

# PERFORMING ARTS InterSECT

Resource Guide for Southeastern CT

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Discovering music, theater, dance, the spoken word, and more in Southeastern Connecticut.

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## WELCOME

Southeastern Connecticut is home to a robust and diverse performing arts sector dedicated to the creation, production, and presentation of music, theater, dance, the spoken word, film, puppetry, opera and more.

Adding to our region's vitality and enhancing our towns and cities, these providers are an eclectic group that range in size and scale. From innovative community groups to a National Medal of Arts recipient, these performing arts organizations serve local, national, and international audiences. Beyond entertainment and artistry, these organizations offer educational programs, develop talent, provide volunteer opportunities, serve under-represented youth, and create pathways for mental health recovery.

This brochure provides arts and culture lovers with a resource for finding new performances and programs to attend, locating groups to join, and referring organizations of interest.

### Please enjoy Performing Arts InterSECT!

A large print PDF version of this brochure is available for download on the Performing Arts InterSECT Project page of CultureSECT.org and on the website of participating organizations. Braille brochures are also available upon request to [info@CultureSECT.org](mailto:info@CultureSECT.org).

 DENOTES TOURING ORGANIZATIONS/GROUPS.



## ARTREACH INC.

Norwich • [artreachheals.org](http://artreachheals.org)



Artreach is a nonprofit Mental Health and Arts agency. Theater, music, and visual arts enhance the quality of our members' lives while supporting sustainable recovery. Artreach's comedy performances are educational and fun, and reduce the stigma surrounding mental illness.  

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## CHESTNUT STREET PLAYHOUSE

Norwich

[chestnutstreetplayhouse.org](http://chestnutstreetplayhouse.org)


Chestnut Street Playhouse is committed to providing high quality theatrical experiences that entertain audiences, educate students, and nurture and develop the local arts community. We strive to be a major catalyst for community involvement and revitalization through the arts. 

PHOTO: ROBERT MACPHERSON



## CONNECTICUT LYRIC OPERA

New London • [ctlyricopera.org](http://ctlyricopera.org)

Connecticut Lyric Opera (CLO) is Connecticut's only full-season professional opera company. CLO produces three fully staged productions per season with orchestra and chorus, the Summer Opera Institute's Young Artists opera, and other performances featuring CLO soloists and orchestra members.



## CONNECTICUT STORYTELLING CENTER


New London • [connstorycenter.org](http://connstorycenter.org)

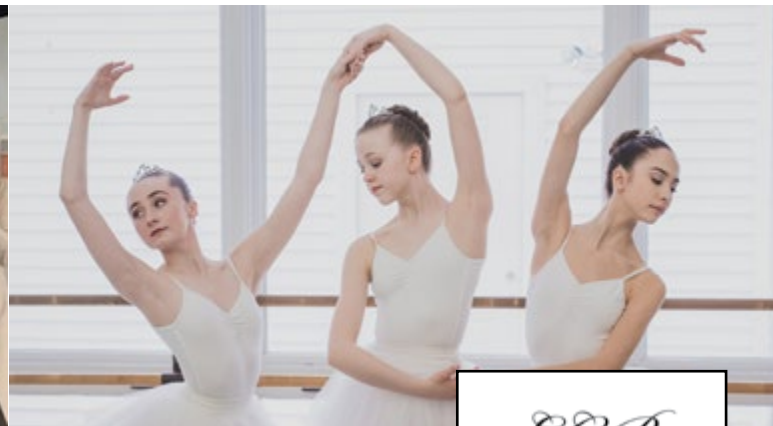
Connecticut Storytelling Center promotes the living art and use of storytelling. During Tellabration!, storytellers travel statewide bringing customized programs to community sites. The Center also offers a Festival and Conference for adults, workshops for teachers and storytellers, and school programs.



## THE CHELSEA PLAYERS

Norwich  
[chelseaplayers.tripod.com](http://chelseaplayers.tripod.com)

Since 1983, The Chelsea Players has presented over 70 plays and concerts in Norwich. We prefer plays accessible yet non-mainstream, including work by local playwrights. We welcome members interested in community theater and the arts. 



