the official arts coordinating agency for the Town of Huntington, and serves as the primary regrating agency on Long Island for the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA), in addition to its services to over 600 member cultural organizations and individual artist members. Programs are made possible in part by funding from the New York State Council on the Arts, the Town of Huntington, the Suffolk County Department of Cultural Affairs, the County of Suffolk, corporations, foundations and individuals.

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