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GUILD HALL Announces Award of \$50,000 by the New York State Council on the Arts and a \$20,000 Grant from the National Endowment for the Arts

East Hampton, NY (March 3, 2023)— Guild Hall announced today that they have received three grant awards totaling \$50,000 from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to support the recovery of the nonprofit arts and culture sector. Following New York State's historic investment for the arts, NYSCA has awarded \$90 million since Spring 2022 to a record number of artists and organizations across the state. The funds will support Learning + Public Engagement programming and re-hiring of seasonal security and front-of-house staff.

Additionally, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has also approved a Grants for Arts Projects award of \$20,000 to support Guild Hall's *Student Art Festival: Eco V Ego* in-school residency programs. This is one of 1,251 Grants for Arts Projects awards totaling nearly \$28.8 million, announced by the NEA as part of its first round of awards for the 2023 fiscal year.

In 2022, The Student Art Festival expanded to a multi-year in-school program. The program has engaged 21 artists within 14 schools to develop work for *Eco V Ego*, an exhibition that will take place in January 2024. Through this program, Guild Hall's goal is to provide every school with an equal opportunity to enhance its curriculum, inspire young minds, support the creative economy, and encourage greater civic life on the East End.

Of the NYSCA award, Governor Kathy Hochul said, "As a cultural capital of the world, New York State is strengthened by our expansive coverage of the arts across all 62 counties. This year's historic commitment to the arts sector will spur our continuing recovery from the pandemic and set the course for a stronger future."

NYSCA Executive Director Mara Manus said, "We are immensely grateful to Governor Hochul and the Legislature for their unprecedented investment of \$240 million to support arts organizations across the state. New York State arts organizations such as Guild Hall are the cornerstone of our vibrant arts economy. As crucial drivers of our health and vitality, we are grateful to the unwavering dedication of arts workers across the state."

NEA Chair Maria Rosario Jackson, PhD shared “The National Endowment for the Arts is proud to support arts projects in communities nationwide. Projects such as this one with Guild Hall strengthen arts and cultural ecosystems, provide equitable opportunities for arts participation and practice, and contribute to the health of our communities and our economy.”

About the New York State Council on the Arts

NYSCA preserves and advances the arts and culture that make New York State an exceptional place to live, work and visit. NYSCA upholds the right of all New Yorkers to experience the vital contributions the arts make to our communities, education, economic development, and quality of life. To support the ongoing recovery of the arts across New York State, NYSCA will award record funding in FY 2023, providing support across the full breadth of the arts.

NYSCA further advances New York's creative culture by convening leaders in the field and providing organizational and professional development opportunities and informational resources. Created by Governor Nelson Rockefeller in 1960 and continued with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature, NYSCA is an agency that is part of the Executive Branch. For more information on NYSCA, please visit <http://www.arts.ny.gov>, and follow NYSCA's Facebook page, Twitter @NYSCArts and Instagram @NYSCouncilontheArts.

For more information on other projects included in the NEA's grant announcement, visit [arts.gov/news](https://www.arts.gov/news).



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ABOUT GUILD HALL

Guild Hall is the cultural heart of the East End: a museum, performing arts, and education center, founded in 1931. We invite everyone to experience the endless possibilities of the arts: to open minds to what art can be; inspire creativity and conversation; and have fun.

Guild Hall has served four generations and introduced audiences to the most storied artists and performers of our time. Now as we approach our centennial, we have embarked on a state-of-the-art renovation to match the caliber of our artistry for twenty-first-century audiences. The facility-wide Capital Improvements Project & Campaign

includes top-of-the-line physical and technological enhancements to better deliver on our mission as an artist-driven, interdisciplinary institution.

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