Supporting the Creative Sector in Connecticut

The New England Foundation for the Arts (NEFA) invests in the arts to enrich communities in New England and beyond. NEFA serves as a regional partner for the National Endowment for the Arts, New England’s state arts agencies, and private foundations.

With support from the Connecticut Department of Economic Community Development Office of the Arts, NEFA’s programs support artists and communities through:

» **GRANTS**
  to artists and cultural organizations to create and tour work

» **CREATIVEGROUND**
  New England’s online creative community, connecting over 4,700 of Connecticut’s artists, cultural organizations, and creative businesses to each other and the region

» **CREATIVE COMMUNITIES EXCHANGE & IDEA SWAP**
  convenings that bring peers and projects together across state lines

» **CREATIVE ECONOMY RESEARCH**
  case-making data and networking

With NEST support, MOMIX of Washington, CT, performed at Portland Ovations in Portland, ME. Photo courtesy of MOMIX’s CreativeGround profile: Rebecca Rasmussen in “Baths of Caracalla.” Photo by Andrea Chemelli.
NEFA’s Impact in Connecticut

FY20 NEFA Grants to Artists & Organizations

Aaron Jafferis New Haven
Adelka Polak Bethel
The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum Ridgefield
Althea Rao New Haven
The Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities at the University of Saint Joseph West Hartford
Caroline Woolard Hartford
Cuatro Puntos Hartford
Ellen Smith Ahern Durham
Ferguson Library Stamford
The Gateway Concert Series New Haven
Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti East Hartford
HartBeat Ensemble Hartford
International Festival of Arts & Ideas New Haven*
Lee Mixashawn Rozie Hartford*
Litchfield Jazz Festival/Camp Litchfield*
MOMIX Washington
Nicole Stanton Amston
onStage at Connecticut College New London*
Piolobolus Washington Depot
Quick Center for the Arts Fairfield
Toto Kisaku New Haven
UConn Kodama Taiko Storrs
Wesleyan University Center for the Arts Middletown

*received multiple grants in FY20.

NEFA Joins State Arts Agency Partners in Artist Relief

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, NEFA granted $285,330 from the risk reserve fund to support emergency relief funds at the six state arts agencies of New England in the initial phase of the pandemic. In Connecticut, the $47,000 grant reached beyond both NEFA’s and Connecticut Office of the Arts’ traditional constituent base, providing timely support to 94 additional Connecticut artists.

View additional resources at nefa.org/COVID-19.

Marsha Parilla; photo by Ernesto Galán

Artists Served in CT 236
Community Members Served 11,261
Total Amount Granted by NEFA $124,490
Total Amount Leveraged $197,568

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