



CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

256 Main Street
Danbury, Connecticut 06810
203 797 4508

AGENDA

January 22, 2024 6:30 PM

The Meeting will take place at the Commission office 256 Main Street Danbury, Conn. and Videoconference with audio conference call available as backup

Join Zoom Meeting

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Call to Order

Roll Call

Presentation of the Minutes of the previous Meeting

Communication

Email: various Commission projects (Poet laureate, State Grants disbursement),

In person: Tiaa Candy TiaaCandy@gmail.com Nathalie Feliz-Dipre 718 600-6446, Photographer Peter Brown, Commission nominee Siubhan Fallon.

Reports on DCC sponsored events

- Danbury Music Centre
 - * The Nutcracker - Danbury Music Centre
 - Friday, December 8 7:30 – 9:30pm
 - Saturday, December 9 3:30 – 5:00pm
 - Sunday, December 9 3:30 – 5:00pm

Danbury events not sponsored by the Commission [25]

- Danbury Music Centre
 - Community Band: Holiday Concert Sunday, December 3 4:00 – 5:30pm
 - Danbury Community Orchestra in Concert Friday, December 15 7:30 – 7:30pm
 - Handel's "Messiah" Sunday, December 17 4:00 – 5:00pm
- Danbury Museum
 - Guided Tours of 4 Danbury Museum Historic Buildings on our Main Street campus
 - Guided Tours of the Ives Homestead
- Danbury Railway Museum
 - Ride "The Husking Bee" Pumpkin Patch Train October 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, and 28-29 beginning at 10:00 AM
- Music at the Ridge - Ce Songbird December 3 Claudia Schmidt Sunday, January 7, 2024 4:00 – 6:00pm
- City Center Danbury
 - Light the Lights - CityCenter Danbury Saturday, December 2 1:00 – 7:00pm
- Palace Theater Danbury
- 7 at Seven Saint Peter Parish Vivaldi's "Gloria" Friday, December 15 7:00 – 8:30pm
- Galleries





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- Trailer Box Gallery
- Gallery of the Visual and Performing Arts Center WCSU Westside campus, 43 Lake Ave. Extension
- Gallery at Still River Editions 128 E Liberty St.
 - INSIDE JOB Runs through December 22, 2023 Photographs by LYS GUILLORN, MARK SAVOIA, AND CATHERINE VANARIA
- in VIEW project Main Street Danbury
- WCSU
 - Sip & SCULPT - Friday, December 1 · 7:00 – 9:00pm
 - WCSU Theater *Three Sisters* by Anton Chekhov - Friday, December 1 · 8:00 – 9:30pm Runs December 1 - 3,
 - Orchestra and Concert Chorale - Saturday, December 2 · 3:00 – 5:00pm
 - Percussion Ensemble - Sunday, December 3 · 3:00 – 4:30pm

Upcoming events

See addendum

Coordinator's Report

1. The 2024-2025 budget submitted Jan 17, 2024
 - a. The Commission has suggest \$68,000 based on the actual amount requested from groups last year
2. Shout Out for Danbury one request received January 17
3. Newsletter reaching 168 addresses
4. Draft available of an onboarding document for new Commissioners and one for City Council members
5. Video research with Alma TABLED, until January. 1st script finished, ready to record
6. State grants reports have been prepared
7. Poet Laureate
 - a. Committee has made their decision. Waiting for a response from the Mayor about the appointment.
8. Shout Out for Danbury (Ideas for Danbury) - one response.
9. Holiday decorations Mayor's office, we didn't win the pizza party
10. Meeting the goals stated in the Finance budget document
No update from last month
 - a. Provide Equalable advocacy, and increase Diversity - supporting the Danbury Museum
 - b. Explore participation with the CT Office of Film, Television & Digital Media - Continuing research on this project with filmmakers.
 - c. Continue to increase the participation of younger audiences - research social platforms
 - d. Sponsor events - work on Poet Laureate July through September,
 - e. Expansion into the community - with Center City to assist Downtown autumn decorations

Appeals from Community Groups

1. Derik Piotr \$3,000 Derik Piotr
 - a. *Divine Supplication*, a solo record.
2. Saint Peter Danbury \$500 Glen Segger Music Director
 - a. Silent Film - *The King of Kings* February 9 in St. Peter Church, with its majestic Peragallo pipe organ, and large 10.5' x 14' screen
 - b. Boston-based organist, Peter Krasinski, will be providing live pipe organ accompaniment to this film, joined by our very own St. Peter Parish Choir. In other words, this epic silent movie will feature both organ and choral accompaniment!



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Old Business

1. Federer mural preservation, Peter Brown Architectural Photography: Viewed the space January 17. Expect an estimate soon.

New Business

1. Authorization to pay scholarships and literary contest
2. Rules for literary contest
3. Danbury Museum annual gala fundraiser - Deepti
4. Approval of On-boarding document for City Council and Mayor's office

Action on Grant Requests:

1. Derek Pitor \$3,000
 - a. *Divine Supplication*, a solo record
2. Saint Peter Danbury \$500 Glen Segger Music Director
 - a. Silent Film - *The King of Kings* February 9

Other Business:

- 1.

