five years of impact

SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT CULTURAL COALITION

CultureSECT.org
Our Mission

The Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition fosters region-wide economic growth in New London County by optimizing existing and new arts and cultural activities to assure that cultural sector and creative business assets are central to the vitality of the region.

Our Values

CONNECTING arts, heritage, cultural, business and community activities to build on respective strengths and create successful partnerships;

COLLABORATING among arts, heritage, cultural, business and community activities to encourage and facilitate innovative solutions and opportunities;

COMMUNICATING with patrons, organizers and beneficiaries across the spectrum of arts, heritage, cultural, business, and community activities to promote opportunities and convey the sector’s impact.

The Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
About Our Fifth Annual Report

This annual report reflects a year that the Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition, the voice of the cultural sector and our 500+ Partners, broadened our reach across the region and beyond. In our fifth year of operations, we have solidified our role as the spotlight for Southeastern Connecticut’s arts, heritage, cultural, and creative community. We are deeply grateful for the local, regional and state support of our organization and look forward to continued growth and service according to our mission.
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**Raising the Curtain on Southeastern CT’s**

*Nonprofit Arts & Cultural Industry*

- **$168 Million**
- **$81 Million** Audience Spending + **$87 Million** Organization Spending

- **$84 Million** Household Income
- **$10.5 Million** Revenue to Local & State Government
- **4,460** (FTE) Jobs Supported

*Arts & Economic Prosperity® 5*

A Project of **Americans for the Arts**
SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT CULTURAL COALITION

FIVE YEARS OF IMPACT

3392
ATTENDEES OF CULTURAL COALITION ACTIVITIES

555
REGISTERED CULTURAL COALITION PARTNERS

271
DONORS

218
E-NEWSLETTERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

100
ROUNDTABLES/MEETINGS

36
PRESS RELEASES

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THRIVE! CONFERENCES

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REGION WORKING TOGETHER TO GROW THE ARTS, HERITAGE, CULTURAL, AND CREATIVE ECONOMY
Five Years of Connecting, Collaborating and Communicating

2014 • Building Relationships
Creating the infrastructure of people and programs

2015 • Addressing Vital Issues
Convening stakeholders to share information and best practices

2016 • Providing Leadership
Growing regional resources and representing the sector

2017 • Raising the Profile
Increasing visibility of Cultural Coalition, the sector, and Southeastern CT

2018 • Influencing Policy
Actively representing Arts & Culture and its role in Connecticut’s future

SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT CULTURAL COALITION
Inaugural Make Music Day • The Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition, along with peer organizations from across the state, and in partnership with the CT Office of the Arts, brought Make Music Day to Connecticut for the first time on June 21, 2018.

In Southeastern Connecticut, Make Music Day 2018 featured more than 80 free performances at over 40 locations in the region, including sidewalks, porches, plazas, parks, store fronts, restaurants, and other public spaces. Young musicians, emerging singers, established bands and performers across numerous musical genres contributed their time and talents. Organizers created an extensive line-up of activities for Make Music New London, Make Music Sprague, and Make Music Old Lyme. There were sing-a-longs, drum circles, and harmonica lessons.

Make Music Southeastern CT is part of Make Music Day, a global music celebration that takes place on the summer solstice each year and brings people of all ages and skill levels together to make music. Make Music Day began in France in 1982 as the Fête de la Musique, and has spread to over 800 cities across 120 countries.
The Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition provides core services to connect, strengthen, and advocate as the “voice” of the cultural and creative sector and liaison to leadership entities invested in regional revitalization—municipal, community, business, education, tribal, military, and tourism.