## EASTERN CONNECTICUT BALLET

New London & Middlesex Counties  
[easternctballet.com](http://easternctballet.com)

Eastern Connecticut Ballet (ECB) is the home of classical ballet training in the heart of southeastern Connecticut. Celebrating twenty-five years, ECB offers the highest caliber instruction and performance opportunities, challenging students to reach their full potential as dancers and artists.




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## EASTERN CONNECTICUT PERFORMING ARTS ASSOCIATION



Griswold • [ecpaa.org](http://ecpaa.org)

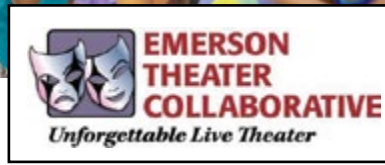
Eastern Connecticut Performing Arts Association (ECPAA) is a nonprofit arts organization of performers, artists and local business people who seek to improve the state of the arts in eastern Connecticut. Visit our website for information regarding classes and performances. 



## EMERSON THEATER COLLABORATIVE

Mystic • [emersontheatercollaborative.org](http://emersontheatercollaborative.org)

Emerson Theater Collaborative (ETC) produces innovative theater and educational programs serving youth, under-represented communities, and both emerging and professional artists with an emphasis on diversity. ETC produces new works and modern theatrical classics, and collaborates with Emerson College alumni.   PHOTO: OK3 PHOTOGRAPHY



## EASTERN CONNECTICUT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

New London • [ectsymphony.com](http://ectsymphony.com)


Founded in 1946, the mission of the Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra (ECSO) is to inspire, educate, and connect our communities through live orchestral music. Led by Music Director and Conductor Toshiyuki Shimada, the ECSO impacts audiences on and off stage. 

PHOTO: PETER WEBER



## EUGENE O'NEILL THEATER CENTER

Waterford • [theoneill.org](http://theoneill.org)


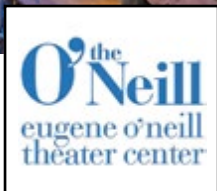
The Eugene O'Neill Theater Center is the nation's preeminent theater development center. The O'Neill is dedicated to the creation of innovative new works and support of artists, enriching the lives of artists, students, teachers, and audiences. 



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## FLOCK THEATRE

New London • [facebook.com/FlockTheatre](https://facebook.com/FlockTheatre)

Flock Theatre is a professional, not-for-profit theatre company committed to working with any community into which we are invited. Through original, collaborative, educational efforts, we find the theatre that best suits the needs of that community.  



## GRISWOLD PLAYERS COMMUNITY CHORUS

Jewett City • [griswoldcommunitychorus.org](https://griswoldcommunitychorus.org)

Griswold Players Community Chorus is a mixed voice adult chorus dedicated to sharing the joy of singing. Repertoire balances contemporary traditional choral with smatterings of foreign, classical, and pop. Rehearsal is weekly, with themed concerts performed in May and December.



## GARDE ARTS CENTER

New London • [gardearts.org](https://gardearts.org)



Located in the heart of New London, the nationally-acclaimed historic Garde movie palace is the centerpiece of the region's nonprofit center for the performing arts and cinema, and hosts live theater, popular and symphonic music, special events, and new and classic films. 

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## LA GRUA CENTER



Stonington • [lagruacenter.org](https://lagruacenter.org)

Founded in 2007, La Grua Center is a nonprofit cultural center in Stonington Borough offering a wide variety of concerts, lectures, and art exhibits in an intimate, acoustically distinctive space flooded with natural light and vaulted ceilings. 



## MYSTIC RIVER CHORALE

Mystic • [mysticriverchorale.org](http://mysticriverchorale.org)

Organized in 1984, the Mystic River Chorale is an auditioned, independent nonprofit chorus. The singers come from throughout the region and perform classical and popular music twice yearly.  



