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# **Babylon Citizens Council on the Arts Receives National Endowment for the Arts Grant**

**Grant to support a marketing and outreach campaign in 2023.**

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BABYLON, NY — BACCA (Babylon Citizens Council on the Arts) is pleased to announce that they are receiving a grant of \$10,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to support the planning, design and execution of an organizational marketing and outreach initiative with the goal of increased community engagement, and a focus on increasing equity and accessibility.

“The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support organizations across the country, including BACCA. The arts help communities to thrive,” said Maria Rosario Jackson, PhD., chair of the National Endowment for the Arts. “Meaningful engagement with the arts can have many benefits, from contributing to collective healing and mutual understanding, to strengthening local economies.”

With this support, BACCA will design and distribute new digital and print graphics as well as informational and publicity materials in multiple languages, and host arts programs and provide resources with ASL interpretation and language translation services.

“We are grateful to the NEA for its continued support,” said BACCA Executive Director Liz Mirarchi. “This grant will allow BACCA to continue to ensure the organization’s programs and arts opportunities are visible and accessible to all members of our local community.”

**About BACCA**

The Babylon Citizens Council on the Arts is a not-for-profit arts organization bringing theater, music, fine arts and cultural events to the residents of the Town of Babylon, NY. Please visit our website at [www.babylonarts.org](http://www.babylonarts.org) for a complete listing of our programs and events, or to find information about becoming a member. Email: [info@babylonarts.org](mailto:info@babylonarts.org).

BACCA’s programs are made possible in part with public funds from the National Endowment for the Arts, the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature, the County of Suffolk, County Executive Steven Bellone and the Suffolk County Legislature, the Town of Babylon, Supervisor Rich Schaffer, the Town of Babylon Local Development Corporation (LDC), the Lindenhurst Business Improvement District, and from membership and private contributions.

**About the National Endowment for the Arts**

Established by Congress in 1965, the National Endowment for the Arts is the independent federal agency whose funding and support gives Americans the opportunity to participate in the arts, exercise their imaginations, and develop their creative capacities. Through partnerships with state arts agencies, local leaders, other federal agencies, and the philanthropic sector, the Arts Endowment supports arts learning, affirms and celebrates America’s rich and diverse cultural heritage, and extends its work to promote equal access to the arts in every community across America. Visit [arts.gov](http://arts.gov) to learn more.

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