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BCAC Announces \$275K In Grants For 2024 United Cultural Fund Grant Awards

BROOME COUNTY, NY. The Broome County Arts Council (BCAC) announces the award of a total of **\$274,777 in United Cultural Fund (UCF) grants** to award **22 local artists, arts organizations, and community non-profits**. In 2024, applicant statistics reflect medium and large arts organizations seeking deeper levels of grant funding to increase their capacity to provide community services, resources, and unique programmatic initiatives to the residents of Broome County and surrounding counties. Additionally, more individual artists and small arts organizations are launching fresh and new programs, and projects that reflect an increasingly diverse artistic landscape and scope of craft.

UCF General Operations awards support the general operating needs of eight large and medium arts organizations and community non-profits to aid their ability to provide quality community programs, services, and resources. **2024 awardees include** Binghamton Philharmonic Orchestra, Bundy Museum of History and Art, Discovery Center of the Southern Tier, Endicott Performing Arts Center, Goodwill Theatre & Firehouse Stage, LUMA, Roberson Museum, and Tri-Cities Opera.

2024 UCF Project awards support the work of 14 individual artists and smaller community arts projects with **grants of up to \$1000 each**. **2024 awardees include** Binghamton Writer's Project, Binghamton Community Orchestra, Binghamton Downtown Singers, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Endwell Community Chorus, Binghamton Theater Organ Society, Cooperative Gallery 213, Anna Warfield, Yangzhou Bian, Spooky Action Industrial Arts, Department of Public Art, Phelps Mansion Museum, Southern Tier Singers' Collective, and the Vestal Museum and Coal House. Additionally, Broome County Arts Council received 18.5% of UCF campaign totals, reserved for BCAC's general operations & programming.



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Since 1987, the Broome County Arts Council has distributed over **\$11 million to the Arts in Broome County** through the United Cultural Fund. Through unique projects and initiatives UCF Grantees on average return **\$3-\$4 million dollars to Broome County's economy**. The United Cultural Fund emphasizes the importance of art as a cultural essence that inspires the community and drives the economy. We are grateful to everyone who has supported UCF through donations, helping us to empower 22 local artists, arts organizations, and community non-profits to inspire, honor, and enrich our local community in 2024 and beyond.

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