## OBESA CANTAVIT


Stonington Borough  
[obesacantavit.com](http://obesacantavit.com)

OBesa Cantavit (The Fat Lady Has Sung) seeks to inspire listeners with the beauty and emotion of great choral music. Repertoire features a capella works, from foreign lands and forgotten times to new American compositions and classical masterpieces.



## NORWICH ARTS CENTER

Norwich • [norwicharts.org](http://norwicharts.org)

A full service community arts organization, the Norwich Arts Center provides musical, theatrical, literary and other performing arts programs in its distinctive 135 seat Donald L. Oat Theater. The theater is also available for rentals and parties. 



## ONSTAGE AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

New London • [onstage.conncoll.edu](http://onstage.conncoll.edu)


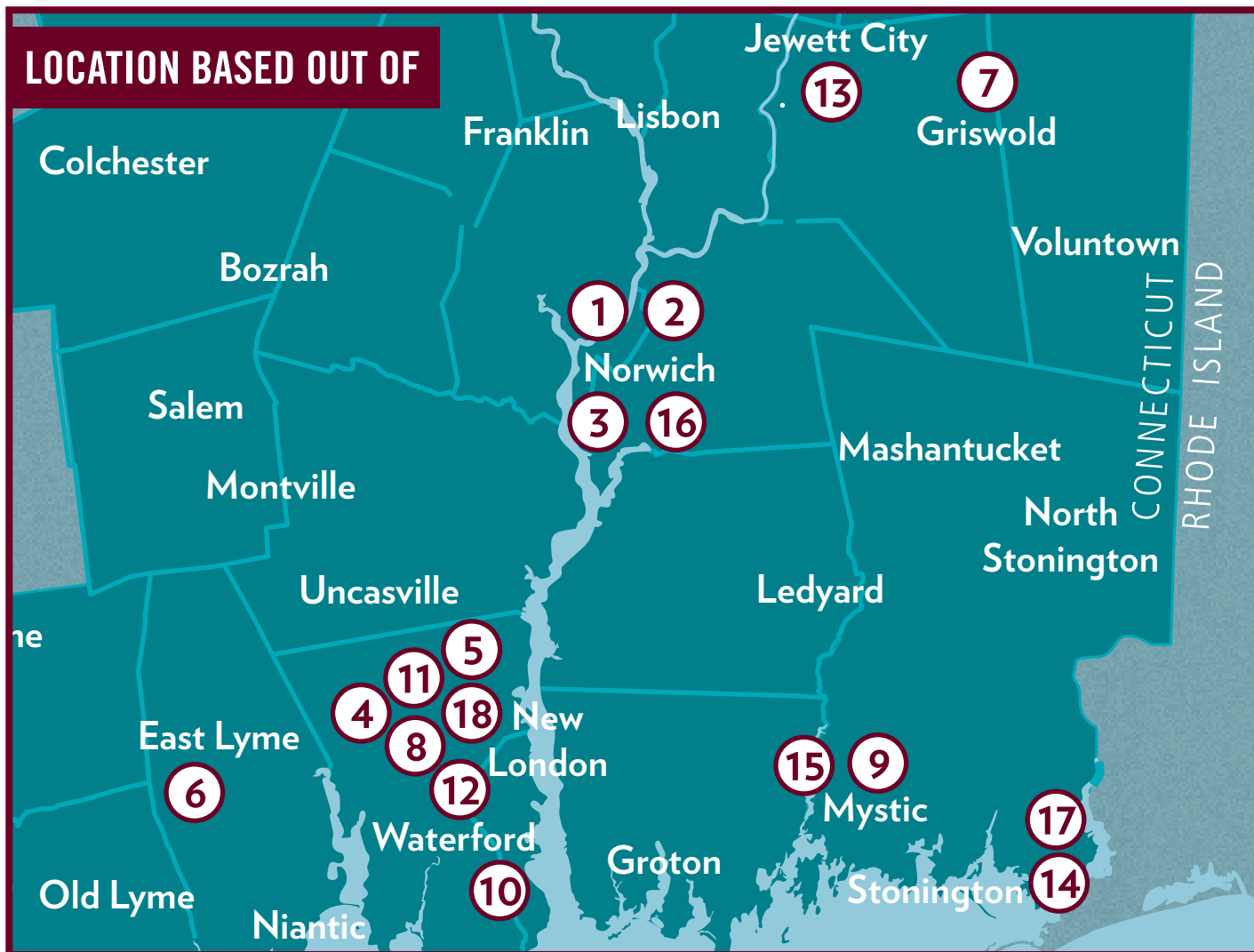
Connecticut College presents dance, music and theater performances by nationally and internationally renowned guest artists, faculty and student performers. 

