



## CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

256 Main Street  
Danbury, Connecticut 06810  
203 797 4508

### AGENDA

March 27, 2023 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 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84549242159?pwd=WkQ1WnpWbnJScmRjazhXNDVnTmhNQOT09>

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### Call to Order

### Roll Call

### Presentation of the Minutes of the previous Meeting

### Correspondence

*Email:* various Commission projects (poet laureate, literary contest, make music day, City Council grant meeting, field work archive)

### Reports on DCC sponsored events

- Danbury Concert Association
  - Daedalus Quartet - Danbury Concert Association Sunday, March 12 · 3:00 – 4:30pm

### Danbury events not sponsored by the Commission

- Danbury Music Centre
- Danbury Museum
- Music at the Ridge Concerts 2022-2023
- Danbury Railway Museum teamed with the Railroad Museum of New England
- City Center Danbury
- Palace Theater Danbury
- Galleries
- WCSU

### Upcoming events

See addendum

### Coordinator's Report

1. Scholarship winners from HAT and ACE named
2. Meeting with Derek Poitr
3. Make Music Day Grant \$750 received
4. Make Music Day progress
5. CT Humanities grant





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6. Jane Jacobs walking tour
7. AEP6 survey submitted
8. Arts & Culture Concierge Meets
9. Poet Laureate request for Mayoral support sent 3/6/23
10. Meeting the goals stated in the Finance budget document
  - a. Provide Equalable advocacy, and increase Diversity - meeting continue with Lisa Scales
  - b. Explore participation with the CT Office of Film, Television & Digital Media - fact finding continues
  - c. Continue to increase the participation of younger audiences - no action
  - d. Sponsor events - work on Walking tour in May and Chalk Art in July
  - e. Expansion into the community - no action.(diversity inclusion)
11. Commission projects
  - a. Literary Contests - underway
  - b. Audio Drama - Planning restart with Dracula
  - c. Podcast interviews - will resume in March
  - d. Sidewalk Chalk Art with CityCenter in July
  - e. City walking tour with the Museum in May
  - f. Make Music Day
  - g. Public Gardens Week May 12-21, 2023 photo shoot request
  - h. Pothole art

### Appeals from Community Groups

1. Deepti Nagaraja, Visual Artist

### Old Business

1. Poet Laureate for the City sent for the Mayor to review

### New Business

1. Invitation to address Henry Abbott Technical High School at their scholarship award June 9th.

### Action on Grant Requests:

1. Deepti Nagaraja, Visual Artist

### Other Business:

1. An important Zoom meeting with state legislative leaders to maintain Arts funding on March 30th at 4:00 PM.
2. Railway Museum
  - a. When Members of the Danbury Railway Museum visit the Railroad Museum of New England, they receive free passage on regularly scheduled Naugatuck Railroad trains and a 10% discount in the gift shop.
  - b. If you are a member of both organizations, you also receive a 25% discount on featured excursions at the Railroad Museum of New England (excluding Christmas), and a \$100 discount on the Hands on the Throttle program at the Danbury Railway Museum.

### Adjourn



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### Upcoming events Addendum

High school arts competition - Congresswoman Jahana  
Hayes  
March 13 – April 19, 2023

HUDSON VALLEY SALLY - Music at the Ridge  
Sun, Apr 2, 4:00 PM  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Danbury  
24 Clapboard Ridge Rd, Danbury, CT

Easter Festival - CityCenter Danbury  
Sunday, April 9 1:00 – 2:30pm

\* Joan Bujacich and Joe Bilotti - Richter Arts Spring  
Series  
Sunday, April 23 3:00 – 5:30pm  
Richter Art Center  
100 Aunt Hack Road, Danbury, CT

\* Margarita Rovenskaya - Richter Arts Spring Series  
Sunday, April 30 3:00 – 5:30pm  
Richter Art Center  
100 Aunt Hack Road, Danbury, CT

\* Danbury Concert Association  
American Brass Quintet - Danbury Concert Association  
Sunday, May 21 3:30 – 5:00pm  
Visual & Performing Arts Center  
43 Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT

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Trailer Box Gallery  
Juan Bordes Sculpture  
12 Francis J Clarke Circle- Bethel Ct.

Still River Editions  
The Ladies: Leslie Singer  
Opening reception Sat. April 8, 2023 2:00 PM 4:00 PM  
APRIL 8 - JUNE 30, 2023  
128 East Liberty Street, Danbury, Connecticut

Connecticut Institute for Communities (CIFIC) building -  
Alma Faham exhibit  
EXHIBIT DATE: March 2nd – April 21st, 2023  
LOCATION: 120 Main Street, Danbury, Connecticut

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### Western Connecticut State University

Fairview - WCSU Dept. of Theatre Arts  
Friday, March 31 8:00 – 10:00pm weekends, until Apr 17  
Visual & Performing Arts Center, MainStage Theatre, 43  
Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT 06811, USA

Marat/Sade - WCSU Dept. of Theatre Arts  
Friday, April 21 8:00 – 9:30pm Weekends, until May 1  
Visual & Performing Arts Center, MainStage Theatre, 43  
Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT 06811, USA

\*Events sponsored by the Commission

### Available Grants:

Walmart Community Grant Program  
February 1 – December 31, 2023

State of CT  
Elizabeth L. Mahaffey Arts Administration Fellowship  
Application Deadline Wednesday 11:59 pm on April 5, 2023