



DELAWARE VALLEY ARTS ALLIANCE



ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2018

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From the Executive Director

This year – the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance's 42nd – was a pivotal one in the organization's history. It marked the completion of one year since the passing of the baton from our founder and long-time director, Elaine Giguere, to a new generation of leadership.



This annual report serves as a testimonial to the the cumulative commitment of the DVAA's staff, the Board of Directors, and the dedicated circle of volunteers and supporters, who have ensured that this organization is positioned to build its future on a solid foundation – one that is rooted in a commitment to strengthening our region's cultural and economic landscape and elevating creative voices across all disciplines.

It has been a joyous process, getting to know the remarkable community of creative individuals who are not just passionate about the arts but about where we live and making it a sustainable, vibrant, and supportive community. It matters not only where we choose to make art but where we share our creativity.

With our reconfigured entrance, a project generously designed by DVAA Board Member Hans Küng and realized by members of Board's Facility Committee, and shifts to online submissions for our grant applicants, exhibition artists, and Riverfest vendors, we are working to make sure DVAA is easily accesible and welcoming to all!

The year has included some incredible partnerships and collaborations. In June DVAA partnered with One Grand Books to help inaugurate the first annual Deep Water Literary Festival.

As the *Arts Council for Sullivan County*, the DVAA has continued its longstanding work to support artistic voices within our community and empower them to reach new audiences. In the coming year DVAA will be taking on an even more active role to strengthen Sullivan County through the arts. Stay tuned!

My thanks to DVAA's Board of Directors, its staff, and our volunteers who bring not just their professoinalism and passion to this organization but great joy and kindness.


Ariel Shanberg

MISSION STATEMENT

To advance the arts in the region through support and encouragement of artists, innovative programs, advocacy, and alliances with arts organizations, business and government.

DIRECTORIES & PROMOTION OF THE ARTS



DVAA CONNECTS: THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA



facebook.com/
delawarevalleyartsalliance
followers: 1,768



Instagram:
@DVAArtsAlliance
followers: 1,140



Twitter:
@DVAArtsAlliance
followers: 636

PERFORMING ARTS

The **Tusten Theatre** played host to several professional performing arts events -- some from visiting artists and some from local emerging artists.

In addition to hosting DVAA's programs, the Tusten Theatre was utilized by various performing arts and cultural groups in the region. A nominal fee was charged in cases that the space wasn't provide inkind. Such groups in FY18 included Act Underground, the Delaware Valley Opera, the Narrowsburg Honeybee Festival, and the Deep Water Literary Festival.

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 NARROWSBURG, NY
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SPRING CULTURAL SERIES


"E." STARRING RICHARD HOEHLER
A LIVE MEMOIR SOLO SHOW
Sat. April 28, 8PM


DAVID DRIVER + DANA LYN
"STANDARDS & CLASSICS & STARSKY (NO HUTCH)"
Sat. May 12, 8PM


LARD DOG & THE BAND OF SHY
ALL AGES MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA
Sat. June 2, 2PM


SULLIVAN COUNTY CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
"THE CARNIVAL'S IN TOWN"
Sun. June 10, 2PM

TUSTEN THEATRE | 210 BRIDGE STREET | NARROWSBURG, NY | BOX OFFICE 845-252-7272

SALON SERIES @ KRAUSE RECITAL HALL

DVAA's **Salon Series** included talks, films, workshops and concerts held primarily during the winter and early spring at the Krause Recital Hall.

Saturday, February 17 - 18, 2018
"Dirty Laundry" a one-person show with Jonathan Charles Fox

Saturday, March 10, 2018
 People, Planet Politics
Artist talk + Panel Discussion

Saturday, February 24, 2018
2SQUARED
a multimedia piano concert with Nicole Brancato + Andrew Ranaudo

Saturday, March 24, 2018
"Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story"
Big Eddy Film Festival Selects



TUSTEN THEATRE

Saturday September 23, 2018
 Andi Rae + The Back River Bullies

Saturday October 14, 2018
 Five Play - All Female Jazz Quintet

Saturday October 21, 2018
"The Actual Dance" a one-person play starring Chuk Obasi