### 2018 Highlights:

**Advocacy – ensuring the sector and region are represented**
- Hosted legislative breakfast, testified in Hartford during budget hearings, and provided legislators with information and data about key issues
- Led the effort to establish Create the Vote CT with the Connecticut Arts Alliance (2nd state in nation)
- Hosted Representative Joe Courtney for day-long arts & culture site visits and arts leaders roundtable discussion
- Lamont-Bysiewicz Transition Arts, Culture and Tourism Policy Committee, co-chaired by our Executive Director Wendy Bury

**Leadership & Education – demonstrating the role of arts & culture in municipal economic development**
- Cultural Coalition began to provide monthly updates at SECT Council of Governments meetings for municipal CEOs
- Presented at 5 municipal Economic Development Commission meetings to provide Cultural Coalition services and inform commissioners about the economic impact and role of arts and culture in economic development
- Provided leadership and education about changes in Nonprofit Tax Exemption filings, including hosting a Public Information Session

**Unite & Strengthen – building awareness and relationships among Partners and with the community**
- Hosted Thursdays on the Thames educational guided boat tours about arts, culture and heritage
- Launched Culture Connects – first all-region arts & culture networking event for attendees to share information and connect with peers
- Held 15 Rising Tide Roundtable meetings for peer groups: Museum Directors, Historical Societies & Sites, Arts in Health, Performing Arts, Rising Tide Leaders and began new Regional Events Convening quarterly roundtable
- Facilitated first Make Music Day SECT – a free celebration of music with over 80 performances throughout the region on June 21
- Presented 2nd THRIVE! Conference - brought together Partners to share, learn and connect

**Professional Development – supporting Coalition Partners and the sector as a whole**
- Partnered with the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut to present two Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) Workshops attended by more than 60 nonprofit organization leaders and Board members
- Hosted Arts & Health InterSECT Summit - connected those providing arts-based health & wellness programs and those interested in learning more about how the arts improve healthcare

**Regional Service Organization – connecting the region with State Office of the Arts**
- Convened regional grant panel for the DECD/Connecticut Office of the Arts Regional Initiative grant program (REGI) and helped to award $16,000 to five projects in Southeastern CT

“Our organization and the creative sector in our region have come so far in just five short years. It’s been an exciting time, and I look forward to the next five years.”

Wendy Bury
Executive Director
The Cultural Coalition’s second biennial Conference, THRIVE!, was held on December 4, 2018 at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center. Over 100 attendees involved in creating, promoting and supporting arts / culture / history in Southeastern Connecticut came together to share, learn and celebrate our creative community and the Cultural Coalition’s five years of impact.

Peers gathered for “Coffee & Connections” with agencies such as New England Foundation for the Arts, CT Office of the Arts, State Historic Preservation Office, Community Foundation of Eastern CT, Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT providing resources and information at staffed tables. The luncheon keynote speaker Matt Wilson, Executive Director MASSCreative, spoke about grassroots efforts to galvanize support for arts, culture and creativity in our communities.

As a professional development opportunity, featured presenters provided breakout sessions across a wide-range of topics:

- Artreach & professional theater artist Emma Palzere-Rae - Raising the Artistry Bar: Elevating Social Service Programs to Authentic Arts Experiences
- Florence Griswold Museum - From Crazy to Catalyzing: Taking a Chance on a New Idea
- Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication (ISAAC) – Students Addressing Social Issues through the Arts
- Marquee Gallery & artist Sikiu Perez - Marketing Art Locally and Globally in the Digital Age
- Mystic Seaport Museum - Rebranding: Embrace the Challenge.
- Norwich & Stonington Historical Societies - What’s Hip in History and Heritage?

Together we THRIVE!

Photos by: A. Vincent Scarano Photographer
Coalition Partners

Our Partners – Representatives who live, work and support the arts, heritage, cultural and creative sector in southeastern Connecticut.

Partnership with the Coalition is a two-way street. The Coalition provides leadership, core services, and advocacy on behalf of our Partners. Our work depends on the sharing of information and a Partner’s desire and willingness to connect and collaborate.

555
Total registered Partners
(as of Dec. 18)

Partner benefits include:
• Advocacy on your behalf (region & sector)
• Professional development opportunities
• Connecting with people and opportunities
• Participating in regional initiatives/projects
• Receiving information (monthly e-news, info from national, state, regional and local sources)

Partner Type

- For-Profit 56%
- Government Municipal 4%
- Nonprofit 40%

Partner Category

- Artist 26%
- Performing Arts Org 9%
- Arts Org/Assoc 3%
- Museums 2%
- Vis. & Perf. Arts Center 3%
- Creative Business 21%
- Historic Site/Heritage Org 8%
- Educational Inst. 4%
- Economic Dev Agency/Chamber 4%
- Library 3%
- Social/Human Service Org 4%
- Municipal/Gov 3%
- Funder 1%
- Other 5%

Primary categories on Cultural Connections

Cultural Connections

All registered Partners are included in the online Directory, Cultural Connections.