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## LOCATION BASED OUT OF



**1. Artreach Inc.**  
401 W. Thames St., Norwich

**2. The Chelsea Players**  
United Congregational Church,  
87 Broadway, Norwich

**3. Chestnut Street Playhouse**  
24 Chestnut Street, Norwich

**4. Connecticut Lyric Opera**  
300 State St., New London

**5. Connecticut  
Storytelling Center**  
270 Mohegan Ave., New London

**6. Eastern Connecticut Ballet**  
435 Boston Post Rd., East Lyme

**7. Eastern Connecticut  
Performing Arts Association**  
Griswold

**8. Eastern Connecticut  
Symphony Orchestra**  
325 State Street, New London

**9. Emerson Theater  
Collaborative**  
First United Methodist Church  
23 Willow Street, Mystic

**10. Eugene O'Neill Theater Center**  
305 Great Neck Road, Waterford

**11. Flock Theatre**  
New London: Mitchell  
College, 437 Pequot Avenue;  
Connecticut College Arboretum,  
270 Mohegan Ave;  
Shaw Mansion, 11 Blinman St.

**12. Garde Arts Center**  
325 State Street, New London

**13. Griswold Players  
Community Chorus**  
St Mary Catholic Church  
Main St., Jewett City

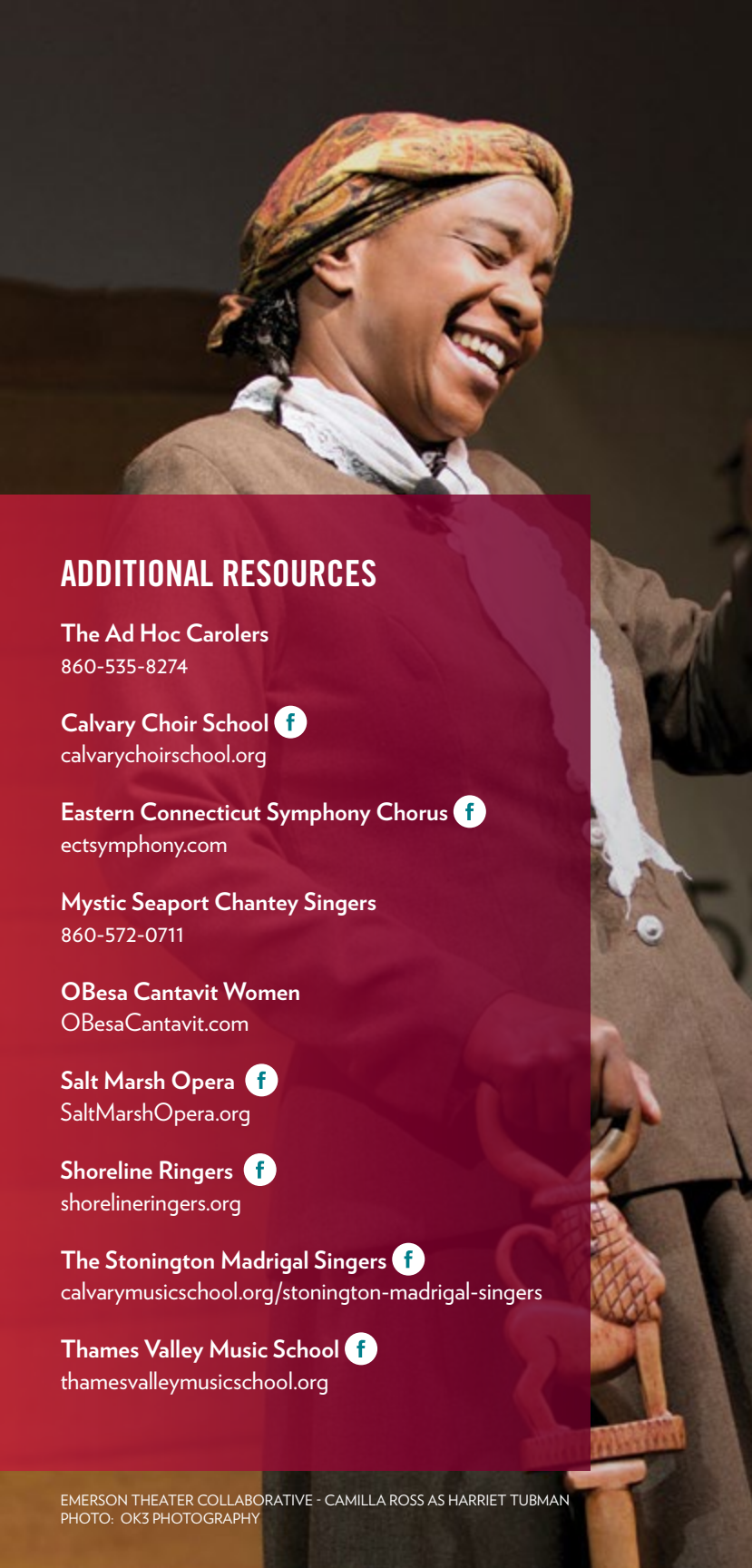
**14. La Grua Center**  
32 Water Street, Stonington