Saturday November 4, 2018
 Eva - Folk Trio

Saturday November 11, 2018
 Dali Quartet - Latin American Chamber Music

Saturday April 28, 2018
"E" a one-person play, written and performed by Richard Hoehler

Saturday May 12, 2018
"Standards & Classics & Starsky (No Hutch)" starring David Driver

Saturday June 2, 2018
 Lard Dog

Sunday June 10, 2018
"The Carnival's In Town" featuring the Sullivan County Chamber Orchestra

VISUAL ARTS

The focus of the DVAA's gallery program is to exhibit high quality work by professional and emerging artists. The gallery features solo and group exhibitions.

All media and styles are welcome, as are installations and proposals by guest curators. Group and themed proposals are also considered.

The DVAA's gallery director works closely with exhibiting artist to help create exhibitions that are exciting, informative and enlightening to the public.

Gallery hours are 10am - 5pm, Tuesday through Saturday, year round.

ALLIANCE GALLERY

June 30 – July 29, 2017

Peter Fiore
Paintings

August 4 - 26, 2017

Barbara Zweig
Mixed-Media

September 1 - 30, 2017

Melinda Wallach
Paintings

October 6 - 28, 2017

Jill Mackie
Paintings

Nov. 18 - December 23, 2017

"Art in Sixes"
Small Works

February 10 - March 31, 2018

"People, Planet, Politics"
curated by Rocky Pinciotti

April 6 - May 5, 2018

Allan Rubin
Sculptures

May 11 - June 2, 2018

Beth Baylin
Photographs

June 8 – July 7, 2018

Mitch Lewis
Paintings



LOFT GALLERY

June 30 – July 29, 2017

"Night Watch"
curated by Alexis Siroc & Alan Wood

August 4 - 26, 2017

Dorian Yurchuk
Paintings

September 1 - 30, 2017

Rodney White
Site Specific Wall Drawings

June 8 - July 7, 2018

Mark Sauerhoff
Sculptures

May 11 – June 2, 2018

"Artwork as Collection | Collection as Artwork"
curated by Valerie Mendelson

POP-UP EXHIBITIONS

August 9 – 11, 2017

"Art In Bloom"
curated by Jane Luchsinger
DVAA, Narrowsburg

December 2 - December 10, 2017

"Radius Hurleyville"
Gallery 222, Hurleyville

FESTIVALS

RIVERFEST



Riverfest celebrated its 26th Anniversary on July 23, 2017, the first big event of our fiscal year. Sponsored by Catskill Regional Medical Center,

Riverfest celebrates music, art and ecology and attracts over 2,200 people. The festival provides an audience to over 50 artists and artisans and features DVAA's annual Riverfest Poster Auction whose proceeds benefit DVAA's Visual Arts Programs.

CINEART



CineArt is a cooperative program between the DVAA and the Callicoon Theatre to bring independent film to Sullivan County Audiences. Screenings for FY18 included:

August 18 – 24, 2017
The Big Sick

October 20 – 30, 2017
Victoria & Abdul

January 26– 29, 2018
The Shape of Water

February 2 – 5, 2018
Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri

February 9 – 12, 2018
Lady Bird

February 16 – 19, 2018
The Post

March 3 – 5, 2018
Phantom Thread

March 9 – 12, 2018
Call Me By Your Name

May 18 – 24, 2018
Isle of Dogs



BIG EDDY FILM FESTIVAL

Produced by DVAA, the **Big Eddy Film Festival** advances the traditional art of storytelling by showing the newest and best independent films from around the world and our own backyard. The 2017 festival screened two dozen new films (and one retrospective film) over three days, with an emphasis on the connection between audience members and the creative people behind the films we showed.

The festival hosted filmmakers from California, Pennsylvania, and New York City, who led Q&As after their film screenings. We felt this was our most successful year yet, with two sold-out screenings, seamless tech, and effective social media outreach.

Friday, September 15, 2017 – Opening Night Film “The Boy Downstairs”

Saturday, September 16, 2017 – Screenings of documentaries, two shorts programs, talk backs, and features all day, plus a “Meet the Filmmakers” cocktail party.

