

Stockton, Noyes Museum of Art, Bay-Atlantic Symphony Receive \$426,781 in NJ Arts Grants

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Galloway, NJ - Stockton University, the Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton University and the Bay-Atlantic Symphony, Stockton's orchestra-in-residence, have been awarded a total of \$426,781 in grants from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the Dodge Foundation.

Stockton's School of Arts and Humanities received \$200,000 from the state Council on the Arts for the Emmy Award-winning "State of the Arts" program produced in collaboration with PCK Media. The program also received a \$10,000 grant from the Dodge Foundation.

"State of the Arts" is a New Jersey public television tradition and has been nationally recognized as a premier showcase for arts and culture. The program has won numerous Mid-Atlantic and New York Emmys, including a New York Emmy earlier this year for "The Birth of Cinema," focusing on the original studio system in Fort Lee, NJ.

Stockton's Performing Arts Center on the Galloway campus also received \$101,020 in general program support from the state. The PAC provides audiences with a wide variety of cultural programming in theatre, concerts, dance, comedy and lectures.

"The University has a longstanding commitment to the arts and humanities, which are an important part of a distinctive Stockton education and a major source of cultural enrichment for the region," said Acting President Harvey Kesselman. "Stockton is very pleased to receive these grants, along with our partners at the Noyes Museum and the Bay-Atlantic Symphony. We look forward to continuing to provide cultural programming for our students, faculty, staff, the community and viewers throughout the state."

The Noyes Museum, with locations in Galloway, Hammonton and the Noyes Arts Garage of Stockton in Atlantic City, received \$53,803 for its general operating budget as well as \$14,000 to help support its New Jersey Arts Annual: Fine Arts. The juried exhibit showcases contemporary

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works by artists throughout New Jersey, including paintings, drawings, 3-dimensional and mixed media work. The exhibition will run Feb. 5 – May 22, 2016 at the Noyes Museum in the Oceanville section of Galloway, NJ.

The Bay-Atlantic Symphony received a \$36,708 state arts grant for general operating support. The Symphony, which is Stockton's orchestra-in-residence and has offices in Bridgeton, NJ, also received an \$11,250 grant to expand its music/mentorship program at Atlantic City's Sovereign Ave. School and Atlantic City High School.

Symphony musicians, along with music students from Stockton, teach strings and woodwind classes in small groups or one-on-one. The educational portion of the program is under the direction of Dr. Christopher Di Santo, associate professor of Music at Stockton and principal clarinetist with Bay-Atlantic, with Conductor Jed Gaylin providing overview.

The state arts council announced awards of more than \$15.7 million in grant funding to over 700 arts organizations, projects and artists throughout New Jersey. In a statement, the council said state arts funding employs an estimated 17,000 workers, supports 37,000 cultural events, and attracts five million visitors who spend \$125 million in New Jersey.

"The arts industry is critical to New Jersey's economic growth and creative vitality," Lieut. Governor Kim Guadagno, who also serves as Secretary of State, said in the council's release. "The grants awarded through the State Arts Council support cultural assets in every region that help shape New Jersey communities as great places to live, visit, do business and raise a family."

"State of the Arts" can be seen on NJTV every Sunday at 8 p.m., and every Thursday at 11:30 p.m., on WHYY every Sunday at 11 a.m. or on its [YouTube](#) channel.

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