

PERFORMING ARTS InterSECT

Resource Guide for Southeastern CT

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INTERSECT

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



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!

Braille brochures are also available upon request to info@CultureSECT.org.



DENOTES TOURING ORGANIZATIONS/GROUPS.





ARTREACH INC.

Norwich. 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. artreachheals.org *Photo: Fredda Gordon Photography*



CHESTNUT STREET PLAYHOUSE

Norwich. 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. chestnutstreetplayhouse.org *Photo: Robert MacPherson*



CONNECTICUT LYRIC OPERA

New London. 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. ctlyricopera.org



THE CHELSEA PLAYERS

Norwich. 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. chelseaplayers.tripod.com



CONNECTICUT STORYTELLING CENTER

New London. 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. connstorycenter.org



EASTERN CONNECTICUT BALLET

New London & Middlesex Counties. 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. easternctballet.com *Photo: Mark Ross Photography*



EASTERN CONNECTICUT PERFORMING ARTS ASSOCIATION

Griswold. 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. ecpaa.org



EASTERN CONNECTICUT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

New London. 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. ectsymphony.com *Photo: Peter Weber*



EMERSON THEATER COLLABORATIVE

Mystic. 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. emersontheatercollaborative.org *Photo: OK3 Photography*



EUGENE O'NEILL THEATER CENTER

Waterford. 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. theoneill.org

Photo: Derek Hayn



FLOCK THEATRE

New London. 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. facebook.com/FlockTheatre



GARDE ARTS CENTER

New London. 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.

gardearts.org Photo: Tony Bacewicz of Tony Bacewicz Media



GRISWOLD PLAYERS COMMUNITY CHORUS

Jewett City. 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. griswoldcommunitychorus.org



LA GRUA CENTER

Stonington. 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. lagruacenter.org



MYSTIC RIVER CHORALE

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



NORWICH ARTS CENTER

Norwich. 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. norwicharts.org



OBESA CANTAVIT

Stonington Borough. 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.
obesacantavit.com