Sunday, September 17, 2017 – Panel Discussion Brunch on “Making Movies in Sullivan County” and screenings of documentaries, and youth-made videos.

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Arts for Sullivan New York State Regrants

With funding derived from the NYS Council on the Arts, DVAA has administered "Arts for Sullivan" for 34 years. The grant program assists cultural organizations, and sometimes individual artists, to bring arts projects and cultural programs to fruition. Beyond assisting 19 groups with their cultural offerings and projects, DVAA awarded an individual artist in the community grant to **William Conway** (Mongaup Valley, NY) for the project "Runnign with the Muse",

Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Grants

Sullivan County Arts & Heritage grant program is modeled after the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program and administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. In FY18, thirteen organizations received funding for community concerts, a historical publication, art workshops for kids, theatrical productions, and more.

Scholarships for High School Students

Two privately funded scholarships, *The Bodenstein Scholarship for Music* and the *Stanley Segal Scholarship in the Visual Arts* are awarded to high school students following a juried process. The Bodenstein Scholarship were awarded to **Sabryna Keebler**, for her instrumental performance Mozart's "Concerto in B" and. **Kayla Gagliardo**, a visual artist, were the Segal Visual Art Scholarship recipient this year.

SULLIVAN COUNTY ARTS & HERITAGE GRANTS

Barryville Area Arts Association
(Barryville)

Bethel Local Development Corp.
(Bethel)

Delaware Valley Opera
(Narrowsburg)

Nesin Cultural Arts
(Callicoon)

North American Cultural Laboratory
(Highland Lake)

Liberty Museum & Arts Center
(Liberty)

Mamakating Public Library
(Wurstboro)

Morgan Outdoors & Catskill Art Society

(Livingston Manor)

St. Andrews Mission
(Woodbourne)

Sullivan County Community Chorus
(Callicoon)

Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop
(Fallsburg)

Sullivan County Historical Society
(Hurleyville)

Wurtsboro Art Alliance
(Wurtsboro)

Total Grants Awarded: 13
Total Funds Allocated: \$12,000

ARTS FOR SULLIVAN

Act Underground c/o Tusten Local Development Corporation
(Narrowsburg)

Barryville Area Arts Association
(Barryville)

Callicoon Business Association
(Callicoon)

Delaware Valley Opera
(Narrowsburg)

Delaware Youth Center
(Narrowsburg)

Ethelbert Library
(Monticello)

Icehouse Arts
(Narrowsburg)

JEMS
(Jeffersonville)

Mamakating Library
(Wurtsboro)

William Conway*
(Mongaup Valley)

Phillipsport Community Center
(Phillipsport)

Rock Hill Business & Community Association
(Rock Hill)

St. Andrews Mission
(Woodbourne)

Sullivan County Community Chorus
(Callicoon)

Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop
(Fallsburg)

Town of Lumberland Cultural Series
(Glen Spey)

Wurtsboro Arts Alliance
c/o Town of Mamakating
(Wurtsboro)

Total Grants Awarded: 20
Total Funds Allocated: \$25,200

**Artist in the Community Grant Recipient*



KEY SUPPORTERS



Council on the Arts

New York State Council on the Arts, a State Agency

DVAA's programs and operations receive funding from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.



Sullivan County

DVAA is the Arts Council for Sullivan County and as such receives public funds from the Sullivan County Legislature for operations and re-granting through the *Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Program*.

The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance's primary programs and administrative activities are divided between locations, both in the Town of Narrowsburg, NY.

The **Elaine Giguere Arts Center**, located at 37 Main Street, was built in 1904 as the Arlington Hotel. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places. Today it hosts the DVAA's administrative offices, the Alliance and Loft Galleries, Krause Recital Hall, Signature Gifts, and two rental units which house Mildred's Lane Complex(ity) and a private business. The third and forth floors of the structure are currently used for storage. The DVAA holds a mortgage on the property.