**15. Mystic River Chorale**  
Union Baptist Church  
119 High Street, Mystic

**16. Norwich Arts Center**  
Donald L. Oat Theater  
62 Broadway, Norwich

**17. OBesa Cantavit**  
United Church of Stonington,  
67 Main St., Stonington Borough

**18. onStage at Connecticut  
College**  
270 Mohegan Avenue Parkway,  
New London



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES


**The Ad Hoc Carolers**  
860-535-8274

**Calvary Choir School**   
[calvarychoirschool.org](http://calvarychoirschool.org)

**Eastern Connecticut Symphony Chorus**   
[ectsymphony.com](http://ectsymphony.com)

**Mystic Seaport Chantey Singers**  
860-572-0711

**OBesa Cantavit Women**  
[OBesaCantavit.com](http://OBesaCantavit.com)

**Salt Marsh Opera**   
[SaltMarshOpera.org](http://SaltMarshOpera.org)

**Shoreline Ringers**   
[shorelineringers.org](http://shorelineringers.org)

**The Stonington Madrigal Singers**   
[calvarymusicschool.org/stonington-madrigal-singers](http://calvarymusicschool.org/stonington-madrigal-singers)

**Thames Valley Music School**   
[thamesvalleymusicschool.org](http://thamesvalleymusicschool.org)

## PERFORMING ARTS IMPACT

Coordinated by the Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition, Performing Arts InterSECT, brought together eighteen organizations in 2016 for this Rising Tide Series collaborative project - a first-ever guide to performing arts in the region.

Performing arts organizations provide hundreds of public programs in the area. These participants alone serve more than 100,000 people annually. Our artistic assets help drive the regional economy through their dedication to innovation, creativity, entertainment, training, and education.

The Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition contributes to the cultural identity, economy, and quality of life in Southeastern Connecticut by advocating and supporting arts, cultural, and heritage business activities and organizations.

Through the Rising Tide Series, the Cultural Coalition helps organizations build capacity and secure economic and creative opportunities that they would otherwise be unable to achieve alone.

As a Regional Service Organization of the Connecticut Office of the Arts, the Cultural Coalition is part of a statewide network to support the Department of Economic & Community Development.

## SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT CULTURAL COALITION

Promote events across many calendars with  
one submission to CORE



[CultureSECT.org](http://CultureSECT.org)



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