Partners and the public can find and connect with arts and cultural resources by keyword search, by primary category, by town, or by specific tags.

Photos, Partner website and Creative Ground link, NEFA’s listing of creative enterprises and artists, is also included for each listing.
Developing Our Municipal Value
Cultural Coalition staff attended town Economic Development Commission meetings during 2018 in Colchester, Stonington, Salem, and the Town of Groton. The Norwich Rotary also hosted us. The results of the nonprofit Arts & Economic Prosperity 5 study and information about Coalition services were shared with attendees.

New London Roundtable
Early in 2018, the Cultural Coalition hosted a meeting for New London’s arts and cultural stakeholders at Marquee Gallery to meet Felix Reyes, New London’s Director of Economic Development and Planning.

Janet Steinmayer, President of Mitchell College also invited the group to tour the Red Barn and hear about the vision for this new performance and community space.

Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut Partnership
First announced at THRIVE! 2018, the Cultural Coalition and the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT committed to strengthening our collaborative efforts to support the region’s business community. New initiatives for 2019 include a co-hosted business breakfast for Arts, Culture & Tourism organizations, enhanced professional and business development opportunities, a combined social and networking event, and two new Cultural Coalition sponsored awards presented at the Chamber’s Annual Meeting.

Technical Support & Consultations
Have an issue you want to discuss? Need to connect with another Partner? Have a question about arts and culture?

The Cultural Coalition meets with Partners, including staff and board members, to provide direction, serve as a sounding board, or connect with resources.

Calendar of Regional Events (C.O.R.E.)
Now in its third year, the CORE Calendar feature continues to be one of the most used links on the Cultural Coalition website. Use this free calendar for finding, sharing, planning or promoting events.
Supporting Our Partners

Arts & Health InterSECT
In early 2018, the Cultural Coalition presented a half-day summit on “Creating Health and Wellness Through the Arts in Southeastern CT” with co-host agencies of the Arts & Health roundtable: Artreach, Child & Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut, Horses Healing Humans, Reliance Health, The Light House, and Writer’s Block Ink. At this first-ever convening about arts in health in the region, more than 50 attendees learned about regional resources and program collaborations.

Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Workshop
The Cultural Coalition partnered with the Community Foundation of Eastern CT to present two facilitated workshops by Jamal Jimerson of Minority Inclusion Project. More than 60 nonprofit leaders received professional development training and tools to begin to advance diversity, equity and inclusion in their organizations and in the region.

Culture Connects
In the Partner Feedback Survey conducted in early 2018, “Connecting Opportunities (networking, meeting others)” was mentioned as a top Partner benefit by 84% of respondents. In response, the Cultural Coalition hosted a fall social networking event at Jonathan Edwards Winery with over 60 attendees from the community involved in creating, promoting and supporting arts, culture, and history in our region.

Museum Directors Roundtable
The Cultural Coalition continued to bring together groups of Partners in a Roundtable format to discuss issues, share best practices, and work on solutions to common challenges. A new Regional Events Convening group met to work on long-range planning and potential collaborations for major regional events.

Historical Societies & Historical Sites Roundtable
“It has been an active year facilitating new and ongoing activities for our Partners to CONNECT, COLLABORATE, COMMUNICATE in Southeastern Connecticut. I am grateful to all who share in the vision of the Cultural Coalition and support our work. Looking forward to 2019!”

Deb Mathiasen
Assistant Director

Nonprofit Property Tax Exemptions
In response to changes in nonprofit property tax exemption applications, including the Coalition’s, we took the lead to educate nonprofits about their statutory responsibilities and legal ramifications. Partnering with The Alliance, a statewide organization that represents nonprofits, and the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut, the Coalition hosted a public information forum regarding the issue and developed a resource page on our website. A second review by the municipal tax assessor reinstated our property tax exemption.

Assets for Artists
Southeastern Connecticut hosted Mass MoCA’s Assets for Artist program at Groton Public Library as part of the state-wide series of professional development workshops for artists to strengthen their financial and business capacity.