Capital improvements in FY18 included the renovation of Signature Gifts, the installation of Split-Duct Heating/Cooling Systems in the Loft Gallery and Krasue Recital Hall, and the creation of a welcome desk in our main lobby. These projects were made possible through targetted fundraising campaigns, in-kind contributions by DVAA's board of directors and reserve funds.

DVAA's performing arts offerings and the Big Eddy Film Festival are presented at the **Tusten Theatre** which is on a cycling six-year lease arrangement from the Town of Tusten. The structure is located at 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg. In addition to DVAA's programs, the space is rented to arts organizations including the Delaware Valley Opera and Act Underground, for limited run productions.

FACILITIES



GOVERNANCE & FINANCES

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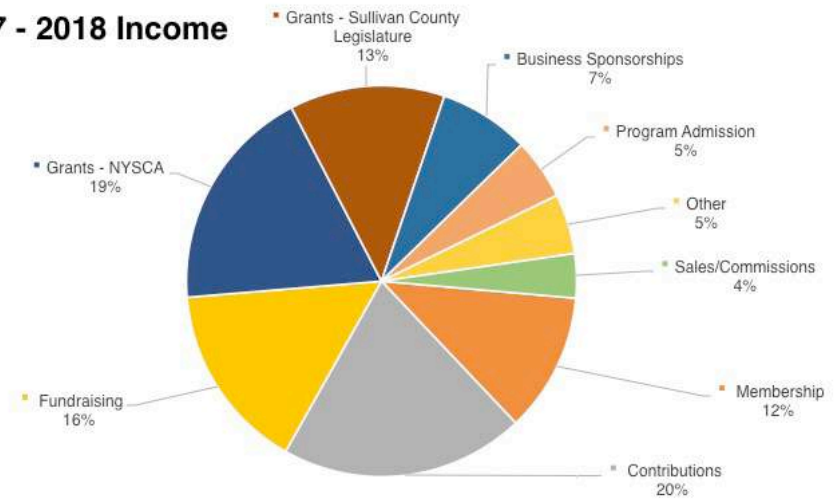
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Bookkeeper

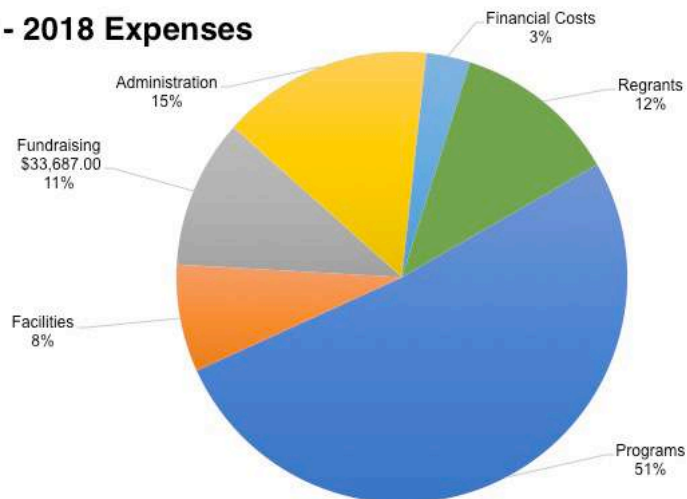
DVAA concluded FY18 with a revenue surplus following expanded fundraising efforts, increased membership and increased revenue through attendance at the Big Eddy Film Festival and in exhibition sales.

2017 - 2018 Income



Membership	\$ 37,175	12%
Contributions	\$ 65,309	20%
Fundraising	\$ 49,982	16%
Grants - NYSCA	\$ 60,212	19%
Grants - SCL	\$ 36,500	13%
Business Sponsorships	\$ 24,175	7%
Program Admission	\$ 16,254	5%
Sales/Commissions	\$ 11,760	4%
Other	\$ 16,003	5%
TOTAL	\$ 322,372	

2017 - 2018 Expenses



Program	\$ 162,715	53%
Reagents	\$ 37,200	12%
Facilities	\$ 24,347	8%
Fundraising	\$ 33,687	11%
Administration	\$ 47,855	16%
Financial Costs	\$ 9,941	3%
TOTAL:	\$ 315,745	

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