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 Maine Arts Commission, 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 6,200 of Maine’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

“The End of Men, an Ode to Ocean,” by New England Dance Fund-supported choreographer Vanessa Anspaugh, of Portland, ME, courtesy of her CreativeGround profile.
NEFA’s Impact in Maine

**FY20 NEFA Grants to Artists & Organizations**

Art At Work   South Portland
Bates Dance Festival   Lewiston*
Brian Crabtree   Peaks Island
Chris Battaglia   Swanville
Collins Center for the Arts, University of Maine   Orono
David Mallett   Sebec
Geo Soctomah Neptune   Princeton
Janoah Bailin   Peaks Island
Kelsie Steil   Yarmouth
Lindsey Bourassa   Portland
Maine Celtic Celebration   Belfast
Maine Coast Waldorf School   Freeport
Mayo Street Arts   Portland*
Pamela Moulton   South Portland
Portland Chamber Music Festival   Portland
Portland Ovations   Portland*
Riley Watts   Portland
Sara Juli   Falmouth*
Shoshona Currier   Lewiston
SPACE   Portland*
Strand Theatre   Rockland
Vanessa Anspaugh   Portland

*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 Maine, the $48,110 grant reached beyond both NEFA’s and Maine Arts Commission’s traditional constituent base, providing timely support to 96 additional Maine artists.

View additional resources at [nefa.org/COVID-19](http://nefa.org/COVID-19).

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