Art at the Airport
The second year of the Cultural Coalition and Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) art in the airport program at Groton – New London Airport featured three unique visual arts displays in the airport’s main terminal located at 155 Tower Avenue in Groton.

The Slater Memorial Museum of Norwich Free Academy presented “John Meyer of Norwich: An American Original.” United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Eastern CT, a Waterford-based organization, showcased pieces of art “Life Without Limits” in a variety of mediums including mosaic, sculpture, and paint on canvas. Lastly, “Bela Lyon Pratt: Sculptor of Monument” was presented by Slater Memorial Museum of Norwich Free Academy.

Supporting Our Partners

Congressman Joe Courtney Arts & Cultural Visit
The Cultural Coalition coordinated visits to Groton-New London Airport for the Art at the Airport exhibit, Mitchell College’s Red Barn home in residence to Flock Theatre, and Expressiones artist-in-residence program, and he met with representatives of the New London Youth Talent Show held annually at The Garde Arts Center. The visit concluded with a roundtable where he met with leaders of nine arts and cultural nonprofit organizations.

Congressman Joe Courtney visits Art at the Airport “Life Without Limits” Exhibit presented by UCP of Eastern CT.

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Connecticut Office of the Arts
The Southeastern CT Cultural Coalition is one of nine Regional Service Organizations (RSOs) of the CT Office of the Arts (COA) to support the Department of Economic and Community Development. As a COA field office, the Cultural Coalition provides arts leadership to regional constituents and supports the state’s creative economy.

With the Cultural Coalition as the Regional Service Organization for southeastern CT, our region benefits from:

- Advocacy, comprehensive representation of the arts industry, and building cross-sector relationships
- Ongoing assessment of need, including data collection and convening arts constituents
- Support of the statewide network of regional service organizations
- Coordinated marketing, arts education and artist support

FY2018 REGI Grant Awardees
The Department of Economic and Community Development, Connecticut Office of the Arts through the Regional Initiative (REGI) grant program, awarded grants ($1,000-$4,000) for small projects supporting access to the creative process and/or creative experience, especially those projects that experiment with new ways to apply the arts within community.

The Cultural Coalition coordinated the local selection panel that reviewed the REGI applications and provided recommendations for the awards totaling $16,000 that was distributed to five recipients in our region.

Connecticut Arts Day
Representatives from Southeastern Connecticut joined colleagues from around the state in Hartford for the Connecticut Office of the Arts’ annual event to celebrate Connecticut’s investment in and support of the arts. Dr. Jose Gonzalez, poet, writer and Professor of English at the US Coast Guard Academy received the 2018 Arts Hero Award for the southeastern region in recognition of “doing extraordinary work in, for, or through the arts.”

Legislative Briefing
The Cultural Coalition met with state legislators prior to the Arts in Health InterSECT summit to discuss arts and cultural issues impacting the region and the state.

State Budget
On behalf of our Partners and southeastern CT, the Cultural Coalition submitted testimony to the Appropriations Committee regarding the Department of Economic & Community Development (DECD) budget and investment in arts and culture. Partners received advocacy alerts and budget updates throughout the legislative process.
Members of the CT Arts Alliance (CAA) and the Connecticut Alliance for Arts Education (CAAE) launched a nonpartisan public education campaign to raise awareness and support for the arts among voters and candidates running for public office.

In addition to educating the candidates and voters about arts and culture and its impact on the state, the Create the Vote team circulated a candidate questionnaire and held a first-ever Gubernatorial Candidate Forum “Arts, Culture & the Future of CT’s Economy.”

The candidates AGREED that arts and culture are an important investment that they support and want to build on as part of their economic development plan.

Create the Vote CT
The Cultural Coalition joined with leaders of Connecticut’s arts, cultural, and creative institutions to establish Create the Vote CT in early 2018 to make arts and creativity part of the statewide discussion leading up to the gubernatorial and CT General Assembly elections.