Adjourn

Upcoming events Addendum

ELVIS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION STARRING MATTHEW BOYCE - The Palace Danbury
Sunday, January 7, 2024 · 3:00 – 4:30pm
165 Main St, Danbury, CT 06810

Concerts 2023-2024 Lui Collins - Music at the Ridge
Sunday, February 4 · 4:00 – 6:00pm
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Danbury
24 Clapboard Ridge Rd, Danbury, CT 06811

Silent film "The King of Kings (1928) with live organ accompaniment by Boston organist Peter Krasinski - 7 at Seven Saint Peter Parish Friday, February 9 · 7:00 – 8:30pm
St Peter Church 104 Main St, Danbury, CT 06810

Still River Editions

MOM UPDATES: The Photographs

January 13 - March 29, 2024

Where: 128 East Liberty Street, Suite 3, Danbury, CT
Description: Photographs by Bruce George Wingate
128 East Liberty Street, Danbury, Connecticut

Trailer Box Gallery

12 Francis J Clarke Circle- Bethel Ct.

WCSU ART ALUMNI EXHIBITION

THE GALLERY at the Visual & Performing Arts Center
WCSU, Westside Campus

Western Connecticut State University

NEXT TO NORMAL - WCSU

Friday, February 23 · 8:00 – 10:30pm

Daily, until Mar 5, 2024

Visual & Performing Arts Center
43 Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT

*Events sponsored by the Commission





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Available Grants:

Walmart Overview

Community Grants range from a minimum of \$250 to the maximum grant of \$5,000. Organizations must submit an online application to be considered for funding. The 2024 grant cycle begins Feb. 1, 2024 and the application deadline is Dec. 31, 2024. Applications may be submitted at any time during this funding cycle. Please note that applications will only remain active in our system for 90 days, and at the end of this period they will be automatically rejected. Organizations may only submit and/or receive 25 applications.

Areas of Funding: (Partial list)

Quality of life: **Improving access** to recreation, **arts or cultural experiences for low income** individuals and families in the United States

Education: Providing **after school enrichment**, tutoring or vocational training for low income individuals and families in the United States

<http://giving.walmart.com/walmart-foundation/community-grant-program>

State of CT

[Artist Fellowship Program](#) Closed until spring

- Program guidelines and application available in late spring or early summer 2024.
- Application deadline in late summer 2024.

[Every Child Art Experience - CLOSED](#)

The Every Child Art Experience grant is a \$2,500 award given directly to schools to support taking students to an out of school art experience. Experiencing and participating in art is an essential part of creating strong communities and developing healthy, engaged, and creative students. Understanding that not all students have equal access to the arts, this program seeks to close the gap in access and prioritizes school in Alliance and Opportunity Districts. More information on Alliance and Opportunity.

[Connecticut Arts Endowment Fund \(CAEF\) - CLOSED](#)

Funds may be used for operating expenses, to ensure the long-term stability of Connecticut's arts industry by providing funding to organizations.

[The Supporting Arts grant program](#) CLOSED

General operating support to help Connecticut's arts organizations and municipal arts departments cover programmatic costs associated with their mission-related work. This type of grant is flexible and gives the grantee the ability to use the funds where they are most needed.

[The Connecticut Arts Endowment](#) currently closed
[The Elizabeth L. Mahaffey Arts Administration Fellowship](#) is currently closed

[EMPOWER Grant Program](#) is currently closed

[The General Operating Support for Theaters and Performing Groups program](#) is currently closed

[Strategic Partnership Grants](#) are currently closed

[The Artists Respond program](#) Closed until 2025

- Program guidelines and application available in late spring or early summer 2025.
- Application deadline in late summer 2025.

American Theater Wing

The American Theatre Wing Training Scholarships

Who should apply?

Deadline Jan 24, 2024

Public Middle and High School students who come from populations historically marginalized in our industry, who demonstrate talent and ability in the theatre arts but lack the economic resources to receive high level training prior to college. The student's area of focus can be from any aspect of theatre from performance, to design, to writing, to stage management.

The Andrew Lloyd Webber Initiative CLOSED

Grant funding can be used for:

Essential resources and equipment fundamental to arts education, specifically focused on enhancing learning in the area of theatre.

Classroom Resources Grants CLOSED.

Teachers can apply directly for resources they need to build and enhance their program in order to best nurture young talent in their schools. This can be musical instruments, lighting equipment, sound equipment, or costumes, to name a few examples.

Songwriting Challenge Closed

National Theatre Company Grants Closed

Jonathan Larson Grants CLOSED

The grant is awarded to musical theatre composers, lyricists, and librettists, or writing teams, early in their career, to support artistic endeavors and safeguard long-term music writing careers.

Americans for the Arts

Creative Spirit Fund Closed

US Congress

Congressional Art Competition Closed (Spring)

CT Humanities Upcoming Grants Deadlines

March 1: *Sponsorships* up to \$2,000

February 23: *Quick Grants* \$250-\$4,999

April 26: *Planning Grants* \$5,000-\$25,000

April 5 *Implementation Grants* \$5,000-\$35,000

April 5 *Capacity Grants* \$1,500-\$9,999