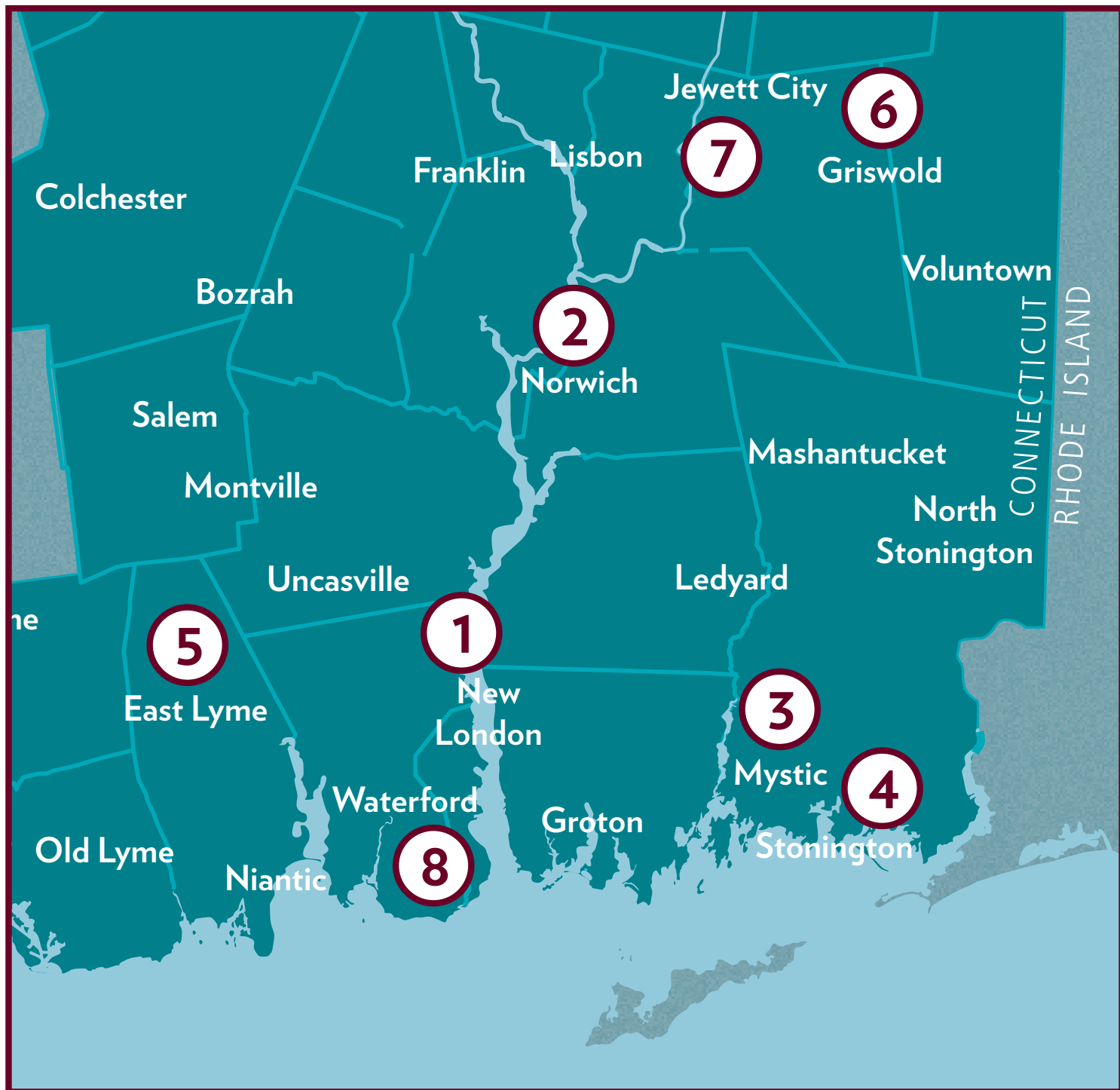


ONSTAGE AT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE

New London. Connecticut College presents dance, music and theater performances by nationally and internationally renowned guest artists, faculty and student performers. onstage.conncoll.edu *Photo: Edward Morris*

LOCATION BASED OUT OF

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1. NEW LONDON

Connecticut Lyric Opera

300 State St., New London

Connecticut Storytelling Center

270 Mohegan Ave., New London

Eastern Connecticut Symphony Orchestra

325 State Street, New London

Flock Theatre

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

Garde Arts Center

325 State Street, New London

onStage at Connecticut College

270 Mohegan Avenue Parkway,
New London

2. NORWICH

Artreach Inc.

401 W. Thames St., Norwich

The Chelsea Players

United Congregational Church,
87 Broadway, Norwich

Chestnut Street Playhouse

24 Chestnut Street, Norwich

Norwich Arts Center

Donald L. Oat Theater
62 Broadway, Norwich

3. MYSTIC

Emerson Theater Collaborative

First United Methodist Church
23 Willow Street, Mystic

Mystic River Chorale

Union Baptist Church,
119 High Street, Mystic

4. STONINGTON

La Grua Center

32 Water Street, Stonington

OBesa Cantavit

United Church of Stonington,
67 Main St., Stonington Borough

5. EAST LYME

Eastern Connecticut Ballet

435 Boston Post Rd., East Lyme

6. GRISWOLD

Eastern Connecticut Performing Arts Association

Griswold

7. JEWETT CITY

Griswold Players Community Chorus

St Mary Catholic Church,
Main St., Jewett City

8. WATERFORD

Eugene O'Neill Theater Center

305 Great Neck Road, Waterford

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The Ad Hoc Carolers
860-535-8274

Calvary Choir School 
calvarychoirschool.org

Eastern Connecticut Symphony Chorus 
ectsymphony.com

Mystic Seaport Chantey Singers
860-572-0711

OBesa Cantavit Women
OBesaCantavit.com

Salt Marsh Opera 
SaltMarshOpera.org

Shoreline Ringers 
shorelineringers.org

The Stonington Madrigal Singers 
calvarymusicsschool.org/stonington-madrigal-singers

Thames Valley Music School 
thamesvalleymusicsschool.org

Photo: Emerson Theater Collaborative -
Camilla Ross as Harriet Tubman.
OK3 Photography



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.





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