The Cultural Coalition’s Executive Director:
- serves on the Board of Directors of CAA,
- chairs the Policies & Issues Committee
- was appointed as co-chair of the Lamont-Bysiewicz Transition Arts, Culture and Tourism Policy Committee

The Cultural Coalition’s Assistant Director:
- is a member of the Department of Economic and Community Development’s Culture and Tourism Advisory Committee

Lamont-Bysiewicz Transition Arts, Culture and Tourism Policy Committee
The Cultural Coalition’s Executive Director Wendy Bury and Connecticut Tourism Coalition’s Stephen Tagliatela co-chaired the Arts, Culture and Tourism Policy Committee, one of the 15 Transition Policy Committees tasked with providing policy recommendations.

In just five weeks, the committee prepared and submitted arts, culture and tourism policy recommendations, including opportunities for cost savings, job creation, and economic growth.

Supporting Our Partners

The Southeastern CT Cultural Coalition advocates for the region’s arts, heritage, cultural and creative sector and serves as the “voice” of our 500+ Partners.

The Cultural Coalition is a member of the Connecticut Arts Alliance (CAA), a non-profit advocacy organization established in 2005 to promote the importance of the arts in building healthy, vibrant, and connected communities.

**Advocacy**
Definition of ADVOCACY: “the act or process of supporting a cause or proposal.” The Southeastern CT Cultural Coalition advocates for the region’s arts, heritage, cultural and creative sector and serves as the “voice” of our 500+ Partners.
Thursdays on the Thames

Thursdays on the Thames cultural-themed sunset boat tours aboard the Thames River Heritage Park Park Water Taxi departed from Norwich in August and from New London in July and September. Many thanks to our speakers and attendees of the narrated cruises: "Rum-running on the Sound," "Craft and Drafts in the Rose City," and "Riding the Waves: The New London Music Scene."

Donors, Grants & Sponsors

2018 Donors
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Caleb Bailey and Sara Baker
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Tammy Daugherty
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Epicure Brewing
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Savings Institute Bank & Trust
Thames River Water Taxi, LLC
These Guys Brewing
Town of North Stonington

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Supporting Cast
Members of the Coalition’s Supporting Cast have joined our region’s arts, heritage and cultural ensemble made up of the Cultural Coalition organization, our Partners, donors, sponsors, and now, our Supporting Cast.

This three-year commitment helps to AMPLIFY our voice for the cultural sector, programs and services and impact.

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Financial Overview

2018 was the Cultural Coalition’s fifth year of operations. With two full-time staff, and an office at the Foundry 66 co-work space in Norwich, our major expenses are our personnel and administrative costs.

We are grateful to numerous donors, sponsors, and Supporting Cast members for their support and to businesses for their in-kind donations of services. Reflecting the Board of Directors’ belief that the Coalition ensures concomitant growth of resources to advance our mission, including personnel, financial resources and facilities, our goal is to financially invest in the future.

Our largest grants come from the CT Office of the Arts/Department of Economic and Community Development to deliver services as the Regional Service Organization for southeastern Connecticut and the 2nd largest grant comes from Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut.

The Southeastern Connecticut Cultural Coalition is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization. We pursue our mission with financial conservatism and transparency. The Coalition is committed to the highest level of integrity in its administrative, service and outreach activities; and we maintain records accurately and transparently.
Board of Directors

Chair
Nancy Bulkeley - Senior Community Affairs Representative, Dominion Energy (Waterford)

Vice Chair
Keith Turner - Mortgage Loan Representative, Homestead Funding (New London)

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Captain Wes Pulver (Ret. USCG) - President, National Coast Guard Museum (New London)

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Preston Whiteway - Executive Director, Eugene O’Neill Theater Center (Waterford)

(As of Feb. 2019)

Our board meetings are open to visitors and held at various locations across the region.

Advisory Council (established in 2018)
Lisa McGinley - Retired, Deputy Managing Editor, The Day (New London)
Julie Menders - Community Engagement and Adult Programming Coordinator, Otis Library (Norwich)
Robert Mills - President, Norwich Community Development Corporation (Norwich)
Robert Ross - Executive Director, Connecticut Office of Military Affairs (Hartford/Salem)
Steve Sigel - Executive Director, Garde Arts Center (New London)
Steve White – President, Mystic Seaport Museum (Stonington)
Christopher Zendan - (Groton)

Staff
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Deb Mathiasen, Assistant Director

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